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BCA Newsletter



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We continue to place a BCA education within a framework of values, to provide authenticity, meaning and direction. This term it has been great to see the value of 'Sense of Responsibility' featuring prominently not just within assemblies and special events, but also as a reference point for day-to-day classroom teaching, including PSHE lessons.

The value we will focus on next term will be Communication Skills, namely that:

"BCA students develop understanding between themselves and others by listening to one another's ideas and sharing their own through a mutually respectful exchange."

These skills are of course central to our educational aims and to the academic performance of the students.

Communication skills featured strongly in our recent highly successful performance of Annie. It was great to see the Primary school children attend the dress rehearsal, learning from the older children and enjoying the experience. Our secondary students also continue the much-loved programme of regularly reading to children in primary school. In the Early Years and Primary, listening to the child is as important as talking to the child. Primary children must also have their voice, which was lovely to hear at yesterday's Consell d'Infants meeting at the Comu of Andorra la Vella, where BCA students gave a confident and convincing performance. Next term, our primary school conferences with parents will again be student-led, opening up great conversations and reiterating that education is not 'done to' but rather 'done with' the children. Another major curriculum event related to communication skills will be the BCA World Book Week, timed to coincide with Sant Jordi- St. George's Day, the Day of Books and Roses.

Leadership is sometimes defined as the capacity to influence others. If this is so, then *Communication Skills* equip the students with a key tool of leadership, and *Sense of Responsibility* takes that leadership in a good direction.

Our young journalists are also developing their communication skills- enjoy their 'Blue Bird News' stories attached.

Winter has turned suddenly into Spring, just in time for the Easter holidays. I wish all families and all staff a happy and refreshing break.



Mr Harry Lock Principal



NOTICES

Reminder: Year 7 Parent Teacher Conferences, Tuesday 26th March. Booking instructions have been shared earlier.

The last day of term is Wednesday 27th March and is with regular timings (until 4.15/4.30) and no early finish. Classes recommence on Monday 8th April.

Any adjustments to the Early Years and Primary timetables for next term will be posted by the class teacher via Seesaw.

Please find below some activities and workshop from the Comu of Andorra La Vella:





ICE SKATING IN PENGUINS









YEAR 1 TRIP TO COSMOCAIXA





YEAR 2 TRIP TO ORDINO





YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM





YEAR 4 SCIENCE LESSON

In Eagles we conducted a science experiment to see the impact of different drinks on our teeth. We used eggs because they are similar to the enamel on our teeth.





ANNIE MUSICAL









SERVICE LEARNING FAIR

In a first for the College, this week saw six charitable organisations and all secondary students celebrating the gift of voluntary action. Our students learned about the importance of giving their time and attention to others in need. The follow up will be a service learning day for Years 7, 8 and 9 in June, as well as the ongoing community service offered by our Duke of Edinburgh Award students and IB Diploma students. A heartfelt thank you to the organisers and visitors.









WINTER INTO SPRING























