



BCA Parent Newsletter

Summer Edition





Dear Parents,

I hope that you enjoy reading the final edition of the parent newsletter for this academic year. As I am sure you can see from this newsletter and previous editions, the students have all been able to enjoy this academic year at BCA and achieve great academic and personal success, in spite of Covid restrictions.

It is important at this time of year that we take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved and also to express our thanks. I would like to thank our students for their continued dedication to learning and our parents for their support of the school. I also want to sincerely thank our highly dedicated teaching staff for their resilience with the extra demands that Covid has made on them and for maintaining their excellent teaching skills and support of our students throughout this academic year. Our administrative support staff, our maintenance staff and our caterers, must also be recognised and thanked for their roles in keeping the school running smoothly and efficiently.

The end of the academic year is also a time for saying goodbye to staff who are leaving. Mrs Sue Doe, our Hawks' Class Teacher and Primary Coordinator, is moving to live in Spain with her husband and she will continue teaching at a British school. I thank her for her hard work driving the school forwards, her excellent data management skills and for being a much valued colleague. We also say goodbye to Miss Faye Doherty, our Penguins' Class Teacher and Early Years Coordinator, who is returning to the U.K. to become an Early Years Coordinator at a Primary school near to her family. I thank her for setting up BCA's first ever Reception Class so successfully and her ongoing creativity as a teacher.

Mr Harry Lock, my successor, will be writing to families in July and he will announce the new teachers who are joining the school and the class arrangements for September 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to wish him every success leading and managing BCA in the next stage of its development.



I would also like to thank Mr Rafael Valverde, our school's Administrator, for selecting me as the Founding Headteacher of BCA. We have worked extremely closely together over the last three years, planning and developing every aspect of the school, and I know I have made a friend for life.

As Mr Mason and I will soon be departing BCA, I would like to take a moment to think about how far BCA has come in three years. I must also thank Mr Mason for being at my side throughout the last three years, his flexibility and commitment to teaching many different ages and subjects and his continual dedication to the school. From 37 students on our opening day to a now fully thriving Primary and Secondary School, it has certainly been quite a journey. As these lyrics from *The Sound of Music* suggest, there have been mountains to climb but dreams have been achieved.

**“Climb every mountain,
Ford every stream,
Follow every rainbow,
‘Til you find your dream.”**

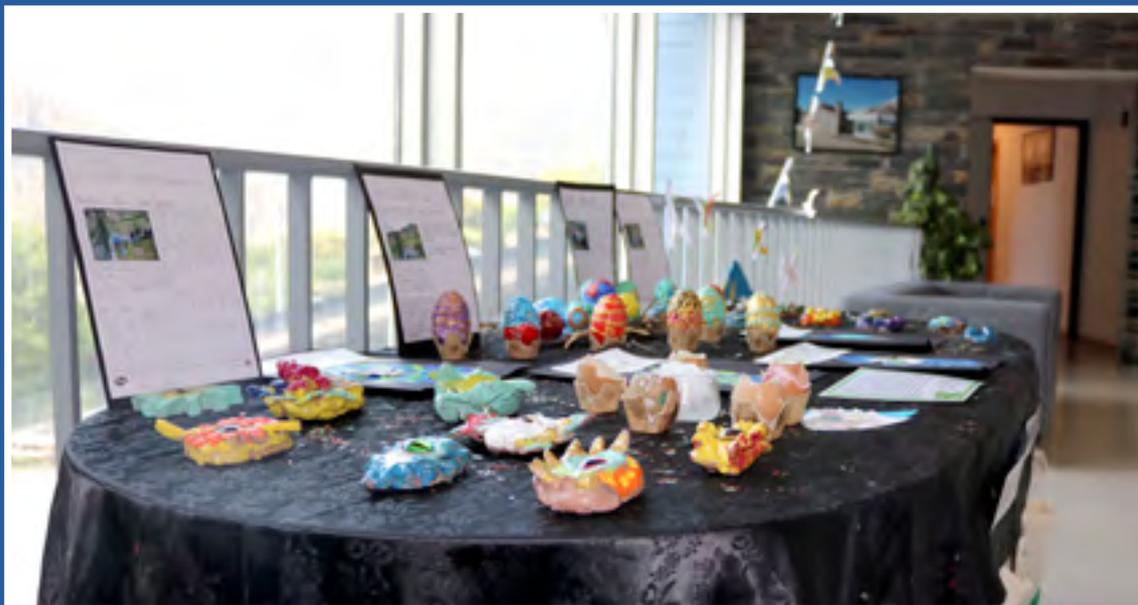
I wish all BCA students, parents and staff every success, health and happiness for the future. I am very confident that BCA will continue as an excellent school for many, many years to come. A place where happy children, learn best!

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Mason-Jones

★ CLASS DECORATIONS ★

Teachers and students have been working very hard to decorate their classrooms. Our stimulating classrooms at BCA provide a perfect environment for learning. Due to COVID restrictions, parents have not been able to see the results of such a big effort from the whole school community. Here are some pictures of our beautiful school!



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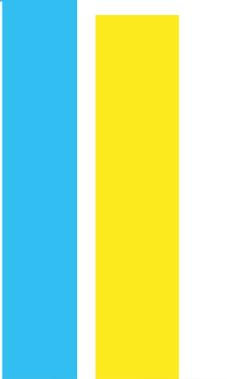




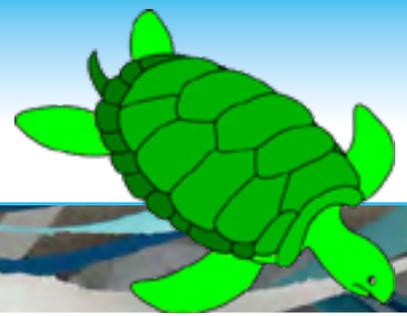
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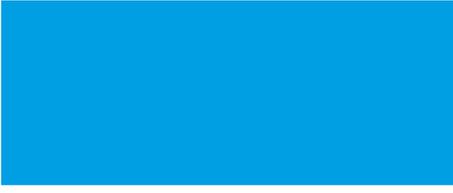
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SECONDARY





Dragon Weeks

Primary students had two themed weeks focused on the topic of 'Dragon'.

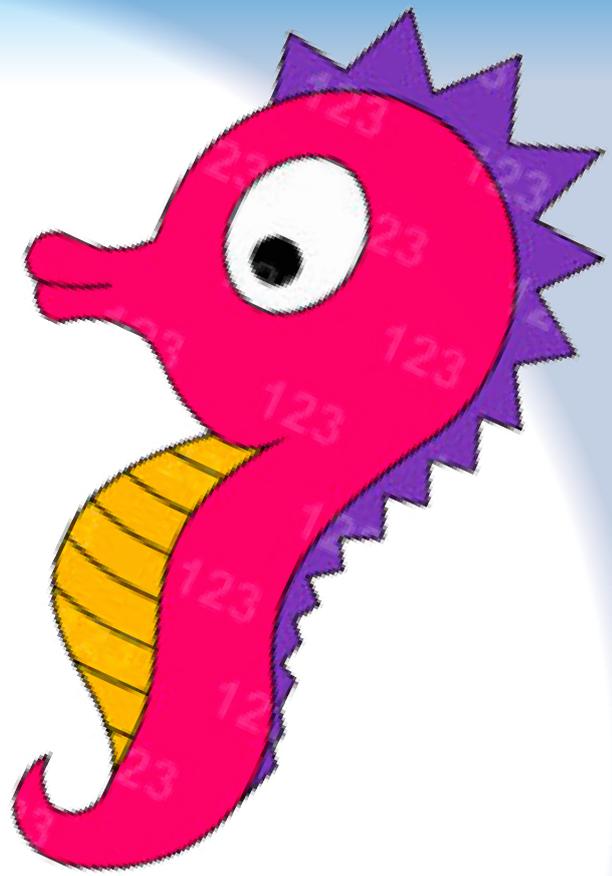
They did some amazing activities and they even found a dragon egg in the playground!

They discovered wild creatures in the forest, decorated their own dragon eggs, and they had a costume party based on this theme.

Two wonderful weeks!



COSTUMES





Dragon Food



In their Catalan lessons students learnt how to make delicious fruit brochettes, sandwiches and cookies, all related with their Dragon Topic.

Yummy!







PENGUINS



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French in Condors

Condors have been learning about adventure novels in their French lessons. They have compared different covers with the synopsis and have studied the connection they have. Finally, they have written their own summary and made a related cover design.





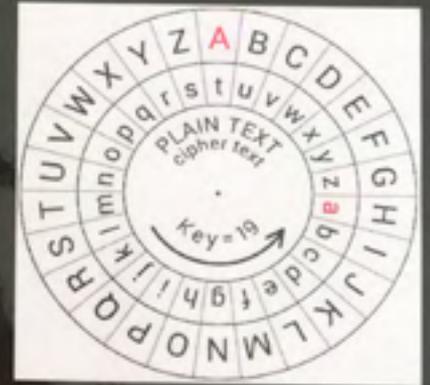
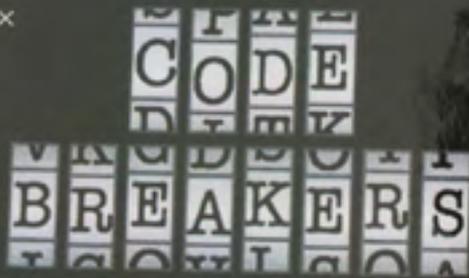
Treasure Island

Secondary students work hard in their English lessons, and they enjoy reading books, analysing them and writing summaries. However, there is always time to explore literature creatively as well. In this project, students studying 'Treasure Island' by Robert Louis Stevenson, created their own deserted islands as well as a map to show the challenges and landmarks any pirates will need to navigate in order to discover the treasure found buried there.





THE GAME IS ON



BCACODEBREAKING : #comejointhegeeksquads

BCA Codebreakers!

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Just dots and dashes but do we know what this means?

What code is this?

And how has it helped save lives?

BCA Students have been on a mission to crack codes, encrypt messages, decipher warnings.

The aim was to help our students start 'bending their mind'. To think 'forwards' and 'backwards'. To that end, we have had an ongoing cycle of codes printed up around school and activities in lessons. Codes that require thinking, teamwork and an ability to problem solve.



Primary students have cracked several codes including the smiley face code. Secondary have cracked Morse Code, Dancing Men, Pig Pen and have also used the NATO alphabet in their communications. They have also been learning of the incredible Codebreakers such as Ada Lovelace and Alan Turing.

Teachers have had to get their thinking caps on too. Deciphering the hardest levels.

For example,

'MB is a 1-4-7 in S'



On a personal note, it has been an absolute delight to see the enthusiastic response from our students. No sooner have I unveiled the latest code, I have had Owls, Eagles, Hawks, Condors, Falcons and Ospreys, all come bounding up to me with incredible ideas and answers. Even our youngest in Cygnets and Penguins have asked questions. Overall, it has been a wonderful time seeing our students grow in confidence and curiosity.





CODE CHALLENGE

Finally, here is an invitation...

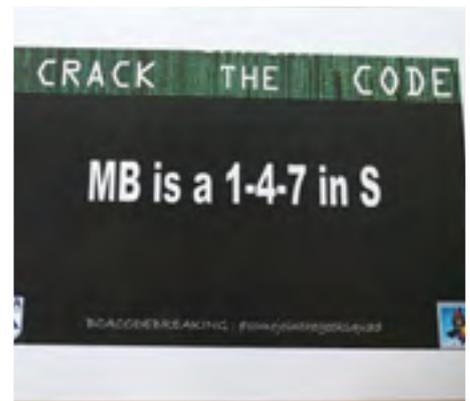
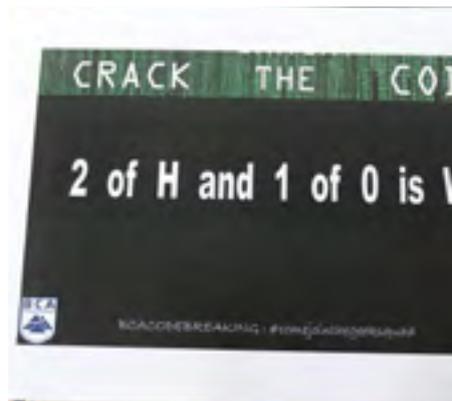
Below are some of the codes and puzzles that have helped train our brains. Please have a go..join in ! ...Your sons and daughters may even help you with a clue...

Enjoy the Codebreaking !

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Miss Dedunu





Music and Outside Sports



P.E. Lessons

During the summer term, our students have been having PE lessons outside and enjoying the Andorran weather. Ospreys have been learning how to hurdle during their PE lessons. They look like elite athletes!





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Music

Ospreys have been learning about the rhythms and melodies of Samba in their music lessons. They have also been rehearsing in their music lessons for their upcoming online performance.





Skating

Two students from Falcons' Class participated in the 'Andorra Artistic Ice Skating Championship' in May. We are proud of having these two wonderful athletes involved in skating at the highest level.

Congratulations to both of them!

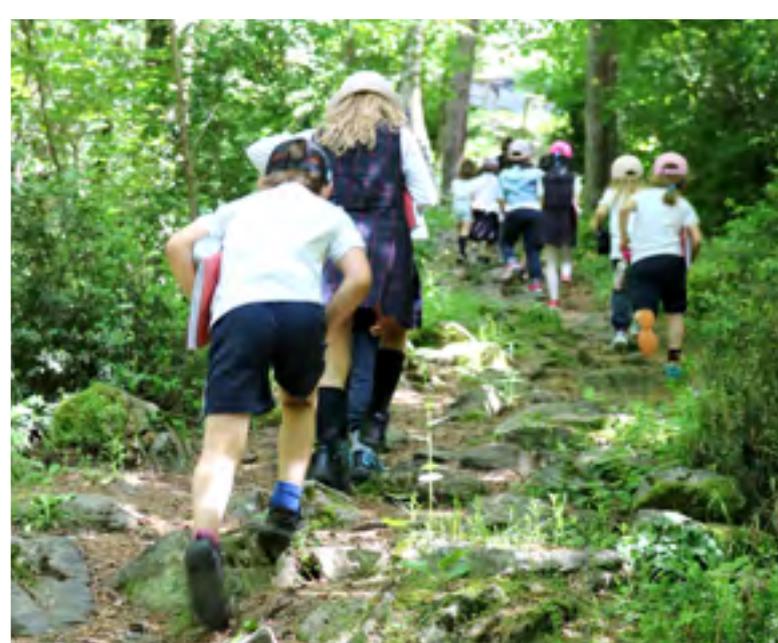


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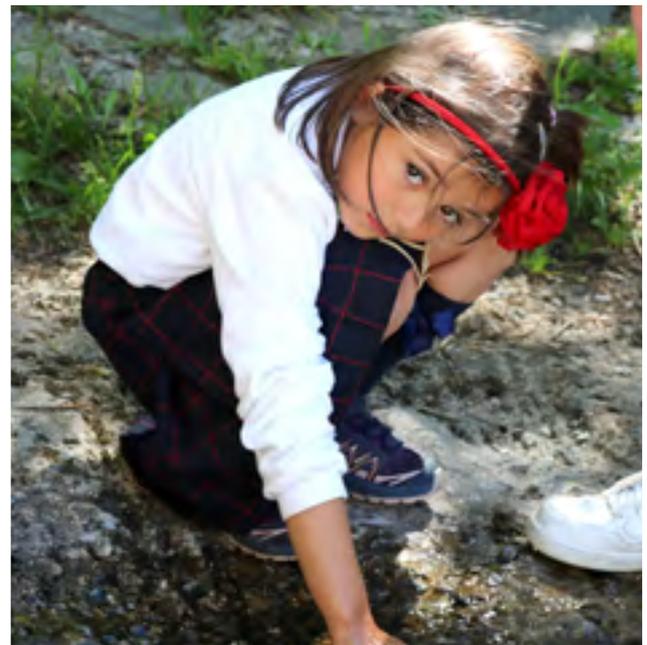
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Meet Our Staff

Ms Tania Melgar



» Ms Melgar
» Early Years Teaching Assistant

After finishing my Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Education, I decided to study a Master's degree in Graphic Design. Then, I travelled the world. I lived in Ireland, New Zealand and England for the last 20 years before settling down in Andorra with my son.

What do you enjoy most about working at BCA?

I enjoy many, many things but mostly the creativity that inspires me, as I see fantastic teachers and students working on amazing projects.

What do you like about living and working in Andorra?

I love the mountains and the multicultural environment. For me, to be able to hear different languages in one day is a gift.

What are your hobbies?

I play padel for a club and I write story books for children.

Can you name a favourite film or book?

'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' is my favourite book and 'Finding Nemo' is my favourite film.

Which is your favourite city in the world?

Tarragona.



» Ms Isabel
» Early Years Teaching Assistant

Ms Marta Isabel

My Educational journey began with studying Primary Education. When I was finishing my last course I was lucky to have the opportunity to do an internship in Belgium, discovering different learning methods.

Then I specialised in Foreign Language, English and started working in English schools such as the Montessori School and Brians.

In these schools I was focused on Early Childhood stage, and a passion surfaced so I decided to study Early Childhood Education. Since then I have been working at this stage.

What are your hobbies?

I like going to the cinema, reading, hiking and mountain activities.

Can you name a favourite film or book?

As for books, the first ones that come to my mind are Roal Dahl's books, as I grew up with them, like "Matilda" or "The Witches", although I have to mention my favourite authors like Alberto Vázquez Figuroa or Eduardo Mendoza.

Which is your favourite city in the world?

This is a difficult question, I think I still have many cities to discover, but of those I have visited, I would have to say Venice, because of the romantic atmosphere it exudes, with its canals and architecture.

What do you enjoy most about working at BCA?

What I enjoy most is being able to contribute to the learning of the students as a member of a team, I like the atmosphere between colleagues and students, as if I was working in a big family and all this while enjoying the spectacular views where we are.

What do you like about living and working in Andorra?

Working in Andorra is an opportunity to combine work with a healthy life, enjoying the mountains, getting to know new places, having them so close.



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