

Dear Parents,

We were preparing this newsletter to be sent to you all and then.....we suddenly find ourselves in a very strange and challenging situation. I would still like to share the various activities that have been taking place in school with you, although there are, of course, some amendments to our upcoming events.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work, to the parents for their ongoing support, the pupils for embracing the change to their learning environment and to everyone in our school community for their positivity and team spirit.

- **New School Building**

As you know, this term the pupils in Years 9 to 11 have started to use the new building which we are calling the Upper school. We would like to thank all of the parents who came to visit our new installations during the open afternoons last week.

EBAU exam, and of course they enable entry to universities in the UK, throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. We hope that many of you will chose to continue trusting in BSL for your children’s higher education.



We are delighted to confirm that our post-16 education will be starting in September 2020. The A' level courses are highly thought of in international education. Not only are they an easy way to homologate to the Bacchillerato, but they also currently enable entry to Spanish universities without having to sit the

- **Exams**

All summer exams for IGCSE and A' Levels around the world have been cancelled. The exam board will work with us to ensure that the pupils receive grades and certificates for all of their subjects, based upon teacher assessment and previous grades. All the year 11 pupils and teachers will continue to work hard to ensure that the very best grades are awarded.

The Spanish IGCSE exams for pupils in Year 10 have been postponed until November.

Cambridge Starters, Movers, Flyers and First Certificate exams for pupils in Years 2, 4, 5 and 9 will still be going ahead. Closing dates have been made more flexible so for any parents who would still like their children to take these exams, we can accept applications up until this Friday 27th March.

- **Ski Trip**

Parents of pupils who went on the ski trip in February will already know that the trip was a great success. All of the children and teachers had a brilliant time and our pupils as always behaved very well throughout. We were very impressed with the quality of accommodation and classes and hope to organize further ski trips with Naturenglish in the future.



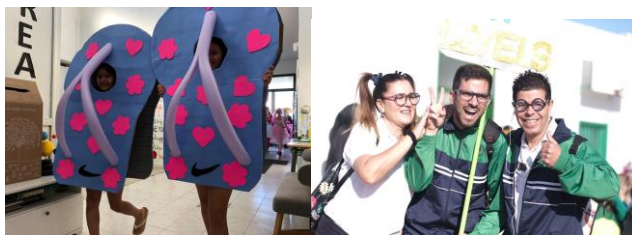
- **Maguez Nature Learning Centre**

Pupils in Year 4 also enjoyed their 2 nights stay in the Nature Learning Centre in Maguez in February. Hosted by the Cabildo's Aula de la Naturaleza this annual trip is always very successful and children enjoy country walks and workshops whilst bonding as a group and learning to be independent.

- **Escuela y Salitre**

This year pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 took part in sessions to learn about water safety and practiced windsurfing, canoeing and sailing at the Club Nautico in El Cable.

- **Carnival**



Pupils and teachers looked amazing again this year. We are always so impressed by everyone's creativity and the effort made, well done! You can find some photos of our carnival parade on our Facebook page.

- **El Garañon**

The recent trip to El Garañon in Las Palmas was an incredible success, with all of the students coming closer together and developing stronger bonds, whilst enjoying the challenging and fun activities administered by the friendly and helpful staff at the centre. The teachers were extremely impressed by both the behaviour of the students and their willingness to embrace the tasks given to them, which were a stern test of their mental and physical strength and which, we are proud to say, each student passed with top marks!

- **Easter Egg Competition**

As many of you already know, we celebrate an Easter egg decorating competition every year, and we would like to continue the tradition, albeit in a different format! Each class teacher will give instructions to their class, and we hope that we will have lots of fabulous eggs to see!

- **Primary Sports Day**

This year our Primary Sports Day was due to take place on Wednesday 15th April. This event will be postponed until further notice.

- **Y6 Trip to England**

The trip, which was to take place in May, has also been postponed. We would like to thank Year 6 and their parents for all their hard work in fundraising. It won't go to waste as we hope they will be able to go next year instead.

- **Zapatillas Solidarias / Christmas Charity Collections**

We'd like to thank parents and pupils for donating sports shoes for this worthy cause. BSL were able to give 3 big boxes of shoes to be sent to children and young adults in Equatorial Guinea.

We would also like to thank you all very much for your generosity in contributing to our Christmas charity collections: One Kilo, One Smile was as always a great success with lots of useful products donated for families in need via the Spanish Red Cross. And on our Christmas jumper day we raised 136€ for the charities: Pequeño Valiente and Save the Children.

On behalf of the entire school, I would like to wish you all the very best for you and your families, and we hope you keep safe and sane!

Yours faithfully,

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