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BCA Newsletter



CONNECTIONS

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

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The theme of the recent stories in this newsletter is Connections. Children have been learning about the wider world, and their rights within it, through the UNICEF World Children's Day, and connecting to the history of Andorra through a trip to the traditional Casa Rull. They have been serving the community through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and connecting with other schools through the Inter-Schools Volleyball Tournament. Children have been linking with other year groups through deeply impactful initiatives such as paired reading and house competitions, and with their own class through the daily learning activities, which in Year 12 and 13 meant making a campfire during PE and enjoying a cup of hot chocolate together! As usual, the stories below are just a taster of what's been happening.

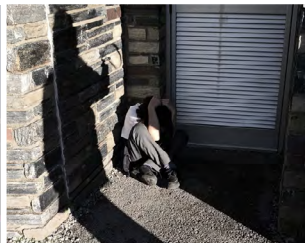
It was wonderful to see the student House Council working hard on school improvement initiatives this week. We recently conducted a student survey to collect students' views on strengths and areas for improvement. This week the House Captains reviewed the data, and identified one achievable goal for each House to work on, in conjunction with the school leadership and the teacher.



CHILDREN'S DAY

SECONDARY ASSEMBLY

The 19th of November was International Children Day, and at BCA we celebrated the whole week. First Secondary students discussed this topic in their weekly assembly, and made some quiz, exploring different children's rights; they also had to guess the rights some children from the Film Club represented.



NURSERY AND PRIMARY

Early Years and primary made displays to decorate their classrooms. There were lots of activities all over the school.



RECEPTION

In reception they were learning why The Children's Day was special and what it meant.

They learned that we all have rights that we should always have, and how special we are.

They talked about the right to a safe environment, food, a home, school and even play!



Y3 VISIT TO CASA RULL

Kingfishers went to explore Casa Rull in La Massana, to see how people lived in Andorra in the past. They also had a treasure hunt in the end, it was marvellous!



COLLABORATIVE READING

Our Year 5 Peacocks have been spreading the joy of reading across the school-sharing stories with our Year 1 Owls and listening to inspiring self-confidence tales written by Year 8. Proud of their kindness, confidence, and growing love for reading.



SECONDARY SELF-PORTRAITS - HOUSE COMPETITION

Our secondary students had another house competition.

This time, the theme was creating a self-portrait. They were given a selection of art materials and asked to express their identity.

We'll be keeping an eye out to see which house gets the most votes!



SECONDARY VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

Last Wednesday, the 26th of November, we had the pleasure of taking part in the Interschools Volleyball Tournament, an event that truly highlighted the spirit, talent, and determination of our students.

A group of selected Year 10 and Year 11 students represented our school, and they did so with awesome attitude and sportsmanship from start to finish. Throughout the day, they demonstrated not only their volleyball skills, but also the values we work so hard to cultivate in class: teamwork, resilience, respect, and commitment. It was wonderful to see how they supported each other, celebrated every point together, and kept their motivation high even during challenging moments.

Watching them grow, compete, and enjoy themselves so genuinely was a reminder of the importance of these opportunities outside the classroom.



Y10 - BUSINESS

Recently, Year 10 students participated in a task that focused solely on verbal communication skills, including active listening, to solve a mystery.

Although the activity was not directly business-related, it was designed to illustrate the importance of effective communication in any organization. The exercise highlighted how easily barriers (such as assumptions, misinterpretations, and noise) can lead to incorrect messages, which is a crucial lesson for future workplace success.

The students became fully immersed in the activity, engaging with one another in a way that emphasised the value of clear and accurate communication. As they worked through the task, it became evident that communication is not just about speaking, but also about active listening.

Ensuring that messages are properly received and understood is a skill that is indispensable in any business or team setting. It is with my hope that through this exercise, our Year 10s gained a glimpse into the impact of communication- an essential foundation for success, both in school and business.



SECONDARY CERTIFICATES

This week's Secondary assembly saw the award of Duke of Edinburgh International Award certificates of completion. The students shared their experiences in some well-crafted and confident presentations: stories of helping others in the community, developing a new skill or sport, showing team-work and toughness on mountain treks. We are proud of their achievements and the popularity of the Award scheme.



IBDP - FOREST SKILLS

The senior students were focused on developing Forest Skills in their PE lessons. To conclude this topic they went to the forest, practiced orienteering and found different ways to set a fire (they also had a good time having marshmallows together).



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First Medieval Combat Club in Andorra

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

WE'RE EXPLORING THE INTEREST AMONG STUDENTS IN STARTING A SOFT MEDIEVAL COMBAT PROGRAM (SAFE VERSION WITHOUT METAL ARMOR).

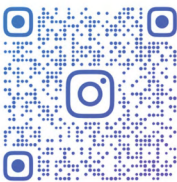
AT THE MOMENT, WE ONLY OFFER ADULT CLASSES, BUT IF THERE'S ENOUGH INTEREST, WE'LL CONSIDER OPENING A YOUTH GROUP.

✂ WHAT IS SOFT MEDIEVAL COMBAT?

A FUN AND SAFE VERSION OF HISTORICAL FIGHTING, USING **SOFT WEAPONS, TEAMWORK, AND STRATEGY**

SIMILAR TO MARTIAL ARTS WITH MEDIEVAL INSPIRATION.

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