

THE EIC BULLETIN

December 2017



This is the fourth of our monthly bulletins to keep you up to date with life in the EIC.

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News from the Headteacher

Dear families,

This is the last Bulletin before Christmas. December is always exciting with the anticipation of the festive season. Pre School children will experience especially memorable times at the end of term - their festival and a special lunch, along with all the decorations and unique atmosphere, and Primary children love the Christmas season too.

We had our first visit from our partners in Bruges, Belgium, a successful and happy time for all of us. This was a landmark because it was the first of many EIC international exchanges.

Our new EIC Sports Club launch is also a landmark as sport in the school opens up and extends into the community.

Science Week was very successful - with a Sustainability emphasis this year – thanks to teachers, the parent helpers and of course the ESO and BAT students who worked really hard with the younger

children.

End of Term Examinations have already finished for Secondary students, coming up in some Primary classes and we will all be feeling weary from the long term. Of course, examinations are important, but this does not mean that other forms of assessment are less important. I said this last year and we are progressively moving towards more modern and smarter form of assessment, as used for example in the International Baccalaureate programme. Some people are just not suited to exam type tests, or are nervous or stressed on the day. Exams don't test everything - they tell us how good you are at exams!

Our Educational model, Sòcrates Educa, enables children to think, learn and make progress at different paces and in different ways, so teachers will increasingly evaluate a range of skills them through observation, group work, homework tasks, projects, in and

outside the traditional classroom. Please help us to reinforce this message, because it will develop better learners - and of course the IB philosophy offers "programmes of international education that develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills needed to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalising world."

Our Extra Curricular activities have increased this year - don't forget that there may be something new which your child would like to try next term. Contact Judit Pardos.

We wish you a happy and peaceful winter break and New Year with family and friends; encourage your children to read, talk and socialise as well as enjoying

the traditional celebrations. If you have any concerns, don't hesitate to email your child's teacher or Tutor at the School: initial.surname@escolainternacional.org

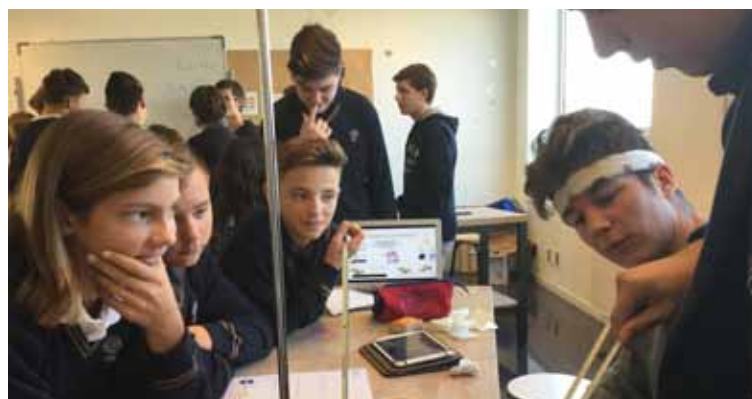
As always, you know you will find me at the start and end of the day at the school entrance,

Kind regards,

Jonathan Day
Headteacher



Belgian exchange students.



Science Week.



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Calendar dates / Calendari

SCHOOL CALENDAR: December 2017 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Desembre 2017

December / Desembre

1st - Non-uniform day, fundraising (Student Council) for TV3 El Marató/ Dia sense uniforme, recaptació de fons (Student Council) per a La Marató de TV3

2nd - Volleyball matches at 9.00 and EIC Sports Club official launch at 2 with lunch/ Partits de volei a les 9h i dinar oficial del Club d'Esport de l'EIC a les 14h

5th - BAT 2 Theatre Trip TGN - La Casa de Bernarda Alba/ Excursió a TGN BAT 2- La Casa de Bernarda Alba

6th, 7th, 8th - 6th & 8th are Bank Holidays, school closed for long weekend/ Pont festiu, escola tancada

11th - Santa Llúcia/ Santa Llúcia

12th - Credit de Síntesis meeting for ESO 1 & 2 parents, 5pm/ Reunió de crèdit de síntesi per a pares d'ESO 1 i 2, 17h

13th - ESO 1 & 2 cultural outing, visit to Barcelona (Catalonia History Museum)/ Sortida cultural d'ESO 1 i 2, visita a BCN (Museu d'Història de Catalunya)

14th - ESO 4 Financial Education talk - Manage your Money/ Xerrada d'educació financera ESO4- Gestionar els teus diners

14th - 1st Lego League event/ 1st Lego League

14th - 2 Belgian teachers visiting/ Visita de 2 professors belgues

19th - Pr 6 Vaccinations for meningitis & chicken pox/ Vacunes per a meningitis i varicel·la

19th - Primary Festival, 3.15pm/ Festival de Primària, 15.15h

20th - Pre School Christmas Festival, 3.15pm/ Festival de Nadal de Preescolar, 15.15h

21st - School Closed, Election Day/ Escola tancada, dia d'eleccions

22nd - School open, normal day/ Escola oberta, dia normal

22nd - Reports published in Alexia/ Notes publicades a Alèxia

22nd - Last day of term/ Últim dia del trimestre

23rd - Christmas Holiday starts / Comencen les vacances de Nadal

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8th - Spring Term starts, normal day / Comença el trimestre de Primavera, dia normal

17th - BAT/IB1 Parents' Evening, 4.45pm / Reunió de pares BAT/IB1, 16.45h

24th - BAT2 Theatre Visit TGN, La Plaça del Diamant / Visita a Tarragona de BAT2, Teatre: La Plaça del Diamant

25th - Dental checks, Pri 1-6 / Revisions dentals, Primària 1-6

25th - ESO 4 Financial Education talk - Manage your debts / Xerrada d'educació financera ESO 4- Gestiona els teus deutes

Life in School



Benvinguda a l'hivern

El hall de preeschool ja és a punt per a l'hivern. Els alumnes de P1 a P5, a partir de la utilització de diferents tècniques, li hem donat la benvinguda.



L'alcalde de Salou visita l'EIC

L'alcalde de Salou, Pere Granados, i la regidora d'Ensenyament, Julia Gómez, han fet aquest mes de novembre la visita anual que fan cada any a l'escola per veure com progressa aquest projecte.



Under-12s Football

The Alevins of EIC made up of Primary 5 & 6 students decisively beat Cèsar August 15-2 at home. Warming up, Cèsar August looked like a real contest for our Alevins

but they showed no mercy as they scored fifteen goals and let two goals in. Everybody apart from the goalkeeper scored, and he had a good try! Overall a great performance from the Alevins as they continue on their unbeaten run.



Semana de la Ciencias

ESO4 y los estudiantes de Bélgica exponen el tema de sostenibilidad al profesorado y familias en el marco de la Semana de las Ciencias.

Volleyball news

FEMALE - EIC 1 – SANT PERE I SANT PAU- 3

Good game by the girls of the EIC Volleyball Club despite the defeat. They were outclassed by the power of SPISP players during the serves. Every day our volleyball girls keep training and improving themselves. They are surpassing expectations so far in this first season as under 14s. They excel on the technical and tactical side of the game that trainers are working to develop. Now they have to continue working and improving. The results will come soon!

MALE - EIC 0 –MONJOS- 3

The under 14s boys struggled in their last game and didn't get any points, they still have work to do and they are improving day by day. The first set wasn't a good one as they really struggled, however in the second set they got back into the game but in the third they lost but the third set was the best they played, they lost and unfortunately it wasn't enough! They have to continue working and improving.

Practical information

DAY TO DAY. PLEASE REMEMBER: "BE PUNCTUAL"

- School starts at 8.30 so all children should be in school and ready to learn at this time.
- School doors open at 8.20 in the morning and 4pm in the afternoon.
- The EIC is a **chewing gum free zone**. That includes students, parents and visitors. Please respect it.
- **Mobile phones** (students) should be invisible at all times or will be confiscated.
- **Contacts:**
 - For Dining Hall and lunch issues, contact Mar Gispert or email mgispert@escolainternacional.org.
 - For transport issues (Buses) and Extra Curricular Activities, contact Judit Pardos or email jpardos@escolainternacional.org.
 - For problems with access to Alexia, our data management system, ask in Administration.
- **Early arrivals Primary / Secondary:** If your children arrive at school early, they should wait at the Main Entrance. The doors open at 8.20am. If your child is travelling a long distance and needs to enter early, for example due to train times, please notify Reception.
- **Birthday Cakes:** You can order your child's birthday cake ("coca") from the Café. Ask for details.
- **Alexia app:** The app is user friendly. Download it on your mobile or tablet. You need the version "Alexia Familia" and the Centre Code is "webo".

FAQs

MENUS FOR DECEMBER

The daily menus for December can be found in Alexia.

ALEXIA

Please check your child's Planner (Pri/ESO) each week. If you have problems logging into Alexia, ask in Administration.

DINING HALL

As we develop our international days (Thanksgiving, recently), we will be introducing cultural topics to our students along with traditional meals. Presentations for these as well as on etiquette and good dining manners will be posted in Alexia in the Gallery along with the menus.

EIC shop times

Tuesday & Thursday: open from 16:30 to 18:00.

Wednesday: open from 08:30 to 10:00.

*We recommend ordering in advance online.