



BCA Newsletter



"KIDS TAKE OVER"

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

KIDS TAKE OVER

'Kids take over' is the theme of this newsletter, and is a message from UNICEF which aligns well with our school's mission and values. Why 'take over'? Surely children come to school to learn from their teachers?

Firstly, education may be thought of as preparing children to eventually 'take over'. Although adults (past and present) have made progress globally in reducing global poverty, and improving access to health care and education, huge challenges remain that will be handed on to our children to sort out, such as reducing the impacts of climate change, and resolving conflicts within and between nations.

Our oldest students, in Year 12, will be 'taking over' in a year or two's time, as they proceed to university or employment, and become our future leaders. In an age-appropriate way, all students should be slowly brought to an understanding, backed by depth of knowledge and criticality of thought, of what must be done. Our Junior and Senior Model United Nations (MUN) groups in Secondary at BCA, are an obvious example, but the work starts earlier with children introduced in Primary to democratic structures such as the Youth Council of Andorra, as well as learning about environmental issues and differences in development levels around the world.

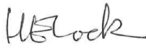
Secondly, as UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell has recently said, *"Children live in a world that is increasingly hostile to their rights"*. 'Kids takeover' could be thought of as giving them the agency to exercise and enjoy those rights, whether living in the rich or poor world.

On World Children's Day our Early Years and Lower Primary focussed on **UNCRC Right Number 27, the right to food, clothing and a safe home**. Working in mixed age groups they built houses to show the diversity of homes in which children live around the world (from tent to luxury apartment). You'll see them at work in the pages that follow.

Our Upper Primary and Secondary meanwhile focussed on **UNCRC Rights Number 28, the right of access to education, and Number 14, respect for children's views**, and became teachers for part of the day, designing and teaching a lesson or skill of their choice for example hockey, magic, art, football, dancing, languages, or business skills, again to mixed age groups.

Next week we have two **'open doors' events**. We have an excellent programme in place to ensure the consistent teaching and learning of **phonics**, the building blocks of fluent and confident reading. Owls parents have been invited in to see how it works (other classes will follow later). Our Peacocks (Year 5) class will host

their **'Amazing America' exhibition** on Monday, the culminating point of their recent interdisciplinary unit. Meanwhile, at the other end of the school, our Year 11 students face an intensive week of **'mock' examinations**, as valuable practice for the real IGCSE examinations which will take place in May/June 2024.


Mr Harry Lock
 Principal



NOTICES

Lunch menu

A reminder that the school lunch menu is posted each month on the Parent Portal.

BCA Schools in Society Forums

The next forum will take place on Thursday 14th December at 09:00. We will try the coffee morning format this time. All parents are invited to attend.

The theme is *"The Changing Landscape of University Education and Employment"*.

The speakers will be the Principal, Mr. Harry Lock, and the IB Coordinator, Mr. Warren Quinton. We would also welcome additional input from parents with current knowledge of the international job market, and the emerging trends (please get in touch).

The presentation will try to provide the big picture of higher education options and opportunities, and an overview of the research and application process (including the support provided at BCA). We will also take the opportunity to hear from parents about the aspirations they have for their own children in this regard.

Please confirm your attendance in advance (Monday 11th December, 16:00 latest) to admin@bcandorra.com.

Primary and Early Years Christmas Shows

Dear Families,

We are pleased to announce that this year we are preparing two big shows to celebrate Christmas together. The first date will be the afternoon of Friday 15th of December, for families from Early Years and KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2).

On the afternoon of Monday 18th December we will stage the performance for families from Primary KS2 (Years 3,4,5, and 6).

After the show, there will be drinks and treats for everyone and a charity market.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Ms Newlin and Ms Costin
Heads of Primary and Early Years Christmas Shows



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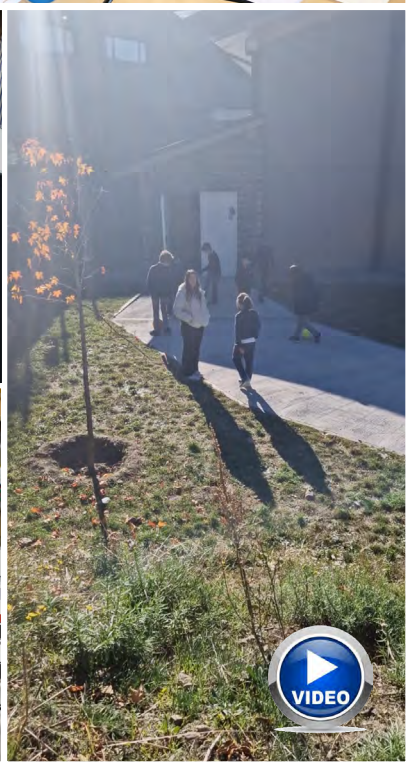






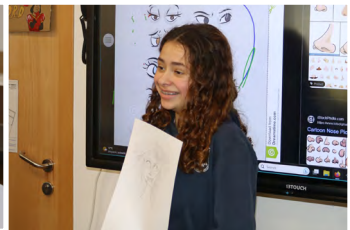
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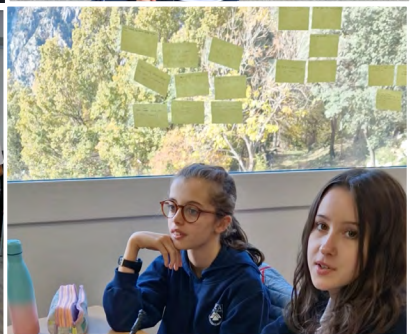




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