



Morna International College

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DINING ROOM OPENING

The interruption in the school lunch service should be brought to an end in time to start next term. After a careful review of the external catering options available we have decided to advance plans for installing a kitchen and preparing food on site.

Once this becomes functional a sample weekly menu and prices will be published. Lunches will be served in the new dining area which is now almost prepared and furnished.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRIP TO GESA

On Thursday 14th November Years 9 and 11 visited GESA in Ibiza town. Lead by Adrian and myself we were met by a genial host who showed us around with a lot of interesting facts and even more impressive machinery. Adrian was thankfully able to translate when necessary (not very often in fact!) while I was surprised to find that the fuel burned is low grade bitumen and the constant smell outside Eroski supermarket is not produced by Gesa! The day proved a success and this trip will go straight on to the calendar for next year.

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INTER-HOUSE QUIZ

The second house competition in this year's programme took place on Wednesday 30th November in the form of a general knowledge quiz. Teams competed in three sections: Years 5 and 6, Years 7 and 8 and Years 9, 10 and 11.

After two rounds Es Palmador had a strong lead, however an outstanding performance from the Year 9 to 11 Conejera team resulted in their winning the overall competition by just one point. The scores were as follows:

First round (years 5 and 6):

Conejera 21, Es Palmador 20, Tagomago 17.

Second round (years 7 and 8):

Conejera 15, Es Palmador 24, Tagomago 17.

Third round (years 9, 10 and 11):

Conejera 23, Es Palmador 14, Tagomago 16.

Final scores:

Conejera 59

Es Palmador 58

Tagomago 53.

All but three of the questions or problems were answered by at least one of the teams, this giving credit to our pupils' collective general knowledge.

PRIMARY VISIT CAN CAUS FAIR

Can Caus opened their annual agricultural fair and show on Friday 4th November. Given that transport was not an issue we took advantage and gave all pupils in the Infants and Primary sections the chance to visit the exhibition, where they were able to see a large collection of animals and examples of local food produce.

MERCY TRUCKS

On Monday 31st of October pupils in Years 7 and 8 had the opportunity to attend an illustrated talk by Roy and Catherine Dixon. Roy and Catherine represent the organisation Mercy Trucks who at present are helping with reconstruction work in the parts of Sri Lanka that were affected by the tsunami. Part of their work involves supporting a school in that area and our pupils agreed to exchange letters with the children there.

HOME MADE BREAD

One of the recent highlights of my day was the chance to taste the bread that had been made by pupils in Year 3 with the collaboration of Anabel Kindersley. Pupils learnt how to prepare the mixture for themselves, a new skill which I hope their families will make the most of.

INTERACT GROUP

On Friday 4th November Bettina Ruehl (Year 12) and her father Peter gave an introductory talk to older secondary pupils about forming a local Interact group, supported by the International Rotary Club. This would allow a group of young people to meet regularly and work on community service initiatives both on a local and international level and to make contact with similar groups throughout the world. In a second meeting Bettina, Ruehl, Antonia Bayer, Lara Hunt and Eleonora Rossi (all from Years 12 and 13) agreed to be the founding members of the group.

EVENTS THIS MONTH:

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND FAIR

The Christmas concert and fair will take place on **Wednesday 14th December starting at 14:00**. An extensive musical repertoire will be presented, involving everyone from Infants to Secondary and some teaching staff.

The fair will be set up in parallel and therefore can be visited as soon as the concert finishes. Secondary pupils will be organising stalls offering a variety of games, activities and 'Christmas items' for sale, many of which have been made by the Primary section pupils. The money raised will be donated to a charitable organisation chosen by the pupils at their next council meeting.

The parents association (IPAMIC) will also be running some stalls to raise money for their school support projects.

MUSIC FOR CAN BERNAT.

A representative group of singers and musicians from the school will be providing the music for the 'Help the Aged' benefit lunch at Can Bernat on Thursday 15th December.

REPORTS

All pupils will be receiving full written reports on Friday 16th December to provide a clear statement about their academic progress and/or to give advice for further improvement.