



BCA Newsletter

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ACTIVE LEARNING

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER


As we approach the final month of the school year, there is huge energy and activity at the school with all kinds of diverse and rich learning experiences. The educator Kurt Hahn, who is regarded as a founder of 'experiential learning' (or 'learning by doing'), once said that:

"There exists within everyone a grand passion, an outlandish thirst for adventure, a desire to live boldly and vividly through the journey of life."

I believe that BCA is living quite boldly and vividly right now, and showing a great deal of passion and thirst for adventure.

I am immensely proud of the recent achievements of all of our students, supported by our staff and by parents. The last two weeks have seen our Primary students enjoying plenty of Outdoor Learning, and our Secondary students engaging in an action-packed activity week. Eagles have been exploring Space, Harriers have prepared and delivered their excellent Personal Projects, and most of the school was involved in some way in the filming for our new BCA video, which will showcase to the wider public the aspirations that we have for our wonderful school. All students are busy practising for Sports Day (in exactly two weeks time), and on top of that we have the intensive rehearsal schedule for Early Years and Primary Show, which will be the week after. Email communications have gone out on these events, backed up by Seesaw messages from the class teacher, as needed. Secondary students have been battling on the chess board against other schools. All of this on top of the regular high quality learning, in every class, every day, for every child. The images later in the Newsletter, from recent assessment testing, show that all the essential elements in the classroom continue, even though they may be less photogenic! Finally, I would like to thank our parent representatives for almost a year of work in keeping open the channels of communication, in a systematic and representative way.

Next week is Environment Week at BCA, leading up to [World Environment Day on 5th June](#), which has the theme this year of 'Only One Earth'. Students will be involved in a variety of curriculum-related activities that reinforce the idea of environmental stewardship i.e. each generation has a responsibility to look after the environment for the next generation. Please think about how you might reinforce this message at home and by your actions as a family.


Mr Harry Lock
Principal



Summer Camp

We're happy to let you know that, as per parent request, the bus service for the BCA Summer Camp has been confirmed for this July. Pick up will be at 8:40 from La Poste, Andorra la Vella, and drop off at 17:10 and there will be a weekly fee of 30€ per student.

As a reminder, the BCA Summer Camp will run throughout the month of July and will include a mix of academic elements, workshops (cooking, Lego, blind-folded video games, TikTok (12-15), and yoga (3-6), among others), as well as excursions to 360 Extreme and Pal Mountain Park.

You can find more detailed information [here](#).

If you're interested in signing up, the online form is [here](#).

As an FYI, a number of parents have asked if there is a registration deadline. The answer is no, as long as there are available spaces. As of now, this is the case all 4 weeks, although July weeks 1 and 2 have had most demand. If you're tentatively interested in one of these two weeks, please let us know so that we can save your space until you have a definite answer.

Thank you,

Tess Winiarski

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Other reminders

Please come to our UNICEF Bake Sale next week, on Wednesday 1st June at 16:00.

Parent Workshop 21st June, **15:30**, on the topic of 'Phonics': all parents from Cygnets, Penguins, Owls and Robins are invited. No need to book in advance.

School Fees, 2022-23: the deadline for paying school fees in advance for the whole school year 2022-23 (thereby benefiting from a 3% discount), is Friday 15th July at 12:00pm.

Absences. A reminder to all parents to avoid unnecessary absence, as this is disruptive to the continuity of learning for a child. Unless for medical reasons, or for difficult family circumstances, it is likely that the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Similarly, requests for early pick-ups on a Friday afternoon should continue to be avoided, since these too involve loss of learning.

Checkmate!

On Thursday 19th May, a number of our secondary students participated in the first Interschool Chess Tournament 2022 organised by l'EASESC (Escola Andorrana de Segona Ensenyança de Santa Coloma). Our participation in this tournament came after the recent formation of our BCA Chess Club, and considering the fact that many of our participants are relatively new to chess, the students performed exceptionally well. There were 109 participants in total, and we would like to give special congratulations to two of our students, who came 18th.

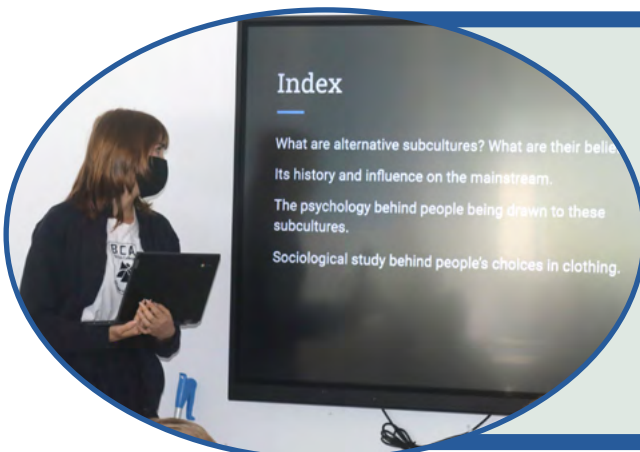
We are very proud of all of them, and hope to see them competing in further competitions in the future.



EAGLES SPACE CLASS DECORATION



HARRIERS' PRESENTATION

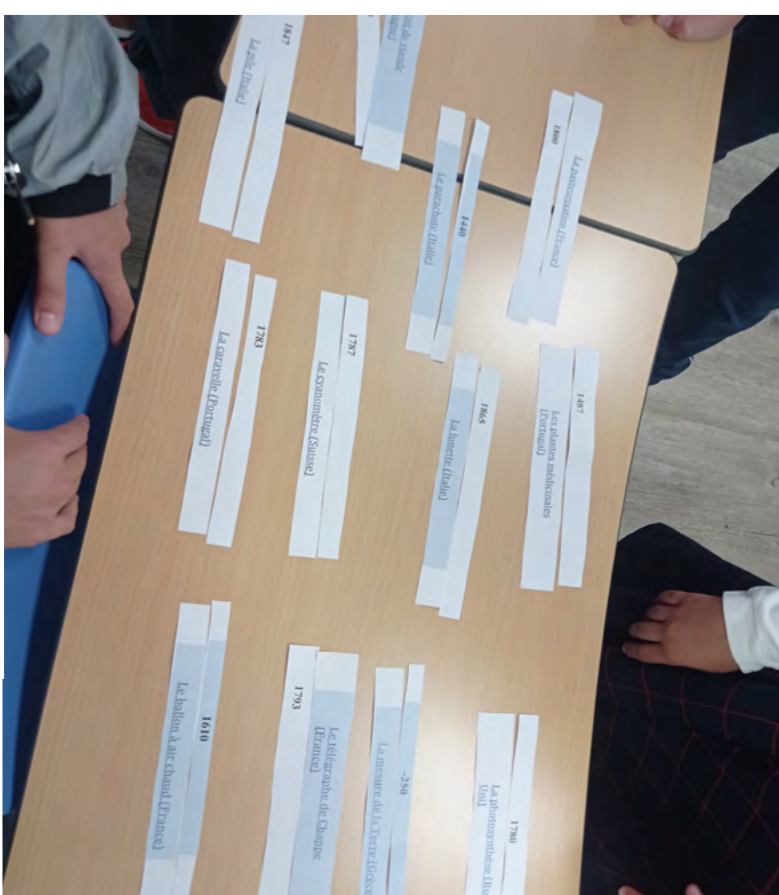


PRIMARY OUTDOOR LEARNING



REHEARSAL PRACTICE







SECONDARY TRIP



SCHOOL PHOTO

