

THE EIC BULLETIN

February 2018



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,

Welcome to those families who joined us in January. During the year we admit new families to the school on a regular basis, from around the world and of all ages. It is very important to help children and families to integrate into the life of the community and the school community, so I am reminding you of three ways in which the EIC aims to help this.

Firstly, 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 and friendly atmosphere as well as newspapers (including in English) and it is an opportunity to meet other parents.

Secondly, we have the "Clubs" who organise activities to support the life of the school and the community - they represent the areas of Science; Community Support; Art, Leisure & Culture; Sport and

School Support. You are most welcome to join and can contact them via the emails below.

Thirdly, and 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 will be on Saturday 17th February and you will have received an email / seen the posters with details of tickets.

Open Days for prospective families are running and the first one will be on Saturday February 17th at 10.00 as we are now taking registrations for September 2018 - don't delay because the available spaces are being filled already and last year we had a huge demand.

January was 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, the Cerdanya and Belgium as well as the

Universities Fair and also academic testing with "Competències Bàsiques" which are basic skills tests enabling us to analyse academic progress in a detailed way compared to other schools in Catalonia.

Talking about routines, please read the item below about justifying absence from school. The app for Alexia is very good!

You will be pleased to

know that we have signed an agreement to host Cambridge English exams in EIC, of which more news soon, plus the chance for your children to sit the exams here.

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.

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 2018 / CALENDARI ESCOLAR: Febrer 2018

February / Febrer

1st - A Raig d'Aixeta - Primary 6 visit to Salou Water Works / A Raig d'Aixeta - Visita de 6è de Primària a la planta depuradora de Salou
1st - ESO 4 to BAT/IB Parents' Information Meeting, 5pm / Reunió informativa de pares de 4t d'ESO a BAT/IB, 17h
3rd - First Lego League Competition / Competició First Lego League
5th - Reception Assistants ESO 2A / Assistents de Recepció 2n d'ESO A
6th & 7th - ESO 4 Basic Skills / 4t d'ESO Competències Bàsiques
7th - ESO 2 Parents' Evening, 4.45pm / Reunió de Pares de 2n d'ESO, 16.45h
8th - 3rd EIC Universities Fair / 3a Fira d'Universitats EIC
8th - Pre School & Primary Carnival Party / Festa de Carnestoltes de Preescolar i Primària
9th - Teacher Training Day, School closed for students / Dia de formació de professors, escola tancada per als estudiants
12th - Carnival Bank Holiday, School closed / Festa de Carnaval, escola tancada
13th - Chinese New Year Week / Setmana de l'Any Nou xinès
14th - Pre School reports to families / Notes de Preescolar per a les famílies
15th - Financial Education talk, ESO 4 - Intelligent Investment / Xerrada d'educació financera, 4t d'ESO - Inversió intel·ligent
16th - Chinese Lunch / Dinar xinès
17th - Open Day for New Families / Jornada de portes obertes per a noves famílies
19th - Reception Assistants Pri 6B / Assistents de Recepció 6è B de Primària
19th to 23rd - Crèdit de Síntesis trip to Cerdanya, ESO 1 & 2 / Viatge de Crèdit de Síntesi a la Cerdanya, 1r i 2n d'ESO
21st to 28th - ESO 3 Exchange trip to Belgium / Intercanvi de 3r d'ESO - viatge a Bèlgica
21st - Pre School Open Day, 4pm / Jornada de portes obertes de Preescolar, 16h
23rd - Pri 3 & 4 Visit to Canyelles (restaurant / food production) / Visita a Canyelles (restaurant / producció de menjar) de 3r i 4t de Primària
23rd - 100th Day for Primary 1 / 100 dies de 1r de Primària
28th - BAT/IB2 Parents' Evening, 4.45 / Reunió de pares de 2n de BAT/IB, 16.45h

March / Març

1st - Pri 3 Food Bank Collection starts / 3r de Primària comença la recolecta del Banc d'Aliments
1st - ESO 4 Financial Talk - Tax and You / Xerrada financera per a 4t d'ESO - Impostos
3rd - Calçotada / Calçotada
5th - Primary 3 Skills tests this week / Test de competències per a 3r de Primària aquesta setmana

Life in School



III EIC Universities Fair

The Third EIC Universities Fair will take place in the EIC on Thursday 8th February, with at least 25 national and international universities taking part. The timing is from 10.00 to 13.30 and all families are welcome.

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 7th - a forum with inspiring and thought provoking speakers from the world of education, helping us develop a view of the future.



Physics in IB

This week our Physics IB students used technology to investigate the features of simple harmonic motions. After recording a video of hanging masses, they have analysed it with a specific software and created graphs of displacement and velocity versus time.



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 24th. They did a great job working in teams!

Jornada de Puertas Abiertas

El próximo sábado 17 de febrero la EIC celebra la primera jornada de puertas abiertas para el curso 2018/2019. La jornada empezará a las 10 y durará hasta las 13h. Las familias participantes podrán conocer el proyecto de la escuela, el trabajo que se hace en los diferentes educativos y visitar las instalaciones.

Carnaval 2018 - ESO

We know that students in ESO would like to continue the tradition from Primary and Pre-School, so next week on Thursday 8th February, there will be the chance to take part (tutors / teachers will inform you during the week).

New Bus Route:

We are pleased to announce that next week we will be launching our new bus route from the south. Working with our partner Llosa, we have agreed to run a daily service from Ametlla de Mar, opening up access to our students from the Ebro Delta area, and to other families in the future.

Practical information

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
clubsuport@escolainternacional.org
clubart@escolainternacional.org
clubesport@escolainternacional.org

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.

VISITORS

We have opened a Visitors' Book which all visitors to the School are required to sign (in/out) and visitors need to wear a badge identifying themselves. This will improve security on the site. Obviously, when dropping off children in the Entrance Hall it is not necessary to sign in!

SUSTAINABILITY - CYCLING TO SCHOOL

We have installed a bike park now so that you can ride to school. The cycle path from Vilaseca to Salou goes right past our door. Your bike will be parked inside the school, through the side gate and will be safe during the daytime and under cover. You must wear a helmet and bring a bike lock. There is also a bike rack outside the school for visitors. We will open the side gate from 8.20 - 8.30 and from 4.30 - 4.40. Please notify Reception if you need access at other times, for example at lunchtime.

EARLY ARRIVALS PRIMARY / SECONDARY

If your children arrive at school early, they should wait at the Main Entrance. The doors open at 8.20am.

If your child is travelling a long distance and needs to enter early, for example due to train times, please notify Reception.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

You can order your child's birthday cake ("coca") from the Café. Ask for details.

GENERAL

- ESO students - must sign out for lunch before 10am if parents have requested them to eat off the premises.
- 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.
- 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.

FAQs

MENUS FOR FEBRUARY

The daily menus for February can be found in Alexia.

ALEXIA

The Behaviour Code can be found in your child's planner (Primary) and in Alexia.

If you have problems logging into Alexia, contact Reception.

EIC shop times

Tuesday & Thursday: open from 16:30 to 18:00.

Wednesday: open from 08:30 to 10:00.

*We recommend ordering in advance online.