



This is the third 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,
The EIC was represented with 1600 teachers from around the world at the recent IB World Conference in The Hague, Netherlands. Mr Ignasi Bau and I spent three days at the Conference, listening to guest speakers, attending seminars and meeting and networking with delegates from other international schools from all continents. The key messages are that education is a world which is evolving fast, schools are innovating, preparing children for a future which is bringing constant change. All we really know is that it will not be what we experienced ourselves at school nor will they live in an environment with the same kind of jobs or approach to day to day living and working. Our approach at the EIC, through Socrates Educa, places us in a very good position to manage this well, in fact better than many long established schools who find it harder to evolve due to the weight of tradition and expectation.

What is clear is that culture, community and values are absolutely essential as well as the need to question, discuss, communicate and adapt with an open mind and take risks, evaluating and learning from each experience.

We enjoyed Castanyada which is a local festival and adds colour, fun and culture to our daily life. We are an international school but we strongly believe in recognising and maintaining local traditions, because if not we would risk losing our identity in an unidentifiable mix.

This is why we attach importance to the Welcome Room, (Aula de Acollida), so that all recently arrived students can learn Spanish, Catalan and English to a level where they can participate fully in all lessons as well as appreciating the cultural life of the school. Don't forget that we run Extra Curricular Activities in languages and that parents can join the English for Adults classes. Our teachers, who all need

to speak 3 languages, can also attend lunchtime classes in English, Catalan and Spanish.

With the same idea, parents are warmly invited to join the activities of the EIC Clubs. Happy and integrated parents mean happy and integrated children - we all need to be part of that process, especially families who are settled, local and haven't experienced the

culture shock and stress of moving home, school, country and culture - you can help new families make a successful landing.

November will be a month for working hard and consolidating as we work towards both the end of term assessments and the festive season. It is the longest term and we will cover a significant part of the curriculum during this time.

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



Calendar dates / Calendari

SCHOOL CALENDAR: November 2017 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Novembre 2017

November / Novembre

1st - Public Holiday, school closed / Dia festiu, escola tancada

2nd - ESO 1 Parents' Evening, 4.45 - 6.30pm / Reunió de pares ESO 1, 16.45 - 18.30h

3rd - Primary 5 & 6 Visit to Montserrat / Visita a Montserrat Primària 5 i 6

3rd - Primary 3 & 4 Visit to Catalunya Miniatura / Visita a Catalunya en Miniatura Primària 3 i 4

6th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / Assistents de Recepció ESO 3

7th - ESO 3 & 4 Visit to Montserrat / Visita a Montserrat ESO 3 i 4

7th - ESO 1 & 2 - Visit to Tivissa i Miravet / Visita a Tivissa i Miravet ESO 1 i 2

8th - 15th Belgium Exchange students in school / Intercanvi d'estudiants amb Bèlgica

13th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / Assistents de Recepció ESO 3

13th - 17th Science Week / Setmana de les Ciències

16th - BAT 2 Theatre Trip, TGN - Terra Baixa / Sortida al teatre, TGN - Terra Baixa BAT 2

20th - Pri 6 Vaccinations / Vacunes Primària 6

20th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / Assistents de Recepció ESO 3

22nd - ESO 4 Parents' Evening, 4.45pm / Reunió de pares ESO 4, 16.45h

23rd - ESO / BAT First Term Exams start / Comencen els exàmens del primer trimestre ESO / BAT

24th - Pri 5 & 6 Theatre Trip & day in Tarragona / Sortida al teatre i dia a Tarragona Primària 5 i 6

27th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / 2B / Assistents de Recepció ESO 3 / 2B

29th - Pre School Open Day, 3pm / Portes Obertes Preescolar

29th - Primary 1 & 2 Trip to Auditori, Barcelona / Sortida a l'Auditori, Barcelona Primària 1 i 2

December / Desembre

1st - Non-uniform day, fundraising (Student Council) / Campanya Caritativa d'un dia sense uniforme (Consell d'Estudiants)

5th - BAT 2 Theatre Trip TGN - La Casa de Bernarda Alba / Sortida al teatre a TGN - La Casa de Bernarda Alba BAT 2

6th, 7th, 8th - 6th & 8th are Bank holidays, school closed for long weekend / 6 i 8 són festius, escola tancada per pont festiu

Life in School



Halloween activities

Mr Ward's tutor group, ESO2A, completing Halloween-themed team-building activities. They have been working on 'positivity' in tutor times for the first half term.

Campanyes per a la Fundació La Marató de TV3 per a la investigació de les "Malalties infeccioses", 2017

-1 origami = 1 euro! Ja podeu començar a fer grues de paper i participar en la campanya a través de la Fundació Mútua General de Catalunya (cada grua serà convertida en 1 euro destinat a la investigació i donat a La Marató).

- **NON- UNIFORM day.** Els diners recollits aniran destinats a la investigació de les "Malalties infeccioses" de La Marató de TV3 2017.

Semana de las Ciencias

La Semana de las Ciencias, del 13 al 17 de noviembre, hará que los estudiantes se acerquen más al mundo de la sostenibilidad. Una serie de experimentos, conferencias y actividades tecnológicas y científicas serán el foco de la semana que culminará el viernes 17 en el Forum a las 15.30h. Las familias están invitadas a participar en este acto de clausura



Premis 30 d'Octubre

Our students were successful in the Artistic and Literary prizes, "Premis 30 d'Octubre" which were awarded in the Theatre Auditorium of Salou. Primary and Secondary students won more prizes in more categories than last year, we have many future artists and writers in our school! Congratulations!

Some advice

- **Holidays in term time:** Ideally, children will not miss school for family holidays. When this is unavoidable, and in order to minimise disruption to your child's studies, please inform tutors as early as possible and not just one or two days before. This is so that teachers can be informed and provide the appropriate work where necessary. It is only fair to give teachers enough time to prepare materials of good quality in plenty of time. It inevitably means extra work for them, so please don't put them under pressure at the last minute. Of course, a holiday often means quality family time and it is also a big learning opportunity, so help your child to take best advantage of the experience and maybe share it on return. Please support your child in both respects.

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

When is the shop open?

Tuesday & Thursday 4.30-6.00 pm, Wednesday morning 8.30 - 10.00.

When is the Cafe open?

8.30 - 11.00am & 4.00 - 6.00pm.

When is the Administration open?

8.30 - 9.30am & 4.00 - 5.00pm.

MENUS FOR NOVEMBER

The daily menus for November 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.