

THE EIC BULLETIN

December 2018



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, the Caga Tió and other traditions along with all the decorations and unique atmosphere, and Primary/ESO children love the Christmas season too. Science Week was very successful - with an emphasis on the Periodic Table of Elements this year (Universal Year of the Periodic Table) – 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 Assessments have already finished for most children. Of course, examinations are important, but this does not mean that other forms of assessment are less important. I said this last year and the year before

- and we are progressively moving towards more modern and smarter forms of assessment, as used for example in the International Baccalaureate programme, and the Generalitat is also pushing us to more skills based assessment. 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."

In 2019 we will have three exchanges running - ESO 3A with an international school south of Berlin, Germany; ESO 3B will take part in the already established exchange with our partners in Bruges, Belgium and Some students from BAT 1 will be involved with an exchange to Kobe, Japan. It's great to have a non-European partnership up and running!

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 have increased the number of open meetings for parents - recently on assessment, soon on new technologies and safety (with the Mossos), then on the subject of living with teenagers and more. Please do join in.

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

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Jonathan Day
Headteacher



Science teachers in Science Week.



EIC-SHARC Rugby team.

Calendar dates / Calendari

SCHOOL CALENDAR: December 18 - January 19 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Desembre 18 - Gener 19

December / Desembre

3rd - Reception Assistants ESO 3B / Assistents de Recepció 3r ESO B

4th - Mossos talk for parents 3pm "New Technologies & Safety" in Catalan/Spanish / Xerrada dels Mossos per als pares 15h. "Noves tecnologies i seguretat" en Català/Castellà

5th - Non-Uniform Day for charity (Student Council) / Dia sense uniforme per solidaritat (Consell d'Estudiants)

5th - NO Pre School meeting / NO hi ha reunió de Prescolar

6th & 7th School Closed, Public Holidays / Escola tancada, dies festius

10th - Reception Assistants ESO 3B / Assistents de Recepció 3r ESO B

12th - Pre School Christmas Lunch / Dinar de Nadal de Prescolar

13th - Santa Lúcia Primary performance 9.30am / Espectacle de Santa Llúcia de Primària 9.30h.

13th - ESO 4 Financial Talk / Xerrada financera 4t d'ESO

17th - Reception Assistants ESO 3B / Assistents de Recepció 3r ESO B

17th - Alumni Lunch / Dinar d'Alumni

17th - Pri 6 Vaccinations - Meningitis C & Chickenpox / Vacunes 6è de Primària - Meningitis C i Varicel·la

17th - Robotek ESO 2 & ESO 1 / Robotek 1r i 2n d'ESO

17th - Pri 6 "Has begut oli?" organized by Consell Regulador de la DOP Siurana / 6è de Primària "Has begut oli?" organitzat pel Consell Regulador de la DOP Siurana

18th - Primary 4-6 Christmas Festival 3.15pm / Festival de Nadal de 4t a 6è de Primària 15.15h.

19th - Pre School Christmas Festival 3.15pm / Festival de Nadal de Prescolar 15.15h.

19th - Reports published / Notes publicades

20th - Primary 1-3 Christmas Festival 3.15pm / Festival de Nadal de 1r a 3r de Primària

21st - Last day of school / Últim dia d'escola

24th - Jan 7th school closed for holidays / Escola tancada per vacances

January 2019 / Gener 2019

8th - (Tuesday) School opens, normal day / (Dimarts) Escola oberta, dia normal

8th - Reception Assistants ESO 2A / Assistents de Recepció 2n ESO A

14th - IB2 Mock Exams / IB2 Simulació d'exàmens

14th - Reception Assistants ESO 2A / Assistents de Recepció 2n ESO A

17th - Pri 1 & 6 dental checks / De 1r a 6è de Primària Revisió dental

17th - ESO 4 Financial talk / Xerrada financera 4t ESO

17th - Open meeting for families. Supporting our children. Living with teenagers, 3.15pm / Reunió oberta per a les famílies. Suport als vostres fills. Viure amb adolescents, 15.15h.

21st - Reception Assistants ESO 2A / Assistents de Recepció 2n ESO A

28th - Reception Assistants ESO 2B / Assistents de Recepció 2n ESO B

30th - BAT/IB Parents' Evening 4.45pm / Reunió de pares BAT/IB 16.45h.

31st - ESO to BAT Parents' Information Evening 4.45pm / Reunió de pares d'ESO a BAT, 16.45h.

Life in School

International Expansion

Jaume Vilella and Jonathan Day represented the EIC recently at the ICEF International Education Fair in Berlin. We made many contacts and met agents from 25 different countries in order to develop our programme of summer camps and courses as well as programmes during the year and incoming students who wish spend a term or a year or two studying ESO or International Baccalaureate in this beautiful part of the world.



Parc Can Mercader

During ESO1's recent trip to Barcelona the pupils visited an activity centre in Parc Can Mercader. During the visit pupils were given the opportunity to attempt a number of activities ranging from optical illusions to constructing bridges using a key stone.

During the visit Sonia Drushlyakova From ESO1A was the first to complete Leonardo da Vinci's self supporting bridge unaided.



Entreno con la Selección Catalana de Vóley

Cinco alumnas de la EIC asisten al entreno de la Selección Catalana de Vóley. El pasado domingo día 18 de noviembre cinco jugadoras de la Escola Internacional del Camp (4 de 1º de ESO y una de 2º) asistieron al entreno de la Selección Catalana de Vóley en el Pabellón J. Blume de Barcelona. Fue toda una recompensa al esfuerzo, sacrificio, voluntad de aprender, lucha y buscar la mejora día a día. Su trabajo les ha dado la posibilidad de entrenar con las mejores de su categoría. Las cinco alumnas que participaron en este entreno fueron Maria Montseny, Maria Xiang, Julia Márquez, Martina Quintilla e Irene Geurtse.

¡¡¡Muchas felicidades, chicas!!!

Practical information

- Please do not arrange to take children out of school during lessons - it causes disruption to students, teachers and the curriculum. Of course it is unavoidable exceptionally, but at present we need to reduce the level of disruption - we need your support.
- You must notify food allergies or intolerances to Reception. We take careful note and adapt menus accordingly.
- **Dining Hall:** As we develop our international days (Thanksgiving, recently), we will be introducing cultural topics to our students along with traditional meals. We are also making improvements to our Primary / Secondary dining routines and will also be more proactive with our work on good manners and etiquette. Please reinforce these at home by expecting your children to sit, eat and behave well at the table!

FAQs

Shop times

Tuesday & Thursday: The store is open from 16:30 to 18:00.
Wednesday: The store is open from 08:30 to 10:00.

- **MENUS FOR DECEMBER:** The daily menus for Desember can be found in Alexia.
- **PLANNERS:** Please check your child's planner (ESO/Primary) each week.
- **ALEXIA:** If you have problems logging into Alexia, contact Reception.