



## Sixth Form Show Tis the Season!

EIC had its very own countdown to Christmas this year in the form of a 'non-religious magical' advent calendar which was delivered to the School Hall and all 24 doors cheekily opened on the evening of the 2nd December!

Douglas Cameron-Hobbs was our delightful MC for the night, whose mission was to open all the doors and discover who was responsible for opening that all-important first door of the calendar. His comic timing, strange phobias and use of pantomime clichés kept the audience entertained throughout as he took control of seeing what was behind the remaining 23 doors.

Some of the highlights included a glimpse into the world of the cast of TOWIE, where a 'Glamping' holiday was taking place, amusingly portrayed by Jessica Cole, Samuel Packwood, Bill Blackwell, Alaina Mutti and Alexandra Rand.

Jan Stankiewicz and William Wheeler impressed the audience with their fantastic new dance craze and a very clever and precise performance to the classic Queen Track, 'Don't Stop Me Now'. Alexandra Burchett sang a stunning version of Adele's 'Someone Like You' accompanied by Jan Stankiewicz on the piano. Jamie Sayer proved that EIC has its very own Robbie Williams with a great rendition of 'Mr Bojangles' alongside a beautiful saxophone performance by Alexandra Horton.

Classic comedy sketches provided plenty of laughs throughout the evening as the audience were treated to some memorable performances from

Catherine Tate's infamous character, Lauren, in a French Lesson, Ronnie Corbett & Harry Enfield in 'My Blackberry is not Working!', and a surprise guest appearance from the one and only Ali G, whose words of wisdom and unforgettable and scarily lifelike interpretation from Sirage Saudi will be remembered for years to come.....RESPECT! Douglas Cameron-Hobbs' extraordinary and hilarious version of Mrs Omokorede, the pushy mum from the Lenny Henry Show, had the audience in tears of laughter and will go

down as one of the funniest moments this year!

Behind some of the other calendar doors, the audience watched some excellent dance pieces from our Year 12 girls to Beyonce's

'Run the World' and a contemporary Jazz piece from the very talented Antonietta Blau. Who can forget last year's tribute to Mr Gibson's infamous workout sessions and YES, the boys were back again this year with an extremely remarkable and amusing version of the dance hit 'I'm Sexy and I Know It!' in some very interesting leopard and tiger print attire!

As Ali G and our MC were about to open the final door, the guilty premature door opener was revealed as our very own Mr Griffin, played by Lukas Noritzsch, who then led our truly wonderful cast into a finale of Boogie Wonderland and some fantastic 70s dance moves! Huge congratulations must go to the Sixth Form students who were involved in this year's show.

*Iwona Molyn*



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## Manolo Retires after 49 Years

At the end of the Autumn term we said a fond farewell to the longest serving member of the staff, Manuel Nuñez Blanco.

Manolo began work at the age of seventeen in 1963 as a groundsman for the Hotel Ricmar. When the hotel became a school in 1982 Manolo continued to take excellent care of our grounds and gardens. He has spent his whole working life, 49 years, here



on our school campus. The campus has always been a focal part of the school with Manolo going quietly and efficiently about his work. The Primary children will certainly miss his quiet but friendly banter as they practised their "pidgin" Spanish with him.

A quiet, private person, Manolo took a great pride in his work with never a day off!

Manolo, our grateful thanks for all your hard work and dedication in keeping our campus one to be proud of during the past 30 years. We wish you a well-earned, long and happy retirement.

*Val Artacho*

# Polar Bear Challenge

On Wednesday 21st of December, through pitch darkness, at a quite ungodly hour and in temperatures well below why we all moved to the Costa Del Sol, 75 "Polar Bears" set off into the



Campo.

I am sure I am not the only one who was consistently asking myself 'why'?

It may well be that the students, parents and staff in this school are simply 'loco'. It could be that we are all slightly deranged. However it would appear, from exam results, school shows and of course in sport, that members of EIC simply like taking on a challenge. What better way to measure the appetite than a brisk jog and even brisker swim all before 8:15am! I can confidently state that we are the only school on the coast where such a challenge would be so enthusiastically accepted. My thanks and congratulations to all who survived unscathed from the BEAR!

More pleasing is the news that our intrepid students raised over 350 euros for charity. Watch out for the Marbella Mile and Concha Challenge later in the year to complete your PE star! (watch the whole POLAR BEAR video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vo7FfsdOBjw&feature=youtu.be>)

*Alastair Gibson*

# Victory in Portugal

EIC were invited to participate in the International Schools Under 18 Football competition against schools from Africa & Europe. Teams came from Italy (3) Portugal (1), Spain (2) Morocco (1) and Bahrain (2).

I am sure fellow teaching professionals would tell you that working with this Under 19 age group can provide as many challenges as rewards. However, before we left I reminded the squad that with our potential they could return with a bus full of medals and minds full of memories!

As it was, quite uniquely at EIC, Mr

Edwards coolly slotted home the penalty that sent EIC through to face the American School of Tangier. In the final, after intense attacking pressure, Andrea Filippa scored a glorious long-range strike to send the EIC home victorious.

I hope that all the squad will cherish the memories of their triumphant Portugal tour in 2011, in years to come reminiscing about Billy Edwards' open goal diving header miss, Omar's plethora of 'injuries' which if written down could be as long as his full name! Indeed, none will ever forget the accomplished defender Billy Blackwell being given a



Izatt and I thoroughly enjoyed our week-end with some dedicated, driven and passionate young men. Most pleasing were the large number of compliments we received after our return, praising the team for exemplary manners and sporting conduct.

Perhaps the biggest compliment I can pay the squad is that I am still not sure of our strongest team! A number of players unselfishly played in various positions without so much as a grumble. EIC won all their group games beating St Stephens of Rome 2-0, Ibn Khuldoon National School 5-0 and Oeiras International School 7-0. In the Quarter Finals the team conceded their first and only goal, running out 5-1 winners against Bahrain. Against the other Spanish representatives in the semi final, Phil

free rein up-front, only to display his prowess at missing from inside the six yard box with his left foot, right foot and head within seven minutes! Before a nosebleed ensued, Billy was hastily returned to his rightful home at the centre of defence, a position he filled with unnerving aplomb for the whole tournament.

Congratulations to all the players from Mr Gibson and Mr Izatt and especially to Captain Phil Edwards who was tournament top goal scorer (7) and was awarded the most valuable player (MVP) trophy by the referees. My indebted thanks to our team 'chauffeurs', Mr Nick Edwards and Mr Carlos Guerrero.

*Alastair Gibson*

Each year the Year 12 Economists participate in a UK national share-dealing competition run by The Daily Telegraph & The Share Centre. The competition involves around 60 schools and runs from October to May, each team starting with a fund of £1500 (provided by the school and the students themselves) and dealing in shares on the UK stock exchange.

The current Year 12s are well placed as we approach the half way stage, in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a profit of around 30%. In addition to the

## Share Trading Success



competition, separate monthly competitions are held, with the students answering questions about the stock market and having to predict the closing value of some share or index. The EIC team won the December competition, accurately predicting the value of the FTSE 100. Their success has won a prize of £250, to be used to fund events and material for those students who are looking to continue studying Economics at top UK universities.

*Nick Edwards*

# A Song To Europe

Friday 2nd December was a very busy day for some V1th Formers, as well as an exciting day for the Key Stage Two Extension Choir. Talk Radio Europe were hosting a Telethon to raise money and awareness for the Cudeca charity and the EIC choirs were invited to perform.

It is always difficult being the first: both choirs had to wait patiently while various technical problems



were ironed out. The difficulty was that the students wouldn't really be able to hear the backing track very well and would have to rely on their own internal sense of pitch, and watch me to stay in time, however I knew I could trust the talented EIC students to raise their game and cope with any difficulties.

The Key Stage Two Extension Choir sang first with an excellent rendition of Turn Down The Lights. This is a gentle, lilting Christmas song and the choir clearly enjoyed the experience of singing it live on air!

The Sixth Form Choir were singing Deck The Halls in four part harmony so their job was even harder, especially since they had spent most of their time rehearsing for the Sixth Form Show during the previous weekend and week leading up to the radio performance. Plus they had a show to do that very evening!

Even with the extra pressure of the radio show being broadcast live all over Europe both choirs gave an excellent performance with really impressive ensemble singing.

*Simon Horsey*

# Christmas Concert

'Twas the night before the last day of term, and most students were at home relaxing...but not some of the EIC music students who were in the hall giving a concert in aid of the Cudeca charity.

The concert began with the EIC Sax Quartet featuring Merel and Frank Huisman who were joined by Mr Trafford and our Clarinet and Saxophone teacher, Mr Napier. They played *Kane Blues*, a piece that was composed by one of my own past saxophone teachers, and which I came across when looking for sax quartet music online! The quartet provided a great opening for the concert, with each player having a featured solo during the piece. Not an easy opening to follow you may think, but in a complete change of style, Callum McLaren-Stewart gave a captivating performance of Spanish Romance on the guitar. This is Callum's intended IGCSE Performance piece and if he performs as well as he did at the concert he should achieve a very high mark. Jack Lewis followed, changing the style again with one of Beethoven's most famous pieces, Für Elise.

The next act was the Junior Choir under the directorship of Miss Anna, so I will pass you to her to tell you about it.

Like a festive candle, the 2011 Christmas Concert flick-



ers brightly in my mind's eye. For the very first time, the EIC Junior Choir were invited to perform alongside the seasoned performers of the Senior School. Everyone was surprised and thrilled by the "big sound" the Junior Choir were able to make. These 7 and 8-year-olds looked smart and cheerful in their school uniforms and, although other members had either opted for an early night or had already taken Santa's sleigh to Lapland and other exotic locations, these "small people" looked like consummate professionals as they took their place on the stage and charmed the audience with some Christmas favourites. The Junior Choir looks forward to many more opportunities not only to recruit from the EIC stable of talented singers but also to perform again.

Jan Stankiewicz took up his guitar to play an instrumental version of Gary Moore's Still Got The Blues showing his fast-developing improvisation skills and great use of the phrygian scale towards the end of the piece!

Susan Hannam, Nursing Director of Cudeca gave a short address to the audience about how the money raised for

Cudeca is used by the charity, to provide palliative care to around 750 patients and their families each year. In conversation with her before the concert she told me Cudeca need to raise approximately €3 million a year to provide this, so we are glad EIC can help out a little with this huge requirement.

Jeroen Rijks was next up on stage, showing not only his singing ability, but also playing the piano as well, giving a performance of Angels. It is never easy to accompany oneself and Jeroen gave an impressive rendition of the song. After this it was the turn of the audience to get involved with The Twelve Days of Christmas, with the performers providing the 5 Gold Rings this year to great acclaim! Once the audience had settled down after the excitement, Callum was back on stage with his guitar playing Guitar Blues.

Switching from guitar to his first instrument, piano, Jan came back onto stage to perform one of his Grade VII piano pieces, Black Coffee. This is a very technically demanding jazz-style piece, and Jan not only coped admirably with the technical challenges, but also injected plenty of jazz 'feel' into his playing which is no mean feat when playing such a difficult piece.

The sax quartet were back for one more number (turned into a sax quintet this time as they had given me special dispensation to join them and play tenor), Good King Wenceslas in a jazzed up style which was a great lead-in for the orchestra under the baton of Miss Petrina Thomas playing The Bare Necessities, The Entertainer and Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer (joined by the Junior Choir for a final encore!). I have seen the orchestra come on in leaps and bounds over the past three years and this is due to the commitment of not only the students but also Miss Petrina, who works tirelessly in rehearsals and behind the scenes arranging music for the students, so thank you for all your hard work students and Miss Petrina.

Thank you to all students who performed, to all staff who helped out in any way, and of course to the parents of the musicians for their support of the Music Department at EIC.

*Simon Horsey*



## KS2 Christmas Performance



This year we decided to continue with the pantomime theme for our performance, with a stunning 'rock n' roll' production of Cinderella and Rockerfella. Many of the children took part in nerve-racking auditions and selecting a main cast proved to be a difficult task! Once the decisions were made, the children worked hard to learn their lines, songs and dance routines (They often gave up their precious playtimes to rehearse). As usual, KS2 rose to the challenge with two polished performances, to full houses in both shows. We are now looking forward to our class assemblies, which as usual promise to be full of facts and fun!

*Miss Nicola and Miss Jackie*



## KS1 & Foundation Stage Christmas show

Yet again we were treated to another outstanding performance from the entire KS1 and Foundation Stage cast. Santa's Lost His Hat was truly magical with fabulous dancing, singing and acting, showing just how confident and talented the children really are. The youngest members of the school opened the show as the elves, full of confidence and with a very high cute factor.

Miss Fiona's clever snowmen melted

All of the Year 2 children were stunning star performers with nifty narrators, amazing actors, delightful dancers and, last but certainly not least, spectacular soloists who did not leave a dry eye in the audience.

We would like to leave you with a few quotes:

"Astounding confidence for 3 and 4 year olds!" - Early Years team.

"They were all very enthusiastic singers



everyone's hearts with their rendition of "Ask A Snowman". Miss Nathalie's prickly performers certainly looked the part, helping Santa find his hat. The Year 1 children or shall we just call them rocking reindeers and fancy fairies took to the stage and entertained everybody with their Christmas moves.

and dancers!" - Reception Team

"The children really were fantastic!" - Year 1 teachers

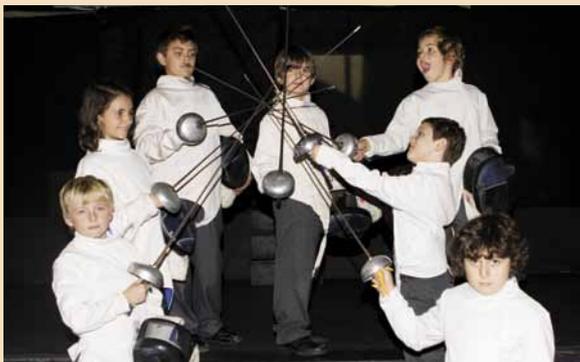
"For the first time ever, every child had a speaking part and they did a wonderful job!" - Year 2 teachers

*Miss Nathalie*

## Fencing

Hamish Kamaie and Robert Smith from our Primary school proudly display the winning trophy from the International Fencing Competition held at San Roque in December.

Hamish's performances were outstanding and Robert, taking part in his first fencing competition impressed the judges with his fencing skills. This triumph places EIC pupils amongst the elite of Andalucia's fencers.



## Marbella Fire Station

A very excited Year 2 went on a trip to Marbella Fire Station on 24th January. We are learning about The Great Fire of London and have been looking at the differences between modern day firefighters and those in the past. We were shown what to do if a fire breaks out and also where the firemen eat, sleep and exercise. We had the chance to put on a protective jacket and helmet and use the hose and we rode in the fire truck with the siren blaring! The children enjoyed a very rewarding and instructive day.

*Miss Ruth, Miss Sophie and Miss Kaly*

