



WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT?

A mere two years ago, after four years of international debating, our teachers were attempting to select a team of six debaters, from the trials that showcased the brilliance and eloquence of many. A few months later, we were travelling halfway across the globe, to compete on an international stage in Mexico City. Returning triumphantly, with the trophy safely packed in a suitcase - only to be lost in transit - hosting the competition the year after was the last thing on our minds.

Yet, the moment arrived. On the first day of trips, we were met by the familiar faces of The Edron Academy (Mexico) and St Paul's School (Brazil). We started at the Malaga Port and then visited the Picasso Museum, before ambling through the narrow streets in search of the best churro place in the city. Contented, we returned to go to the Alcazaba Castle - the labyrinthine fortress dating from the Muslim period. The day was concluded with a brief trip to the Larios shopping street - and an unsuccessful post-card competition, initiated by Mr Hickman.

Saturday morning dawned, and the tension was high amongst the teams, as we gathered on the school buses that would take us to EIC. Throughout the day of prepared debates, one draw and two victories saw us through to the final rounds in a favourable position. It is fair to say that the highly entertaining showcase debate - with Kamryn proudly representing EIC - provided us all with a much needed catharsis.

The next day was accompanied by a simultaneous apprehension, and eagerness to find out the spontaneous topics. Our quarter-finals would be, in the words of Mr Willis, "like travelling back in time" - coming up against our old rivals, the Edron Academy, was sure to be exciting. The audience was packed, and to our delight, the debate lived up to its hype: an intellectually stimulating affair, from which we emerged victorious by a narrow margin.

Thus, the anticipated moment had arrived: an EIC Blue versus EIC White

semi-final. The tension truly mounted as we gathered in the exam hall, students, teachers and parents flocking into the scarce available space, eager to witness this moment. It was the zenith of the competition. Any hint of friendship quickly receded, and the fervour escalated as the debate progressed. The audience remained in a suspenseful hush, awaiting the results. Finally, Georgia, our Head Chair, announced the victory to the exemplary EIC Blue Team, who then went on to claim the trophy for our school yet again, in the final against Dubai College.

All in all, it has been yet another wonderful experience to participate in the COBIS world debating competition, this time as honoured hosts. From the team, we would like to thank the whole school for making this possible, with a special mention to Nick Edwards, Pete Willis, Desmond Hann, Carlos Guerrero, Clare Sutcliffe, Chris Long and David Howarth for the invaluable time dedicated to us. As ever, our praise goes to our estimable debating coach, Simon Hickman, not only for training us, but also for organising, with invaluable support of Office Manager Victoria Campos, this outstanding event.

Anna Bregstein Guitard





Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

With Disney having just published the first pictures from the new Mary Poppins sequel being filmed for release on Christmas Day 2018, it seemed that EIC's choice of production this year was ahead of the times! On Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April, audience members were treated to an exceptional evening's entertainment based on the

famous character and the classic book stories of the same name by P.L. Travers. "Mary Poppins and her Practically Perfect Musical Bag of Twists" showcased the incredible talent of those students involved in our modern and quirky adaptation of "Mary Poppins." Their commitment, effort and hard work over the last 3 months was clearly evident as the story of Mary Poppins and the Banks family's magical and memorable adventures were told through story, song and dance.

Led by our fabulous singing narrators (Alex Cook and Darcey Harrison), Ellie Roberts (Mary), Pelayo Tejuca Calle (Bert), Liubava Semenkova (Mr Banks) and Holly Lesley (Mrs Banks) gave outstanding performances as the principal characters and were supported by an extremely strong cast who gave some truly memorable and charismatic portrayals that included visits from other famous musical and book characters including Mrs Trunchbull (Remai Peters), the Grand High Witch (Amiya Rana) and the Child-Catcher (Julián Zavaglia Polo). Surrounded by an impressive multi-purpose backdrop of the Banks household and St Pauls in London, created and designed by Miss Kate Jackson, with trickery and special effects executed by Dr Jan Walker and a fantastic backstage crew, our version of Mary Poppins was an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, classic and modern songs, breathtaking dance numbers and astonishing stagecraft.

The students, as they always do, rose to the occasion and are to be congratulated on their incredible performances and accomplishments. Miss Jackson and I are immensely proud of what they have achieved. A massive "thank you" to everyone who was involved or supported in any way, and remember DVDs will be on sale in reception shortly!

Mrs Clarke

Expressive Arts London Article

The annual Expressive Arts trip to London for Art and Drama students took place at the end of January. Students enjoyed a whirlwind cultural tour of London where they got to experience an exciting range of theatre and art exhibitions offered in the capital city.

Day one included visiting key pieces and exhibits at a range of galleries including the Saatchi and Whitechapel. After a long and exhausting day what they needed as an adrenaline boost was an outstanding theatrical performance. "Wicked" lived up to all its expectations and certainly defied gravity!

Day two of our London visit proved our sixth formers have staying power! From Brick Lane, to Covent Garden, to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, onto a quick pit stop for lunch in Leicester Square, then a beautiful sunny walk through Hyde Park to visit the Serpentine Gallery. After a quick visit to the Royal Albert Hall, they took a short trip on a good old London red bus to Knightsbridge before heading out to the Bunker theatre. The theatre was a small and quirky venue, which offered our students a complete contrast to Wicked, and it was the perfect setting for them to experience contemporary theatre.



Day three did not let up the pace of this trip! First stop, a visit to the Tate Modern, then Shakespeare's Globe, and a leisurely boat ride down the Thames to the Tate Britain. On to the National Portrait gallery, stopping off at the Houses of Parliament and Downing Street before they happened on one of the largest marches

for women's rights! Late afternoon was spent around Leicester Square, Oxford Street and Carnaby Street giving the students a real taste of just how busy London can get before heading off to the Gielgud Theatre in the heart of theatre land to see The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime. This performance was a contemporary master class in interaction with the set and physical theatre.

After an exhausting three days around London, the students were given an insight into the array of cultural activities available and truly experienced the fast pace and hectic way of London life. We can't wait to go back next year!

Mrs Clarke and Miss Jackson

London Geography and Business Studies - Year 12

The Humanities trip to London in January was as ever a hectic and rewarding visit. Geography and Business Studies students in Year 12 completed a number of data collection activities around different parts of London covering curriculum themes in the process such as Urban Rebranding, Banking Systems and Business Locations. Thankfully the weather was kind and allowed the students to see some amazing views of London most notably from the Air Emirates Cable Car which crosses the Thames.



The students also had time to visit the New Humanities College which gave them an insight into both student life and the university application process. Students had a chance to experience the rich cultural landscape of London as they attended a piece of fringe theatre.

Mr Long

The PTA Variety Show

St. Patrick's day 2017 was not just about leprechauns, pots of gold and all things Irish, but raising money for worthy causes by hosting the annual PTA show.

Ably compered by Barry Gardner, whose own unique brand of comedy

kept the audience in good spirits between acts, and featuring a host of staff and parents prepared to "give it a go" for a good cause, the evening was full of fun and laughter.

The staff band were featured throughout the evening performing Motown hits, disco favorites and lively music for dancing. They had the audience on their feet singing along with their favourite songs and dancing the night away. Many thanks to Dave Cale (Guitar), Mr. Pol (Bass), Mr. Charlie (Drums) and Ed Mayo (Voice and trumpet) for putting the band together and getting the evening off to a great start.

More music was provided by Sarah Tun, who sang musical theatre numbers, accompanied by Mr. Mayo on the piano. She has a lovely voice and her rendition of "Bring Him Home" was amazing to hear. Marie-Carmen Yepes took to the stage as Edith Piaf and entertained the crowd with some French songs.

Paul Hogan, once again, did his "stand up" set, focusing on the fascinating life of penguins! As always, he had the audience rolling in the aisles with laughter.

Elvis paid us a visit, and was announced with a light show and traditional "Space Odyssey" entrance music before wowing us with his version of "The Wonder of You".

The second half opened with Alex Denham, Will Artacho and Barry Gardner performing a wonderful physical comedy sketch. We saw Will and Alex return to the stage as they danced with a number of parents to a fantastic Ike and Tina Turner rendition of "Proud Mary".



We were very lucky to welcome Yasmin Evans (Yazz) to the stage and she was simply stunning in her performance of some jazz classics. It was no surprise that the audience called for more and they were delighted when she agreed to perform a great version of "Lifted".

The evening ended with more music from the staff band and everyone was on their feet to enjoy "Play That Funky Music". It was a great evening of music, fun and laughter; the PTA show is becoming one of the "must see" events in the school's calendar.

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part!

Mr Mayo

The Voice

This year our BATTLE OF THE BANDS gave way to our amazing vocalists as we hosted THE VOICE at EIC. Many young singers entered and wowed us with their amazing skills throughout the evening. We were joined by guest judges: Leonard la Peruta, our in house woodwind teacher; Yasmin Evans, our vocal teacher; and Kim Chandler, a vocal coach from the UK version of THE VOICE. The quality of singing was very high and I am glad that I did not have to judge the competition myself as I would have struggled to pick a winner - everyone was so good.



Eventually Kate Miller-Jones and Aisha Shapiama were chosen as runners up to Darcey Harrison. Her performance of "Clown" was a wonderful and mature performance. I can't wait for next year's competition and for more singers to strut their stuff on the EIC stage.

Mr Mayo

World Book Week in Primary

Wake Up Shake Up

We kicked off every morning of the week with our Wake up Shake up dance routine in the Primary playground. This got our brains, as well as our bodies, into gear and ready for the day's learning. Alongside this we had some lovely calming meditation sessions which helped to focus our minds on the day ahead. Our days definitely began with a healthy body and a healthy mind!



Visit from Andrea

Children in Year 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed a visit from illustrator and author Andréa Prior. The children were given an opportunity to see the process of writing and illustrating a book. They were also lucky enough to have Andréa read some of her own poems to them. These are in the beautifully illustrated book A Parcel of Pigs and other funny 'tails'. It was an inspiring visit that has certainly had an impact on the children.

Paella Workshop

The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 were given a personal demonstration of how to cook the traditional Spanish dish - paella. Some were even given the chance to be sous-chef and helped with prepping the vegetables. The workshop ended with everybody's favourite part.....eating it! Yummy!

Visit to the Forest

Year 2 wanted to find out about the health benefits of being outdoors. They visited the forest and found out that being outdoors encouraged them to be physically active, in order to move around the woodland. It also helped to keep their minds active, as they had to be creative and solve problems. In addition they learned new social skills by working together and communicating in order to make a den and a piece of giant land art. The fresh air and being around wildlife truly made them feel better!

Extreme Reading

Many pupils took part in our extreme reading event. They took photographs of themselves reading in the most weird and wonderful places. This certainly brought a new meaning to enjoying reading!

FS and KS1 Sponsored Walk

A great time was had by all at the sponsored walk. There was so much to do that time passed incredibly quickly. The children enjoyed reading the book-related questions on the balloons and discussing their ideas. It was great for them to have the opportunity to share a huge range of books with friends and family members as they walked around the pitch.

Primary Team

Primary Science Week

This year, Science Week was based on the topic 'Changes'

It all began with an assembly carried out by Dr Walker and Mr Julio. The children enjoyed seeing some surprising chemical changes and reactions up close! Throughout the week every class carried out some exciting investigations linked to Changes. Some looked at changes in plants and animals, whereas others focussed on environmental and chemical changes. Years 4, 5 and 6 were also lucky enough to have the fantastic opportunity to visit the Science Museum in Granada.

As parents walked down the playground they were also welcomed with an array of photos. Every child brought in a picture of themselves as a baby and the most current picture to show how they have 'changed'. On Thursday and Friday, parents and children were delighted to see some cute pictures of the staff when they were babies. The children enjoyed guessing who they thought they were and then discovering if they were correct!

The week concluded with a whole school assembly where the children shared their learning with the rest of the school. Teachers also faced the difficult task of selecting a Super Scientist of the week to celebrate

individuals for their interest and enthusiasm throughout the week.

It was truly a scientific week with plenty of fun and learning!

Valentines

On Friday 17th February the Primary school was really feeling the love. An array of red and pink touches to the usual uniform saw the start of a fun-packed Valentine's day. The children enjoyed learning facts about why we celebrate Valentine's and got creative with a range of art to show their love for their loved ones. The 'love' continued to flow through the air and the children had a great time dancing at their Valentine's discos (music supplied by the school's resident DJ KMK - aka Kevin Kukuk).

Primary Team

Valentines - Mini Enterprise

As part of the AS Business Studies course, our class ran a mini enterprise on Valentine's Day. We sourced our supplies of balloons, cards, lollipops and roses then applied pricing techniques to ensure we made a healthy profit for our chosen charity. We then organised a delivery service on the day when we went through classes giving out the gifts. We raised a super €435 which will be sent to our Moroccan charities.

Thank you for your support.

Calypso Jackson Year 12



Primary Trips

Alongside our day to day lessons in the classroom, the Primary children have further enhanced their learning with a range of school trips. Year 5 were lucky enough to have a personal tour of the Malaga CF stadium; Year 3 got to see how cars have changed over the years at the Car Museum; Year 2 enjoyed visiting the fire station where they used a real fire hose; and Reception had a choctastic time at the chocolate factory. The trips did not stop there! Year 4, 5 and 6 were given a personal viewing of The Lego Star Wars movie in Spanish and Year 2 and 3 had a special visit to the theatre to watch the play 'La cigarra y la hormiga' ('The ant and the grasshopper').

Primary Team

Ski trip 2017 Crans Montana Switzerland

This year the "EIC ski team" visited a brand new location, Crans Montana. As with all Swiss ski resorts the scenery was breathtaking. One added bonus this year for our students, apart from the superb accommodation, excellent 24/7 monitors and fantastic food, was the ease of access to the Gondola which was literally outside of our hostel and took us up early to the slopes each day without fuss.

Ski conditions were good for the most part and all students were able to get up on the mountain and by week's conclusion the beginner group were able to negotiate red slopes! This is testament to the excellent tutoring of the Les Elfs staff who spent all day working on improving each student and tailoring the sessions to meet individual and group needs.

The apres ski activities were fun and diverse and led by the students' monitors each evening. Each night was something different from bowling to music quizzes,



sledging, a disco and movie night.

Students' behaviour was good throughout the trip and they represented EIC well. We had an absolutely fabulous and rewarding time in Crans Montana and I would recommend revisiting the same destination any time.

Mr Toal

Sports Reports

Cross Country - With many strong potential top ten finishing athletes missing from the travelling squad it was always going to be an uphill task. That said I have never seen such commitment and collective effort in an attempt to overcome this from the remaining team who had prepared intensely over the previous two months.

Basketball - With yet another depleted team missing three key players through illness, the EIC U15 basketball team competed for the first time in a long time at Aloha.

Semi Final: After a tough qualifying round we played the best team at the tournament by popular opinion, the British College, in the semi. This was truly a game of two halves. Final score EIC 8- BC 7. The final against Aloha A was fiercely contested but in the end the larger squad ran out winners. EIC 8 - Aloha A 17.

Handball - We entered our first ever tournament and came away worthy runners up, narrowly losing in the final on penalties. So much was learned, both by students and teachers. We had an amazing time! I would like to give a special mention to Lila Byrne, for her amazing goal keeping skills and to Tilly Slate, who was our top goal scorer.

Sotogrande Football Tournament - Both boys' and girls' travelling squads were defending champions but both left Sotogrande a whisker away from bringing the title back with them. The boys narrowly missed out on the victory losing the penalty shootout 3-2 to Aloha. The girls also lost on penalties in the semi final and ran out third place overall.

Sotogrande Football Tournament - U13 - The boys had a difficult task, up against it numbers wise. They did however show real fight and spirit in every game scoring some superb individual goals along the way. The girls' team went there full of expectation and they did not disappoint. In a very hard and tough group they ran out winners by a single point. Congratulations girls - you were awesome!

Mr Toal

Primary Sports

It has been a busy half term in Primary Physical Education. Year 1 and 2 hosted Swan's School and Aloha College for our mini 4 a side Basketball tournament. The children were giddy with excitement and a fun-filled afternoon was had by all. Some very impressive skills were shown including some 'Slam Dunking'!

Year 3-6 travelled to Sotogrande for their annual Football Festival and although we did not win the tournament, the children gave it their all and came away having learnt some very valuable lessons. It was lovely to see such good sportsmanship and camaraderie on display.

Finally this week has seen all of the Primary School taking part in Sports Day. It is always one of the highlights of the school year, showcasing everything they have been learning in their PE lessons. The KS2 sports day produced some excellent results and we watched several of the old school records fall in a number of events. Well done!

Finally, the FS/KS1 sports day, featuring pancakes, bears and honey pots was a less competitive event, but no less full of energy and enthusiasm. We were very proud to see all of the children supporting and encouraging one another. A big well done Primary - you've been amazing!

Miss Kerr

