

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

A Culture for Learning

New year; new classes; new and returning children; new teachers and assistants; new subjects; new opportunities; new challenges. The start of the school year is always full of energy and excitement. I hope that parents found the recent "back to school/meet the teacher" events helpful and informative (an intensive schedule of ten meetings in one week, but critical for setting the scene for all classes at the start of the year).

Across the school, we have focused these last weeks on reaffirming our culture for learning and setting expectations around that. In Early Years and Primary, the children are guided by the motto: "Ready, Respectful, Safe". In the Secondary, it is modified slightly to "Responsible, Respectful, Safe". The aim is to nurture a culture for learning from within the child, i.e., through intrinsic value-based understandings rather than extrinsically imposed means (though classroom rules and routines, of course, do form an important part of establishing the culture). Our school value for focus this term is Inquisitiveness. If children's natural curiosity and inquisitiveness are encouraged to flourish, guided by great classroom teaching, this in turn strengthens the culture for learning. The final element of getting the culture right lies in recognising children's identity as autonomous individuals with individual needs and individual voice- this must be a strong and continuing feature of BCA: in some schools and systems, and too widely generally in society, children are anonymous.

I want to thank parents for their considerate approach to the morning drop-off, which is observed to be running very smoothly these first few weeks, with drop-offs nicely spread from 08:40 to 09:00.

I also want to thank parents for their support over the school uniform expectations. Overall, the appearance is very smart. Please ensure that all items of the school uniform have a name inside. Already within the first weeks, we have a small mountain of items forgotten around the school, which is difficult to return to the correct pupil, because there is no name.

Kind regards,

Harry Lock Principal



Mr Harry Lock

CYGNETS

Our first day in the forest was so exciting!

Autumn has arrived, and the Cygnets enjoyed the golden leaves while exploring and connecting with nature.



DUCKLINGS

Children discover so many topics through just one book: emotions, colours, classification... and they absolutely loved *The Colour Monster Book*.













PENGUINS

In the Early Years, each class is often split into smaller groups, using our new breakout room. While some children explore and learn through different activities in the classroom, a small group works closely with the teacher on a specific task. This way, everyone learns more effectively.



PRIMARY

Primary students have been settling into the new school year and starting to build a clear understanding of what a culture of learning looks like-both in their classrooms and across the school.



























Y1, Y5 & Y6 CLEAN UP DAY

Inspired by our Green School leaders, the Primary children headed to the forest to help clean up our school surroundings. The highlight was seeing all ages -big and small- working together as a team to take care of nature.



SECONDARY SCIENCE LAB

Students had the chance to see a real digestive system and to carry out hands-on research in the lab, turning science into meaningful learning.



ART IN SECONDARY



SECONDARY CLUBS

Every Wednesday and Friday, our Secondary students take a break from academic lessons to focus on developing new skills that match their interests. We offer a wide variety of clubs: sports (volleyball, football), maths club, international club, debate club, and more.



In languages, small groups make a big difference, helping each student achieve the best results depending on their level of exposure.



YEAR 13 SPORTS SCIENCE

In preparation for their internal assessments, Year 13 students carried out a final practice session with one another, using heart rate monitors and other equipment. They then reflected on each other's methods and collaborated to solve potential challenges.







TREE DONATION PLAQUE

The Comú of Andorra la Vella has launched the project 'Sponsor a Tree' ("Apadrina un arbre"), an initiative that emerged from the Children's Council and aims to strengthen environmental awareness, community spirit, and the bonds between children, schools, and the parish. They recently placed the plaque on our sponsored tree, at the front of the school.



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NOTICES

School Portraits

We will start our photo session in October, so kindly complete our survey as soon as possible. We will give you instructions to purchase them once they have been taken.

Thank you!

Congratulations to our Senior Student!

This week, one of our Y11 students kicked off her season by winning another medal, which qualifies her directly for the 2025 Spanish Grand Final in Tenerife this December.

We couldn't be prouder!

(link to the article)









matge de portada de la nostra botiga durant tot l'estiu del 2026. L'esdeveniment tindrà lioc del 27 d'octubre al 27 de novembre a Affielou del C.C. Illa Carlemany, on es podrà gaudir de l'exposició completa de l'escultura i de tots els dibuixos participants. El día 1 de novembre farem l'anunci oficial del/de la quanyador/a





Una revisió visual anual permet detectar a temps problemes que podrien afectar l'aprenentatge. Encara que no es queixin, és important revisar la seva visió de manera regular.

Des d'Alain Afflelou ens comprometem a oferir vidres gratuits per a menors de 16 anys, com a part del nostre programa escolar.

Una visió clara per a un futur millor!



luny (6 metres) durant almenys 20 segons. Disposem de filtres especials per protegir els uls de la lum blava de les pantalles.

Pantalles si, però amb protecció!



PER A NEWS I JOVES (FIMS A 14 AMYS)

√ 10% de descompte en ulleres graduades i de sol graduades Afflelou (en la 1 ullera de la promoció Tchin Tchin)

✓ Revisió visual premium gratuita

√ Vidres gratuits si canvia la graduació durant el mateix any Gestió directa amb la CASS

✓ 1 mes gratis en lents de contacte

PER A VOSALTRES, PAPAS I VIVAVIVAS:

√ 10% de descompte en ulleres graduades i de sol graduades. Afflelou (en 1 la ullera de la promoció Tchin Tchin)

√ Revisió visual premium gratuita

✓ Finançament sense interessos en 3, 6 i 12 mesos per a pres superiors a 300 €

√1 mes gratis en lents de contacte



A Afflelou t'assessorem per triar les millors lents segons els hàbits de lectura dels teus fills

Llegeix bé, mira millor!



ESTIGUES ATENT A LES SENYALS

Mai de cap, fregar-se els ulls, distraccions frequents o acostar-se molt als textos poden ser senyals d'un problema visual.

Detectar-ho a temps pot evitar dificultats a l'escola o de concentració.

A Afflelou fern revisions gratuites per a menors de 16 anys.

Detectar a temps és veure millor!