

THE EIC BULLETIN

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Escola Internacional del Camp

This is the fifth 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,

January has been a relatively routine month, getting back down to work after the break but you will see that February will be busier with visits to the water works, theatre, Barcelona, exchanges to Germany and Belgium as well as Japan, the Universities Fair, Carnival time too of course, and also academic testing with "Competències Bàsiques" which are basic skills tests enabling us to analyse academic progress in a detailed way and in comparison with other schools in Catalonia.

For new families, don't forget that we have a Café in the school - parents are invited to visit it for a coffee or a snack in the morning or in the evening. You will find a warm, busy and friendly atmosphere as well as newspapers (including in English) and it is an opportunity to meet other parents.

In conjunction with the

Clubs, we invite you to the "Calçotada" which is a typical Catalan winter barbecue and is not only tasty, but sociable and in a really friendly open atmosphere, for parents and children. This is a specially important event for new families - the chance to meet other families in a friendly environment and to make good friends. This will be on Saturday 16th February and you will receive an email invitation with details of the day and of tickets.

Open Days for prospective families are running and the first one will be on Saturday March 9th (Pre School ages) at 10.00 as we are now taking registrations for September 2019 - don't delay because the available spaces are being filled already and last year we had a huge demand. Talking about routines, please read the item below about justifying absence from school. The app for Alexia is very good and you can see if your child has been late to lessons (punctuality please...)!

Your children will benefit from good routines - daily reading, a quiet place to do homework - and of course, time shared with their parents every day - don't underestimate the value of this and do make space for it. Now is the time to sign up for Cambridge English exams in EIC, and where groups are large enough, students will be able to sit the exams in school. We also have candidates for the official French exams (Institut Français) and soon Chinese (Confucius Institute) and German (Goethe Institut).

More important than all that though is the human side. You will know that we lost a valuable, committed and generous colleague and member of our community, Isi Rodriguez, in January. Apart from events in her memory and tutorial work with the children to help cope with bereavement, we will eventually plant a tree chosen by the family in remembrance. May she Rest in Peace.

As always, you can catch me at the start and end of School if you wish to ask further questions or make comments,

Kind regards,

Jonathan Day
Headteacher



Calendar dates / Calendari

SCHOOL CALENDAR: February 19 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Febrer 19

February / Febrer

1st- IB Mock Exams continue / [Continuen els exàmens d'IB.](#)

4th- Reception Assistants ESO 2B / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B.](#)

5th- Cultural Corner, Chinese New Year 4.30pm / [Cultural Corner, Any Nou xinès 16.30h.](#)

5th- Chinese New Year Celebration in the afternoon (students only) / [Celebració de l'Any Nou xinès a la tarda \(només estudiants\).](#)

6th- ESO 3A Depart for German Exchange until 13th / [ESO 3A marxa d'intercanvi a Alemanya fins el dia 13.](#)

6th- ESO 3B Depart for Belgian Exchange until 13th / [ESO 3B marxa d'intercanvi a Bèlgica fins el dia 13.](#)

6th- Cultural Outing ESO 1 - Olympic Museum & Installations, Montjuich / [Sortida cultural ESO 1 - Museu i instal·lacions olímpiques, Montjuich.](#)

6th- Cultural Outing ESO 2 - Parc Güell / [Sortida cultural ESO 2- Parc Güell.](#)

6th- Cultural Outing ESO 4 - Caixaforum workshops / [Sortida cultural ESO 4 - tallers Caixaforum.](#)

11th - Reception Assistants ESO 2B / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B.](#)

12th & 13th - Competències Bàsiques ESO 4 - Basic Skills Tests / [Competències Bàsiques ESO 4- proves.](#)

15th - Primary 6A & B 'A Raig d'Aixeta' workshop all day / [Primària 6A i B- Taller 'A Raig d'Aixeta'- Tot el dia.](#)

15th - Primary 3 & 4 Planetarium activity - morning / [Primària 3 i 4- Activitat Planteri- matí.](#)

16th - (Saturday) EIC Annual Calçotada / [\(Dissabte\) Calçotada EIC.](#)

18th - Reception Assistants ESO 2B / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B.](#)

19th- BAT 2 Theatre Visit - Mirall Trencat / [BAT 2 Visita al Teatre - Mirall Trencat.](#)

19th - Pre-School P1&2 Parents' Meeting 5pm / [Reunió de pares de P1 i P2, 17h.](#)

20th - Pre-School P3,4 & 5 Parents' Meeting 5pm / [Reunió de pares de P3, P4 i P5 17h.](#)

20th - Primary 3 & 4 Parents' Open Afternoon, 3.30pm / [Tarde oberta per a pares a Primària 3 i 4, 15.30h.](#)

21st - ESO 4 Financial Talk, 10.35am / [Xerrada financera a ESO 4, 10.35h.](#)

21st - Primary 1 & 2, 5 & 6 Parents' Open Afternoon, 3.30pm / [Tarde oberta per a pares a Primària 1, 2, 5 i 6, 15.30h.](#)

22nd - 4th EIC University Fair / [4a Fira d'Universitats EIC.](#)

25th - Carnival Week / [Setmana de Carnestoltes.](#)

25th - Reception Assistants ESO 2B / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B.](#)

25th - Primary 5 & 6 Trip to Parlament de Catalunya i Barri Gòtic de Barcelona / [Primària 5 i 6- Sortida al Parlament de Catalunya i Barri Gòtic de Barcelona.](#)

26th - Pre School Reports / [Notes de Preescolar.](#)

27th - Second Term Exams, Secondary / [Exàmens segon trimestre, Secundària.](#)

28th - Carnival / [Carnestoltes.](#)

March / Març

1st - School Closed, Teacher Training Day / [Escola tancada, dia de formació per a professors.](#)

4th - School Closed, Bank Holiday / [Escola tancada, festa.](#)

5th - 25 - Reception Assistants ESO 2B / [Assistents de Recepció ESO 2B.](#)

6th - BAT 1 Japan Exchange departs / [BAT1 marxa d'intercanvi cap a Japó](#)

6th - BAT/IB 1 Parents' Evening, 4.45-7pm / [Reunió de pares de BAT/IB 1, 16.45h-19h.](#)

9th - (Saturday) Pre School Open Day for prospective families / [\(Dissabte\) Jornada de portes obertes de Preescolar.](#)

Life in School

€2,700 for charitable causes

In the recent TV3 La Marató and with the Non-Non-Uniform Day organised by the Senior Student Council, we raised a total of well over €2,700 for charitable causes. Well done everybody!



Storytelling activity

During the second term we are continuing with the Storytelling activity every Monday from 16:45 until 17:45 at the Preschool Library. Open to families and students of all ages.

Isi

Lamentem profundament la pèrdua de la nostra estimada companya Isi el passat dia 23 de gener. La Isi sempre tenia un gest de suport, una paraula dolça, un somriure amb tothom i, molt especialment, amb l'alumnat. Com a mostra de respecte i agraïment, el passat 28 de gener vam celebrar un acte en la seva memòria en què hi va participar tota la comunitat educativa juntament amb la família de la Isi. Va ser un acte emotiu precedit pel llimoner, l'arbre escollit per la família, el qual s'integrarà en el nostre "Memory Garden".

Theory of Knowledge and Nature of Science: a question to reflect upon

Is Science about facts or is it a way of thinking? Poincaré said "Science is built of facts the way a house is built of bricks: but an accumulation of facts is no more science than a pile of bricks is a house". Is this true? What does it mean? At EIC we want to help students question and understand how they know what they know. They study how experts from various disciplines view the world (Theory of Knowledge) and how scientific discoveries have been made (Nature of Science) in order to develop their own ways of thinking.

Premi Llegim Ciència

Well done to Hugo Fanjul, Laura Belmonte y Amanda Belmonte who have been selected as finalists for a prize in the contest Premi Llegim Ciència, organized by Vic University. Good luck!



IV Fira d'Universitats EIC

Més de 30 universitats nacionals i internacionals estaran presents a la nostra escola per celebrar la IV Fira Internacional d'Universitats EIC, el divendres 22 de febrer des de les 10.00 h. a les 13.30 h.

Aquesta fira és oberta a tots els alumnes de 4t d'ESO, Batxillerat i famílies de dins i fora de l'escola que vulguin conèixer de primera mà l'oferta educativa de més de 30 universitats, públiques i privades, nacionals i internacionals. És per aquest motiu que us animem a compartir-ho i fer-ne el màxim de difusió.

Us hi esperem!

'Problemes a l'Esprint'

We would like to congratulate the students of Primary 5 and 6 who took part in a mathematical contest called "Problemes a l'Esprint" on January 23rd.

They did a great job working in teams!



Puertas abiertas

La EIC organiza tres jornadas de puertas abiertas este curso, el 9 (infantil) y el 23 (primaria y secundaria) de marzo y el 4 de mayo (todos los niveles). ¡Os esperamos!

Practical information

- Children should not bring aerosols to school. They are a health risk to those who have asthma and they are also bad for the environment.
- **Early warning!:** The dates for the Pre School and Primary Spring Festivals will be Tuesday April 9th (Primary 3,4 & 6), Wednesday April 10th (Pre School) and Thursday April 11th (Primary 1,2 & 5).
- **Don't forget for your diary:**
Nit del Mecenatge - June 15th - a fundraising evening with great entertainment and food as well as the presentation of Socrates Educa Scholarships, 'Becas' for students and teachers.
The Second Jornades Pedagògiques - June 5th - a forum with inspiring and thought provoking speakers from the world of education, helping us develop a view of the future.
- **Important: absence from school- use the App!** If your child is absent from school, you must justify it on Alexia. The process is quick and you can add text in the App. Select "Incidents" and click on "view all". You can justify after your child has been marked absent by a teacher - not before, but all registers for the day will be finished by 5pm. You will also see how often he / she has been late. We are collecting absence and late data electronically, which is why there is not now a "Late List". Attendance and punctuality data will be included in future termly reports to families. Both are important in life and at work - please help your child to develop these values.
- **ESO students** - must sign out for lunch before 10am if parents have requested them to eat off the premises.
- **Uniform:** No buffs or scarves are to be worn in class during the cold weather. Teachers should not have to ask students to remove them. Our heating system is good, but it can be cold outside. Please ensure that your child wears the correct shoes.
- If you need to take your children out of school before the end of the day, please give us plenty of warning (not 5 minutes!) and preferably wait until 4.30 as it can cause disruption by taking a teacher out of a classroom activity. Do not ask them to leave during class, but at a lesson changeover - it causes less disruption to learning.

The EIC Clubs:

Here are the emails so that you can contact any of the Clubs to join in and support their activities:

- clubserveis@escolainternacional.org
- clubscience@escolainternacional.org
- clubsupport@escolainternacional.org
- clubart@escolainternacional.org
- clubsport@escolainternacional.org

FAQs

- **Shop times:** Tuesday & Thursday from 16:30 to 18:00 and Wednesday from 08:30 to 10:00.
- **MENUS FOR FEBRUARY:** The daily menus for February can be found in Alexia.
- **The Behaviour Code** can be found in your **child's planner** (Primary/Secondary) and in Alexia.
- **If you have problems logging into Alexia,** contact Reception.