



BCA Newsletter




PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

This is the season of the year when we think much about peace on earth and goodwill to others. Continuing and tragic conflicts around the world show that the need for this is as great as ever. On the other hand, developments such as the outcome this week of the COP28 climate summit, with nearly every country in the world agreeing to transition away from fossil fuels, give ground for hope that common and long-term good can prevail over individual and short-term gain.

An education at BCA is driven by both our curriculum and our values. I am pleased that, as a school, we contribute in some small way to peace and goodwill by, for example, opening up conversations and educating students around 'appreciation of diversity', as we have done throughout this term. Our focus value for next term will be 'sense of responsibility', developing amongst our students a sense of personal, moral, ethical, social and civic duty, and in so doing preparing them to be the well-informed and compassionate leaders of tomorrow.



Best wishes to all members of the BCA Community, their families and friends, for a peaceful and happy Christmas period.



Mr Harry Lock - Principal



NOTICES

After School Activities- Second Term

If you want to register your child into an after school activity in the Second Term, please contact the ASA coordinator, Gerard.

Students who were already registered in any ASA in the previous term do not need to fill out the form again, as we understand that they want to continue with the activity this term.

If you do not want to continue with the activity, please let me know by email.

The activities for the coming term will begin January 8th from 16:30 to 17:30.

Happy Holidays,

Gerard Verdú
ASA Coordinator

Holiday Activities for Teenagers

The local youth centre El Rusc is offering activities over the coming holiday period, including sports tournaments, workshops, cross country skiing and a disco. Find out more [here](#).

NADAL AL RUSC

ACTIVITATS PER A JOVES
A PARTIR DE 12 ANYS



Dimecres 27 de desembre
TORNEIG DE DADERS, FUTBOL I FIFA
A les 16 h al Rusc.

ESGLU NORDIC NOCTURN A NATURLAND
Sortida a les 15:30 h des del Rusc.

Dijous 28 de desembre
PODCAST ESPORTIU DEL RUSC
A les 17 h al Rusc.

**VISITA AL SALÓ DE LA INFÀNCIA
I LA JOVENTUT A ENCANP**
Sortida a les 15 h des del Rusc.

Divendres 29 de desembre
**TALLER D'ELABORACIÓ DE
SABONS NATURLS**
A les 10:30 h al Rusc.

Dimarts 2 de gener
ESCOLA DE MÀGIC I ENCANTERIS
De 10:30 a 13 h i de 15:30 a 20 h al Rusc.

Dimecres 3 de gener
OLIMPIADES JUVENILS
A les 15:30 h al Rusc.

Dijous 4 de gener
JOC DE FITES AL POBLET DE NADAL
Sortida a les 10:30 h des del Rusc.

DISCO JOVE D'ANY NOU
De 17:30 a 21 h al Rusc.

Divendres 5 de gener
**ESMORZAR I OBERTURA DELS REGALS
DE NADAL DEL RUSC**
A les 10:30 h al Rusc.

Activitats gratuïtes amb inscripció prèvia. Places limitades.
En les inscripcions s'indran prioritat als residents a la parroquia d'Andorra la Vella.



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PER JOVES

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JANE GOODALL CONFERENCE

Last month, 30 BCA student ambassadors visited Ágora school to watch a conversation with legendary primatologist Jane Goodall. During the talk, Dr. Goodall shared some engaging stories about how she first became involved in observing chimpanzees. She also explained and even demonstrated some of the behaviours she observed - the first person ever to observe such behaviours - such as the use of sticks to eat termites. Previously, the use of tools was believed to be a uniquely human trait, yet Dr Goodall showed that this complexity extends to the animal kingdom as well. The talk was a fascinating insight not only into our closest animal relatives, but also into the 'indomitable human spirit' which motivated Dr Goodall to dedicate her life to learning about and seeking to protect the flora and fauna of our world. Here are her own inspiring words which everyone should heed and take inspiration from:

"So I think hopefully by the end of this evening people will understand that each one of us has a role to play; each one of us can make a difference and the difference that we make will impact the future of children. Our grandchildren. The future generations. And also the biodiversity on which we depend. The animals and the plants that are part of this amazing planet on which we have the privilege of being alive today, and I think that the role that we can play today is the most important that any generation before us has had to play. Because we are at a critical point. If we don't get together and take action now, it may be too late".

Jane Goodall

Warren Quinton
IB Diploma Coordinator



EARLY YEARS

NURSERY WITH 'ELFI'

On 1st December, our Cygnets' Class had a special delivery from the North Pole: one of Santa's elves! He is in charge of reporting back to Santa who is being kind and loving to others. Find below some moments the children came across when they got into class. The elf was quite a troublemaker!



CATALAN READING SESSION

Reading to younger children was an initiative of some students from Year 7.

In the Catalan lesson, the secondary students selected the stories from a 'book table' and then decided which storytelling strategies they would use. The students practiced a lot, both in their break times and in class. They also made some crafts for the younger children and made costumes and posters for their respective narrations.

In the future we will do more such activities involving shared literary experiences.



PRIMARY

PHONICS IN LOWER PRIMARY

Owls' families were invited to visit their children's classroom and observe a phonics lesson.

The purpose was to demonstrate how phonics, an essential strategy for teaching children to read, is taught at BCA each day. Parents also saw how they can support their children with reading.



CASA RULL - KINGFISHERS' TRIP

Our Year 3 class went to the 'Casa Rull' Museum in La Massana. In traditional Pyrenean societies, the house was the main element, and this house-museum is a testimony to the Andorran lifestyle, from generation to generation.



PRIMARY ASSEMBLIES

Every two weeks, Upper Primary classes join together to reflect on the BCA values and the achievements of the preceding weeks. They share some experiences, or read a book together, and there are some special certificates to recognise positive student attitudes: the Star of the Week.

BCA is indeed a great community.



PSHE CONFERENCE FOR YEARS 10, 11 AND 12

This term, our senior students had a special visitor, Dr Francisco Pascual. He talked to them about addiction, specifically about alcoholism and drugs, to coincide with the World Day Without Alcoholism (15th November). We are very grateful to the Associació Projecte Vida for organising this workshop.

This formed part of our PSHE curriculum for Secondary School; it was really interesting to listen to professionals and address common myths in this area.



YEAR 12 KINDNESS CALENDAR

This is the first year that we offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and one of the core subjects is CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service).

Taking this into account, our IB students prepared an advent calendar that included 25 day-long acts of kindness, such as sharing compliments and offering help to other students and staff members. They have been spreading positivity, as well as the Christmas spirit, throughout the BCA Community.

Say something kind



Christmas decorations around the school



Christmas Cards



Kindness Calendar Activity from the
6th- 15th of December

To HAND MAKE and WRITE cheerful Christmas cards
for the old people's home in Andorra and share our
holiday spirit



Sending love to
others keeps the
Grinch away!

Your DEADLINE for the card making is on the 15th of
December!! Please hand them in to your tutor on this
date or there will be a collection box available outside
the Y12 common room

If any questions, come to the Year 12 common room :)

Secondary reading to Early Years and Primary students



Christmas Craft Making





Join us for our,

Primary Christmas shows

14.30h. at the Sports Hall.

Friday 15th December

Early Years and KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2)

Monday 18th December

Primary KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

*Performances, Christmas Carols, Charity Market,
drinks and treats for everyone!*