



Morna International College

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TAG RUGBY CUP WINNERS!

All pupils from Year 6 to Year 11 received one special training session in their PE class to learn how to play tag rugby. Year 6 and 7 were obviously paying attention because they went on to become Ibiza junior 'Alevin' champions in a competition against 11 other teams which took place on Saturday 1st April. They won all five of their games!

The team were: Ben Hartmann, Claudia Pinedo, Jamie Thompson, Matthew Walker, Morgana Peci-Malik, Sara Marin and two (ex-pupil) guests. Our senior team will be playing next Saturday and we wish them every success.

LUNCH SERVICE MAKES A HEALTHY START

The school dining room was opened on Monday 27th March and the full lunch service finally got under way three days after that. There has been a good uptake for the lunch, more than one third of the school tried it on the first day and the number has increased every day since then. Teaching staff feel that the use of the dining room is encouraging healthier and less hurried eating habits for all pupils, whether they bring their own packed lunch or eat the school menu. Some minor amendments have been made to both the main and Infants menus and the edited versions have now been published.

EXTERNAL EXAMS START

This years IGCSE examinations have now started with the oral components in Spanish and German and the practical examinations in Art. The full exam session begins in May.

LIBRARY OPEN

The school library is now open and being used on a regular basis by many pupils. Timetables have been established for individual and whole class use, and the supervision provided by the school is being supplemented by parent volunteers. New stock for the reference section, ordered earlier this term, is about to arrive. Ipamic will be making a donation from their fund-raising and have organised a collecting box for second hand books. Further purchases will soon be made using the 'Red House Book Club' commission. Books have now been catalogued and the computerised borrowing system will be in use after Easter.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The inter-house basketball competition that took place on Friday 17th February concluded in a Tagomago victory followed by Espalmador and Conejera. The last day of this term will see a Secondary section talent show which will also be judged as a house competition. Plenty of points will be available for all who are prepared to 'have a go', participation being the main objective of the event. The list of items is looking very good, both in terms of quantity and quality.

The Primary section are enthusiastically preparing for their own dance competition which will take place on Thursday of this week.

PARENTS AS AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

We are looking to increase parental involvement in the form of contributions to our PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education) programme, careers guidance and other curriculum areas. We are also interested in establishing contacts in order to be able to offer short work experience placements to our older pupils. Ipamic have agreed to collaborate with this and have circulated a letter asking for potential volunteers.

MORNA IN THE MARCH EXHIBITION

On Sunday 12th March the school were given the opportunity to represent ourselves on the British stand at the International Exhibition (Encuentro de Pueblos y Culturas) that took place in the 'Recinto Ferial'. Visitors to the stall were able to see a slide show of our pupils and their work, test their fine motor skills with an electric circuit experiment, and even learn how to solve a linear equation using a balance. Many people passed by and picked up information about the school.

TOP T-SHIRT DESIGNER

The Primary section and some Secondary pupils have taken part in a competition to produce a T-shirt design on the theme of 'the school of the future'. The winning design is being chosen from among many strong competitors and the prize winner will be announced on Friday. The school will be ordering T-shirts for all pupils with this design, to be worn at the inauguration ceremony next term.

EXCURSIONS

Year 8 went on a guided tour of the Nature Park in Sta. Ines on Monday 13th March and therefore all secondary classes have had either one or two excursions since the start of the year. The possibility of an extended trip to mainland Spain (or elsewhere) is being studied for the end of the third term.

SAD MOMENT

On Wednesday 22nd March Year 6 pupils and Leslie, their form tutor, held a farewell ceremony for Jan Marius Zimmerman, a member of their class who died under tragic circumstances. The pupils wrote letters and released them with helium balloons. They also planted three rose bushes in his memory. Brian Heasley, the Ipamic president spoke briefly at the event offering his support to the class.

ART TO SAVE LIVES

A number of secondary pupils have submitted art work to the Consell Insular competition to design a poster on the theme of road safety. Entries have also been submitted to the ONCE national art competition. Given last year's success in both of these we are waiting optimistically for the results.

UNIVERSITY PLACES

Congratulations to our two Year 13 pupils, Lara and Antonia, both of whom have received conditional offers from universities in the UK. Their definitive placement will, of course, depend on the final 'A' level results so we wish them every success in these.

INTERIM REPORTS

All pupils in Primary and Secondary will be taking home interim reports at the end of this week. Follow up meetings with tutors will take place after the holidays in cases where either the school or individual parents consider them necessary.

NEXT TERM

A major event next term will be the official school inauguration ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Santa Gertrudis site. Since the move in September 2004, work has continued on developing both the site and the curriculum and we feel that it deserves a formal 'ceremonial' start. The day (in June) will be announced immediately after the holidays. The theme of looking at schools in the past and the future will be brought in to many aspects of the teaching programme in the days leading up to the event and pupils will be involved in the ceremony as speakers and performers.

LA VERSION DE ESTA CARTA EN CASTELLANO ESTARA DISPONIBLE EN SECRETARIA EL VIERNES 7 DE ABRIL.