



BCA Newsletter

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TEAMWORK AND RESPONSIBILITY



PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

With the recent long weekend, we have only had seven teaching days since the last Newsletter, but the calendar has been action-packed with a relentless focus on high quality learning, involving the whole BCA community. Our theme this week is teamwork and responsibility, as modelled so well by recent and coming school events.

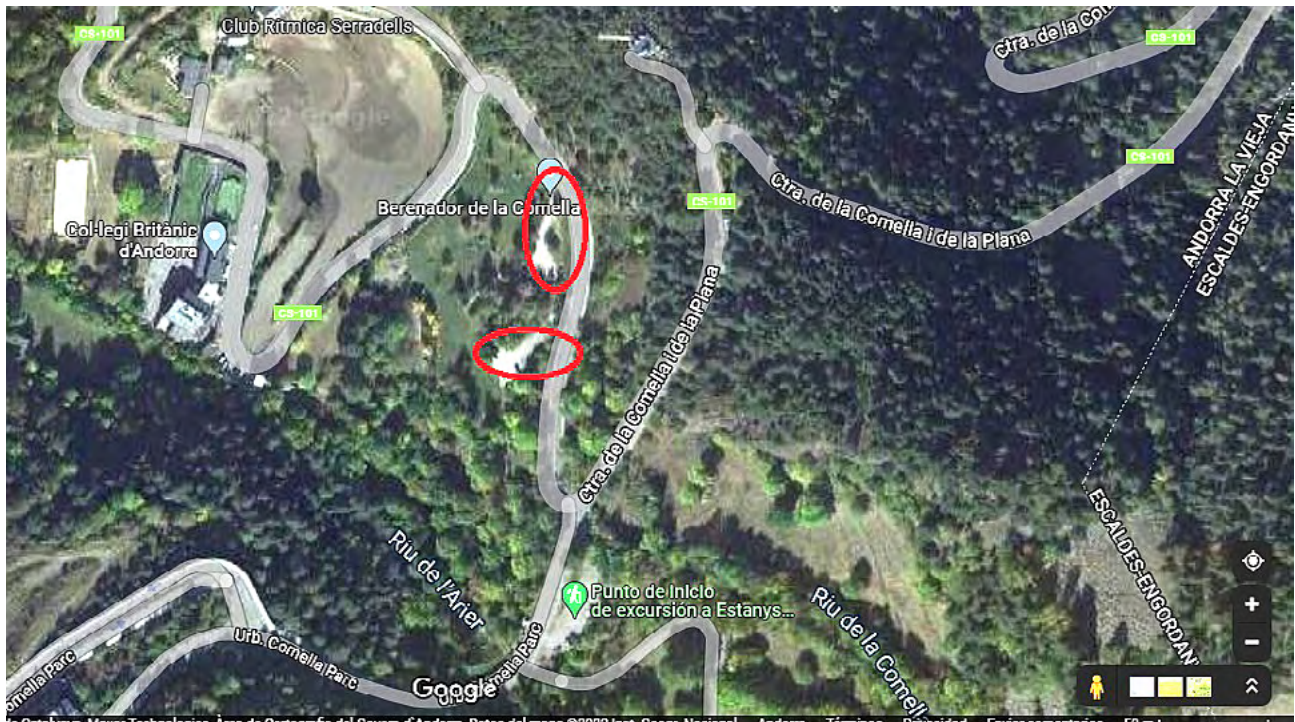
Thank you to all students, staff and parents for your participation and support in yesterday's Sports Day. It was the first time we have organised such a large-scale event, for 200 children, at a venue outside the school. As well as all the classic athletic events, I hope you also enjoyed the traditional races that you will see at any school sports day in Britain: 'The Egg and Spoon Race'; 'The Sack Race'; 'The Three-Legged Race'. These nicely demonstrate that, although there is a competitive side to Sports Day, the main reason we are there is simply to participate, have fun, and build friendships (and all the learning that comes along with these purposes). We will share photos from the day soon...

We also organised three days of learning activities linked to environmental sustainability. You will see some of these in the galleries below. We welcomed visitors from [Andorra Sostenible](#) to the school, who gave an interactive presentation to our Early Years and Primary students. It's important that we keep our own house in order too, as a school. To reduce plastic use we have already agreed that lamination of teaching resources, certificates etc is generally unnecessary. Similarly, next year we will rarely use 'glitter' in art display work, since glitter is a ready-made 'microplastic', and known environmental disruptor. Recycling facilities exist in every classroom. We continue our work towards recognition as an Eco-School (Escola Verda).

Next week we are looking forward to the performances of 'The Peace Child' on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Please refer to previous email communications for the date and timings of your invitation. A reminder that we ask you to park above the school, at one of the two picnic site car parks, and walk down (no more than 3 minutes), to ensure that the parking directly outside the school remains available for other parents doing the regular pick up.

On the topic of parking, a reminder not to park in the bus area (yellow markings). A reminder also not to drop off or pick up your child on the opposite side of the road,

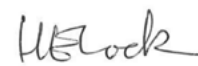
as this exposes them to significant risk when crossing the road at a busy time. We hope that one of the benefits of the staggered end to the school day, next term, will be to alleviate these issues.



In Newsletter No. 21, we included a link to a survey of parent and student interests in After School Activities for next term. The survey is still open, and we encourage you to complete it as soon as possible, since planning for the ASAs is already happening. Please find the [link here](#).

On Wednesday 15th June all of our Early Years and Primary children will have a 'transition experience' where they prepare to move to the year above. On this day, we are also inviting the children and parents of our new Nursery (Cygnets) class.

In classes the regular academic learning is going on. In Secondary, most classes have some form of final assessment task scheduled, to bring the year to a close.


Mr Harry Lock
Principal





Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at the Bake Sale! Almost all the cakes and bakes were sold, and we had a huge number of compliments on how delicious everything was. The Smartie Cake went to a family from Cygnets' class, as they estimated there were 1500 Smarties on the cake, getting very close to the right amount of 1600. With all our efforts we were able to raise nearly 600€ for UNICEF Andorra.

Paula Binsted,
Cygnets Class Teacher

BCA celebrated our first ever Environmental Week with a wide variety of activities and some fascinating cross-curricular experiences!

The Green Ambassadors created our 'Green Room' to showcase some excellent exhibits about the environment and ways we can improve our impact. This included:

- How to recycle paper and carton to create new paper
- What to use instead of paper and plastic (fabric bags, net bags and fabric napkins)
- The importance of bees and a homemade beeswax soap making station
- Plant life cycles and how to grow spider plants
- How to recycle correctly
- Creative Trash Upcycling Station



Guests

We had a guest speaker from Andorra Sostenible, Alexandre Rodríguez, join Cygnets, Penguins, Owls and Robins to give a wonderfully engaging presentation about recycling.



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They also joined Kingfishers, Hawks and Peacocks to discuss climate change and how it impacts us now and in the future. They also inspired the children to take action and gave us many practical solutions to implement in daily life to help reduce our impact on climate.



The next day the theatre came to BCA! El Somni de la Terra gave a spectacular performance on the interconnectedness of everything on earth. The play included dancing, singing and plenty of audience participation which gave the children the opportunity to put into action all the things they were learning in real time. The school has been taking all this new-found knowledge on board and are making a real effort to continue to cut down on the quantity of waste we create as well as correctly recycling the waste we do create.



Lessons

All our teachers created incredible environmentally focused lessons and projects during the week, for example,

Calculating our own carbon footprints, researching plastic alternatives, making lamps out of recycled materials, discovering environmental literature, discussing renewable resources and the linguistic differences used to describe the environment.

Mascot Competition

The voting for the Green School Mascot took place with over 150 entries from all year groups. There were some truly excellent options and everyone spent some time carefully deciding on a Mascot that would truly reflect the school's intentions.

We are delighted to announce that there were two winners that will be incorporated into the final design, the first is a superb drawing of the world thoughtfully layered with the contrast between the natural and the man made world by Helen Lai from Year 8 and the second, an intricate bird that reflects all the bird-themed names throughout the school as well as school being a time to lean to spread your wings and fly by Alexandra Quesada from Year 5.



YEAR 3 TRIP

The Kingfishers have been learning about the Stone Age and travelled to France to see some cave paintings. Some of the paintings that we saw were 16,000 years old!



All students were practising very hard to be prepared for the Sports Day. As you see Peacocks were having an outdoor lesson, as this is usual during the Summer Term.

