



# Bellver International College Newsletter

## Principal's News February 2013



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### Big changes scheduled for Bellver for September 2013

The face of education is ever changing and technology is fast becoming an indispensable teaching tool. To this end it has been decided that every classroom in the Primary department will be kitted out with the latest in interactive whiteboards.

We anticipate that the children will start benefitting from this investment straight after the Easter holidays.

We are also planning to introduce cloakrooms for the exclusive use of all children in the Primary classes which will increase the physical space in the classrooms.

This should be in place by September.

Plans are going ahead for the development of a dining hall for the use of all students. This will necessitate the relocation of computers and lockers to a refurbished library and sixth form study area. We aim to have these developments in place for the start of the new academic year (September 2013).

Plans for next year also include investment in the school hall which will allow for the introduction of A Level Drama and Theatre Arts to the post sixteen curriculum.

The Art Department will also benefit from these changes to the physical infrastructure to the school with improved facilities and resources.

Watch this space!

# Early Years & KS1

The Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Jovent Farm where they saw animals, went riding on a horse, made magdalenas, planted seeds and generally had fun having lunch and playing together.

A jolly good time was had by all!!



Infants and Reception had a special lunch together on the 8<sup>th</sup> February

They made macaroni 'a la Bellver' and generally had a wonderful and messy time.



# Primary School News

## Line of the week

Every Friday Bellver's primary department holds its weekly house point assembly during which the "Line of the Week" certificate is given to the class that is able to line up beautifully at the end of each playtime. The children in Year 1 have been busy tallying the scores and are proud to announce that they are the current winners, with 6 certificates!

These are the current scores:

Year 1- 6 certificates

Year 2- 2 certificates

Year 3- 4 certificates

Year 4- 1 certificate

Year 5- 2 certificate

Year 6- 0 certificates

Will we keep being the winners or will the others catch up?

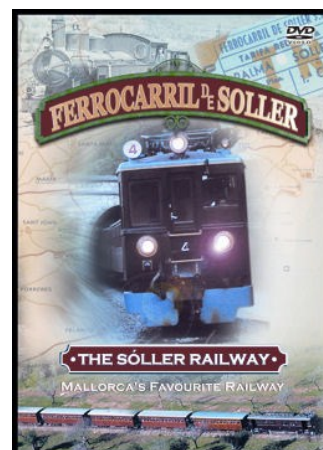


# Year 5

This term Year 5 have enjoyed investigating the history of many types of transport in our 'Terrific Transport' topic.

We have looked at transport around the world and have considered how transport effects the environment and impacts on our lives.

Highlights have included travelling on the historic Soller railway, making 3D buses and plasticine models of aeroplanes and discovering the history of the London Underground.



# Year 6

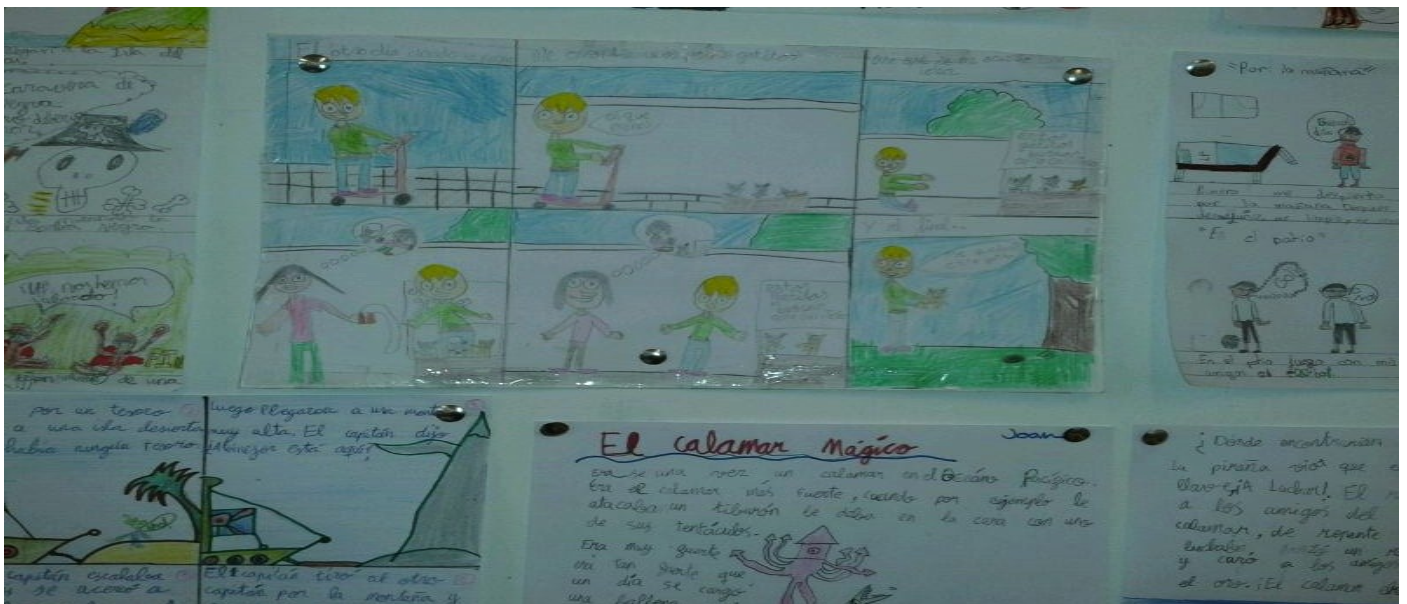
This term year 6 have been learning about the 'Wonders of the World', including the Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal in India. Fuelled by their interest in the different cultures of these countries, the children have gone on to learn about Indian traditions, popular culture, celebrations, food and customs including the art of Rangoli and Henna patterns. The class celebrated their 'journey' through India with a themed 'Indian day' on Friday 8th February. Children tasted typical Indian snacks, watched a Bollywood film in Hindi and came to school dressed in traditional Indian dress for the day. They then showed it off to the rest of the Primary school during a funky fashion show in the afternoon!



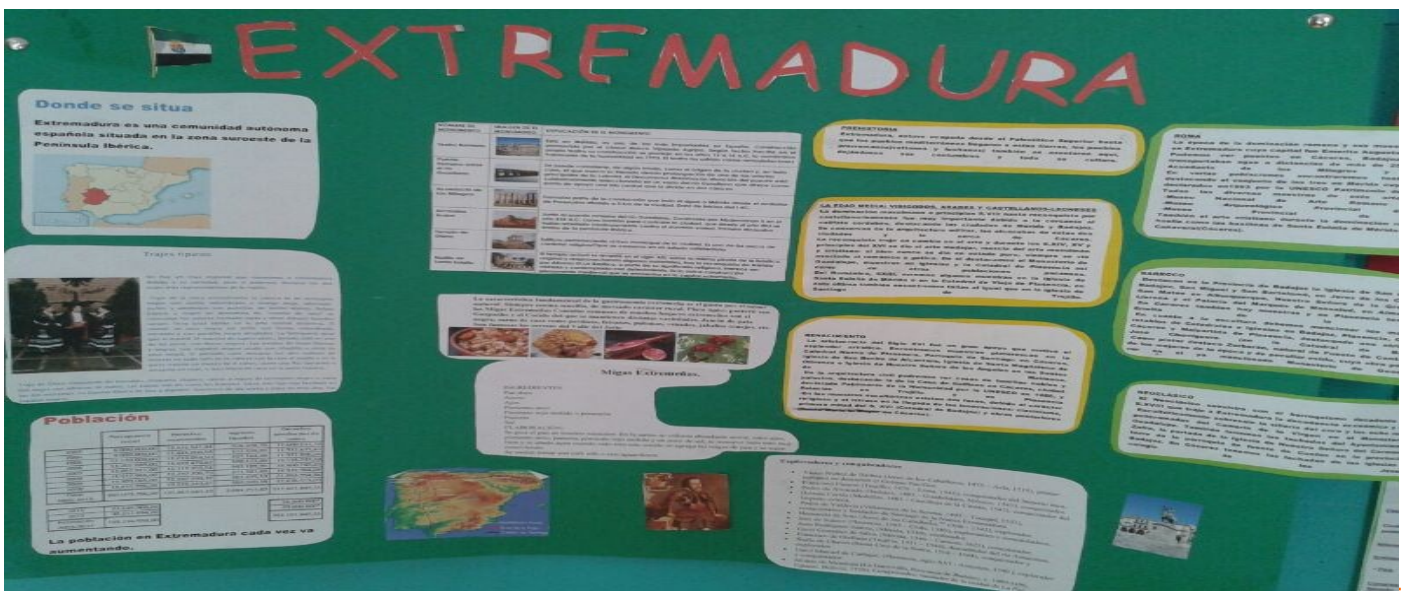
# Espanola

Los alumnos de Year 4 han realizado cómics con viñetas claramente diferenciadas, carteles con las palabras del narrador, con bocadillos de diferentes clases y onomatopeyas.

Después cada alumno/a ha explicado el contenido del cómic.



Los alumnos y alumnas de Year 7 han realizado un trabajo sobre las Comunidades Autónomas en España. Exponiendo el trabajo en clase y degustando la comida típica de algunas de las Comunidades.



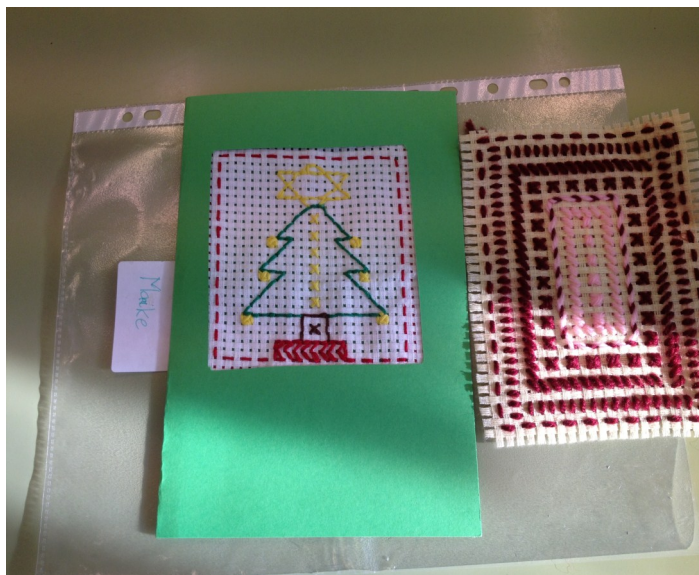
# Extra Curricular Activities

Bellver Sewing Club began in November 2012.

It consists of 10 young girls from Years 5 and 6 who are extremely enthusiastic.

They started by learning to sew some simple stitches.

This developed into a small piece of work which was made into a Christmas card.



## The Leo's club roar into action

After a successful presentation from the Islands Lions Club, Bellver is pleased to announce the start of the Bellver Leo's Club. A group of Bellver pupils have begun to set up their own charity organisation, electing their own director, treasurer and deputy to run the group. They are beginning to plan and develop ideas aimed at raising money for areas on the Island that they believe need help. Keep tuned to find out what the Leo's Mission will be and how you can help make a difference too.

The next meeting will be 26th February where the students will decide the organisation of their club.

# SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS



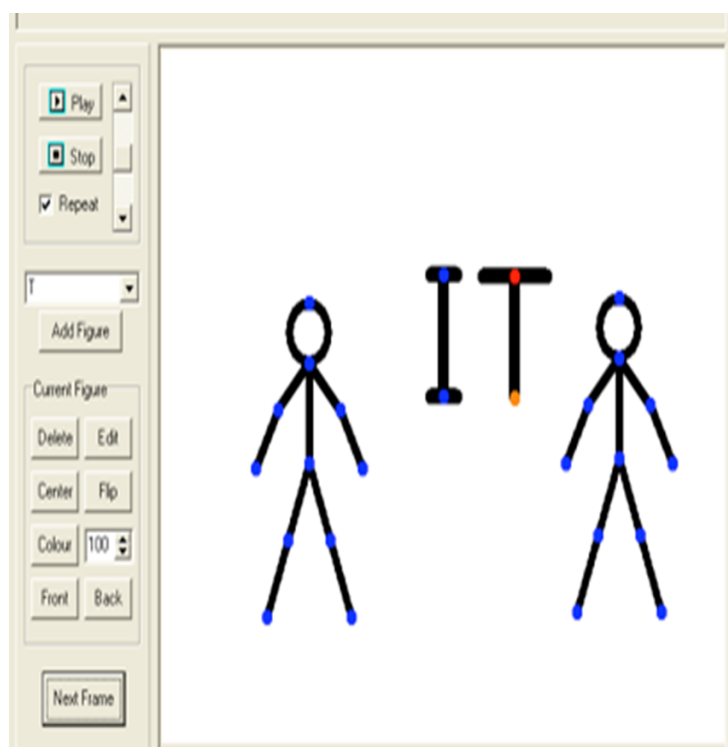
## LENGUA & CULTURA ESPAÑOLA



Year 9 had to create a political party and make a presentation in class for the subjects of Lengua and Cultura española. World would be a better place if they could actually carry out their interesting proposals.



## ICT Department



During this term, Y8 have been learning about animation.

They have learnt about how to import objects, add text, and how frames are used in animations.

Y8 used a program called Pivot to complete their animations.



# Science Department

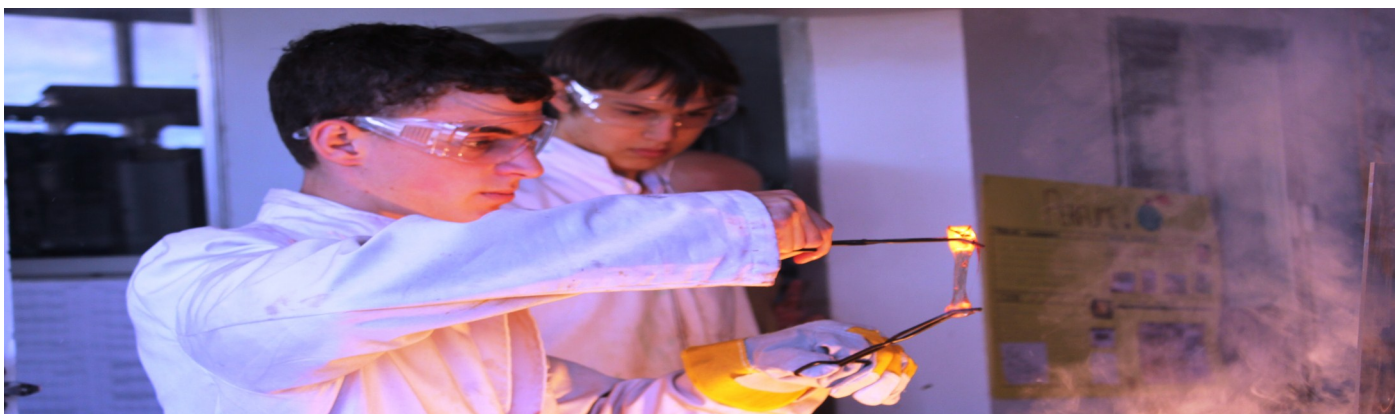


## Science Fair

The science fair took place in December 2012. All the children in the senior school were given the opportunity to act like scientists - to carry out research, to design, make and test models, to plan experiments and obtain and present evidence.

Pupils from all year senior year groups demonstrated their skills and knowledge to the whole school population and parents on the day. There were robots, demonstrations of sound waves, batteries made with fruit and fruit juices, exploding bottles of coke and flying rockets and much, much more.

The day was a huge success and already plans are being made to replicate the experience next year.





## YEAR 9

AHEAD OF THE GAME

We are very proud of our current Year 9 English students, who have shown so much potential in their English studies that we have decided to enter them for their IGCSE examination in English as a Second Language one year early.

When we suggested this opportunity to the Year 9 English class, they proved very receptive to the idea and have applied themselves superbly well to mastering each key element of the syllabus.

Thus far, they have proved themselves as being more than capable of achieving encouraging results and we look forward to them realising their potential in the imminent February Mock Examinations.

We wish them all the very best!

## KEY STAGE 3 MAKES A DRAMA OUT OF IT!

Key Stage 3 Drama students are showing great potential in their exploration of their current unit of work.

They have been exploring a variety of dramatic devices and techniques in creating characters, dramatic backstories and dramatic treatments in order to build an ensemble piece, entitled 'The Bus'.

The work is still at the devising stage but their enthusiasm bodes well for an interesting improvisational drama, incorporating a stylistic approach in which every student adopts a key performance role.

Watch this space!



## IGCSE DRAMA

This is the first year that Bellver will be entering the IGCSE Drama examination course. Five students in year 11 have already completed the performance unit of the course, achieving high B to A\* grades. They are now preparing for the written unit which they will sit in May. There are another five students already embarking on the course in year 10.

With two highly qualified Drama specialists here in Bellver we intend to be offering A level Drama and Theatre Studies this September, the only international school on the island to be doing so.



One of our year 11 Drama students, Alain Gerondeau, has been accepted on to a summer course at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA) in London this August.

Congratulations!





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# Humanities Department



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In year 9 geography we have been studying globalisation.

The students have really enjoyed learning about the role of Nike and Apple in our ever changing world and have created an amazing display which explains how they feel about the treatment of the workers in LEDC's.



During this term, Y10 have been investigating the impacts of global warming and acid rain. To help us understand the consequences of our increasing reliance on fossil fuels and the impacts they have on our environment, we tested a range of rock samples with water and an acid based solution.

The boys were amazed at the results and have a new understanding of the effects of weathering and erosion on our environment.



## Storming Normans !



The year was 1066 and William duke of Normandy (Gabriel) and Harold Godwinson (Salva) faced each other in the Battle of Hastings, the prize was the English Throne. Year Seven had spent a module in History learning about the causes, events and effects of this fight to be the English King and felt that it was only fitting they recreate the Battle. So they put on their armour and sharpened their swords and took part in an epic and gruesome battle that saw William become the Conqueror and place the crown upon his head.



The narrators played by Claudia, Kira, Isa and Sophia all learnt their lines and between the clashing of weapons and dying soldiers articulated them perfectly. Carlos was an accurate shot with his arrow which delivered the final blow to poor Harold straight through his eye. This module has been enjoyed by all and the costumes provided by parents really helped to create a great atmosphere for this momentous battle which was witnessed by early years.

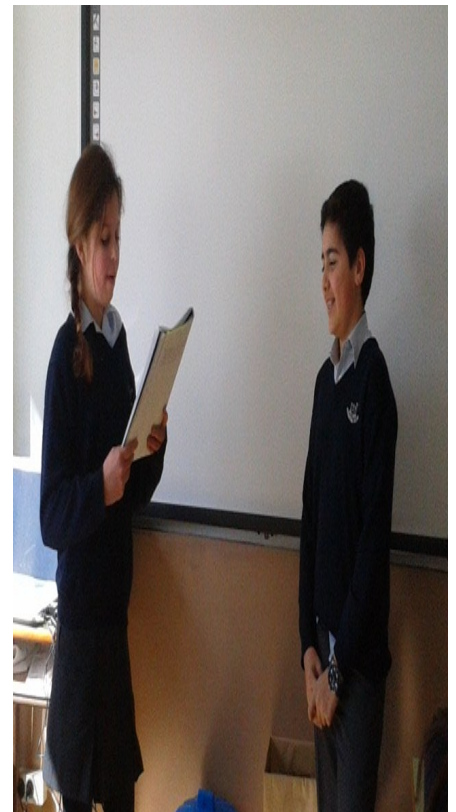
## Personal, Social & Health Education



During this second term, KS3 have been working very hard on a project about the different body systems.

Year 8 class we have been learning about stereotyping in terms of what a male or female should be or do, to value equal opportunity and respect the dignity of all.

With year 9 we have been discussing about how much of a role does society play in teen's perspective of his or her body.





# Art & Design



Year 8 craft students painted a series of graffiti images on the hand painted brick walls leading down the stairway to the hall. . They also made a three dimensional peace sign as an emblem to the political needs of our time.



Year 7 art students created fabric pictures of underwater sea creatures , landscapes , birds in trees and horses in the meadow as part of our exploration of working in different media.



A year 10 art and design student has sculpted a clay head, with hair that is tossed between the tentacles of an octopus



A year 11 art and design student has constructed an abstract sea creature inspired by the seascape theme.

