

THE EIC BULLETIN

November 2018



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,

In the 21st century, a curriculum limited to academic and other personal skills is not considered enough. Being an international school enables us to broaden traditional school achievements by developing an attitude for living and learning that will enable understanding of global issues and lead to a more peaceful, fairer and optimistic world.

This is why we are an 'IB World School' which itself has an impact on all of our staff and students, whatever their age or level. Our approach at the EIC, through Socrates Educa, places us in a very good position to manage this development well, in fact better than many long established schools who find it harder to evolve due to the weight of tradition and the

legacy of 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.

So we celebrated and enjoyed Castanyada which is a local festival and adds colour, fun and culture to our daily life. We are international but we strongly believe in recognising and maintaining local traditions, because if not we would risk losing our identity in an unidentifiable mix. Halloween is more of a phenomenon around the world these days, and likewise our younger students celebrated it.

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

Below are some practical and down to earth points about school life: please read them.

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



Senior Student Council meets weekly to improve life in School.



Calendar dates / Calendari

SCHOOL CALENDAR: November 2018 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Novembre 2018

November / Novembre

1st & 2nd - Bank Holidays, School Closed / Dies festius, Escola tancada

5th Reception Assistants ESO 3 / Assistents de Recepció 3r d'ESO

6th - ESO2 Trip to History Museum, Barcelona / 2n d'ESO Excursió al Museu d'Història, Barcelona

6th - ESO 3 & 4 Visit to Montblanc and Santes Creus / 3r i 4t d'ESO Visita a Montblanc i Santes Creus

7th - Japan Exchange Meeting 5pm (BAT1) / Reunió de l'Intercanvi amb Japó, 17h. (1r de BAT)

8th - Open meeting for families. Themes: Supporting our children / Assessment, 3.15pm / Reunió oberta per a les famílies. Temes: Suport als nostres fills / Valoració, 15, 15h.

9th - La Marató Talks for ESO1, ESO 2, ESO 3, ESO 4 & BAT / Xerrada sobre La Marató per a 1r, 2n, 3r, 4t d'ESO i BAT

12th - 16th Science Week / Setmana de la Ciència

14th - ESO 1 Visit to Maths Museum & RCDE Stadium / 1r d'ESO Visita al Museu de les Matemàtiques i a l'Estadi del RCDE

16th - Vaccinations Pri 6 HPV (girls) & Hepatitis A / Vacunes 6è de Primària VPH (noies) i Hepatitis A

16th - Science Week Closing Ceremony / Ceremònia de clausura de la Setmana de la Ciència

19th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / Assistents de Recepció 3r d'ESO

21st - ESO 2 Parents' Evening 4.45 - 7pm / Reunió de pares de 2n d'ESO, 16,45 - 19h.

22nd - 30th ESO & BAT First Term Exams / Exàmens del primer trimestre d'ESO i BAT

22nd - BAT 2 Theatre Trip TGN / 2n de BAT Excursió al teatre, Tarragona

22nd - Musical Cultural Corner, 4.30pm (Sta Cecília) / Racó Cultural Musical, 16,30h. (Sta. Cecília)

23rd Pau Casals Museum Pri 3 & 4 / 3r i 4t de Primària- Museu Pau Casals

26th - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / Assistents de Recepció 3r d'ESO

27th - P1,2,3 Theatre Trip to Salou / P1, 2, i 3 Excursió al teatre de Salou

28th - Pre School Afternoon for Families / Tarda de Preescolar per a les famílies

December / Desembre

3rd - Reception Assistants ESO 3 / Assistents de Recepció 3r d'ESO

5th - Pre School meeting 4.45pm / Reunió de Preescolar, 16,45h.

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

Life in School



Mixing groups in the First Cycle

This year we have introduced mixing groups in the First Cycle. This is to enable the children to develop independent learning skills as well as improving communication and language skills. It also provides opportunities to implement the Socrates Educa methodology ensuring we meet the needs of every child. The children have engaged really well and are developing good social skills. Well done to everyone!

Participamos en el concurso del cartel de las Olimpiadas Escolares de Reus 2019

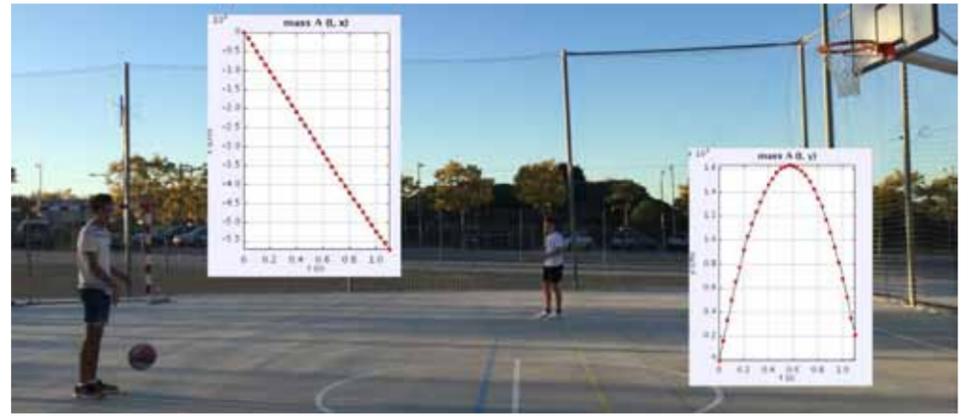
El departamento de Arte y el de Deportes de la EIC trabajan este año de manera conjunta para participar en el concurso del cartel de las Olimpiadas Escolares de Reus 2019, que se celebrarán del 8 al 29 de marzo. Este proyecto tiene la particularidad de ser cross-curricular entre dos materias.

Los trabajos tienen que realizarse con cartulina DIN-A4. Miss Pallejà irá guiando a los estudiantes de la escuela. Los alumnos que pueden participar en el certamen son los que cursan entre 3º y 6º de Primaria.



Decoraciones de otoño

Los alumnos de P1 a P5 han hecho algunas decoraciones otoñales para el hall de Preescolar.



Physics in the basketball court

Bat 1 students have studied the equations of projectile motion (=the typical trajectory of a ball in basketball or football). So students tried out their understanding analyzing a video they took when playing in the pitch. They also implemented their digital technology skills, using a specific software for Physics.

Practical information

- **Sustainability and safety:** Car parking is becoming more difficult. Parents please aim to reduce car journeys and air pollution by sharing, using the school bus service or even cycling or scooting (the number of bikes and scooters has risen this year!). For parking, do not double park and think of safety - sometimes it is better to park further away and walk - give yourself extra time so that you can avoid rushing and still be punctual. The local police are doing their best and we don't want accidents.
- **Colder weather:** Children should wear the school jacket to school - not hoodies or PE hoodies which are for PE lessons and should not be worn for normal lessons, and the same for sports shoes. Scarves and buffs must be taken off in the classroom.
- **Leaving school early:** If your child needs to leave school early, please inform the tutor with an email or note in the planner, signed. In the afternoons, children should leave at 3 or 4.30 in Primary, and 3.45 in Secondary (lesson break) because there is too much disruption in lessons when students want to leave at 3.30, 4.00 or even 4.15.
- **Smoking:** The entrance and surrounding areas are no smoking areas. It's the law here as in many countries.
- **Santa Cecilia - Music Week:** Santa Cecilia is the Patron Saint of Musicians so we will have music around school. If you have good suggestions, let us know. It's the week of Nov 19th-23rd.
- **Absence or lateness:** Please justify your child's absence or lateness using the Alexia app - it's quick and easy!

FAQs

Shop times for October onwards:

Until 13th:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 16:00-18:30

Wednesday: 8:30-10:00 am

From 16th:

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