



Welcome to this special edition of EIC News and the highlights of what has been an extraordinary February

Irene Villa - Heroes' Day

Irene Villa was a victim of a car bomb when she was twelve in which she lost both legs and some fingers. She is now a journalist, author, paralympic athlete and an icon figure in Spain.

Her address at our assembly was inspirational. The entire secondary school was moved, many to tears, as she spoke of her injuries, her family's heartbreak and her resolve to overcome her plight and make something positive of her life. No-one can fail to be impressed by such a joyful, engaging woman.

Alongside Javier Merida, whose Padel Adaptado charity we are also supporting in our Year of Citizenship, she received

a cheque from us for 1,000 euros for the Fundacion Irena Villa.

The occasion will remain forever in the minds of our students who returned brimming with questions about her life and her work. Many, I believe, will be inspired by her to do something special with their own lives.

This was truly a day to treasure.
Mrs Stevenson

"We could not have had a better hero as a very special guest at our Heroes' Day assembly"

The COBIS annual world debating championships, Mexico City 2016

Students from the English International College in Marbella won the 2016 COBIS Student World Debate Competition. After two days of intense competition, the Cup Final was fiercely debated between host school and current champions, The Edron Academy and English International College in Marbella. The two teams debated at length over the motion "This house would legalise the sale of human organs". Both teams put forward an excellent performance and, although very close, English International College took first place.



Congratulations!

THE "CULTURAL JOURNEY"

After a late arrival in Mexico City, our cultural journey began on Wednesday, with a 6am breakfast and a lengthy bus journey to the Teotihuacan village. From the locals themselves, we learned about the two natural resources that were essential for this civilisation to thrive: the obsidian rock and versatile "maguey" plant. The latter produces a sweet liquid, which Teotihuacanos used to create pulque (a spirit we all found quite revolting!) Thereafter we entered the archaeological zone with its imposing pyramids; racing up the perilous steps, under the scorching sun, left us exhausted. However, the day wasn't over yet - the traditional pre-hispanic workshops organised for us (including Teotihuacan dancing) were much appreciated.

The next day started with a cruise down the waterways of Xochimilco - a floating marketplace - with copious Mexican mariachis keeping us entertained. In the Dolores Museum, we were able to witness captivating art collections by a variety of artists, ranging from Teotihuacan pottery to polemic contemporary works. To conclude yet another day, we were given the chance to wander around the Coyoacan neighbourhood, where we had a few interesting encounters with the locals. As a result, we were so tired after two extensive days of activities, that we decided to relax on the Friday, in preparation for the climax of the trip: the COBIS world debating competition.

"GALA DINNER"

The Friday evening was the Opening Night Dinner with important guests representing the host and some of the attending teams' home countries:

- Mr. Hani Adel Dimitry Yassa, Head of Chancery and second in command at the embassy in Egypt

- His Excellency L'ubomír Hladík, Ambassador of the Czech Republic
- Mr. Ivan Dubovický, Minister Counsellor of Education
- His Excellency Eduard Malayán, Ambassador of Russia
- His Excellency Duncan Taylor, Ambassador of The United Kingdom
- Mr. Thomas Barschkis from the Honorary General Consulate of Luxembourg in Mexico
- Actuary Abraham Cárdenas, Rector from Universidad Anáhuac

"ESCAPE TO VICTORY"

Saturday morning saw the first real show of nerves from all teams; tensions were high, ambitions were set.

Our team grabbed coffees and began silently preparing as we travelled to where the competition would be held, The Edron Academy. Through-



out the first day of prepared debates, our team performed with consistent composure, rationality, and determination resulting in us winning all three of the debates by unanimous decisions - by the end of the first day our team was excited to be in pole position. On Sunday, the stakes were raised; the elimination rounds had begun and we could not afford to lose a single debate. The quarter and semi-finals saw our impromptu debating team of four rise to the challenge against the other qualifying teams. After winning both debates by

unanimous decisions again, we had the momentum we needed to face the defending champions, Mexico, in the final debate of the competition.

The hall was filled and anticipation was immense. Upon receiving the motion we were given 30 minutes to prepare in support of "This house would decriminalise the sale of human organs". Despite strong opposition our team from The English International College, Marbella was victorious.

We came together as a team, and through extensive practice and guidance; we are COBIS World Debating Champions 2016.

Mr Hickman

Heroic Citizens Day

On the 10th February we celebrated Heroic Citizens as part of the Languages and Humanities Day. In lessons 1-4 students in Key Stage 3 took part in a range of activities, which helped them understand the work and significance of four Heroic Citizens. In the Spanish Department students had to complete a treasure map using QR codes to find out about the remarkable life of Irene Villa. We were honoured to have Irene as a special guest for the day. In the afternoon in Andalusia Lab we were inspired and moved by her words.

In the French and German Departments the students completed quizzes and activities on Jean Monnet, one of the founding fathers of the EU.

In Geography and History students learnt about the remarkable life of



the third of our Heroic Citizens, Sir David Attenborough. Students had to record their own "Attenboroughesque" outside broadcast focusing on one particular species that Sir David had covered in his 60 years of work. The final heroic citizen was FK Day whose remarkable World Bicycle Relief Charity has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. In the ICT suite students had to complete several challenges including a cycle competition with students from each house having to pedal as far as possible in 15 minutes (congratulations to Picasso!) Altogether it was a truly memorable day and one which would have not been made possible without the hard work of both staff and Year 12 who were fantastic in helping run the activities!

Miss Rienzi



Going, Going, Gone.

On Monday 8th February, the Year 13 Drama A-Level exam took place after school in the main hall. This year, students were given the stimuli of the word "communication", the film poster for *The Wizard of Oz*, the song lyrics "Clocks" by Coldplay and the opening dialogue from the film "Love Actually." They had to use these to devise, write and perform their own piece of original theatre. Based on the social issue and harsh reality of human trafficking in the 21st Century, Grace Cusack, Phoebe Floyer and Luna Sammon created "Going, Going, Gone" a dark, intense and captivating story with strong characters that explored the themes of love, hate, fear, courage and manipulation, as well as the story of those involved and affected by the human trafficking underworld. All three students worked extremely hard preparing for their exam and gave exceptionally powerful and convincing performances on the day.

Mrs Clarke



Battle of the Bands

For many musicians the highlight of their education is getting up on stage to show their skills, perform their music and share with friends and family their talents and passion for music.

This year's Battle of the Bands gave an opportunity to nine groups to compete for the coveted prize of "Best Band!" The audience assembled, expectant of an exciting and inspiring evening, and they were not disappointed.

The competition highlighted nine groups and soloists who had clearly spent a lot of time writing songs and putting together their performances with real passion. Song after song wowed the crowds, from the cool sounds of "Coldplay" to the latest James Bond theme tune, each performance received well by those in attendance.

We were lucky to be joined by three professional musicians who agreed to judge our competition: UK Recording artist, Yazz; UK session drummer Charlie Price; UK and Spanish musical educator and professional guitarist, Nik Prescott.

It was a hard job for our crack team of judges to pick and choose winners from each category but after careful consideration they were able to decide. I'm sure everyone who was there will agree that judging this year's competition was not an easy task, as the standard of music was very high.

Firstly the judges decided to commend a number of individuals who demonstrated a particular skill. Millie Michaels who performed throughout the evening on bass, guitar, drums and vocals was selected by Charlie Price who said, "she showed really musical talent on all instruments". Nik Prescott chose to highlight the guitar playing skill of Tom Lord who had demonstrated his mastery of the guitar including some difficult techniques which were carried off "like a pro". Yazz expressed much how much she enjoyed the performance from Jake Simmons, Millie Michaels, Alejandro Lopez and Toby Leach who had real energy and stage presence during "Fluorescent Adolescent".

The award for "Best Solo" went to Jack Young who performed a cover version of "The day I die". His confident performance went down well with the judges and really

held the attention of the audience as he sang and played guitar.

Oliver Simmons was awarded "Best Original Song" for his performance of "Fantasy". Oliver confidently sang his own words while accompanying himself on the piano. Yazz commented how nice it was to hear a child sing from his heart and really enjoyed this song.

All the judges were delighted to hear an amazing performance by Ethan Lampty Butt and insisted that we added a category that could highlight his superb vocal performance of "The Writings on the wall". I was in front of the judges while he sang, and witnessed the judges open-mouthed; it was an amazing piece of singing.

The overall winner, the award for "Best Band", went to "The House Captains" our youngest band in the competition which was comprised of Year 6 pupils. The judges agreed that this band's rendition of "The Best Song Ever" was technically challenging, full of energy, had excellent vocals and really demonstrated a group of performers who were at ease and confident on stage. Huge congratulations to Savannah, Darcy, Olly, Justin and Kyle.

The evening was a huge success and I can't wait to share the stage with some more excellent musicians from EIC soon.

Mr Mayo





EIC Intraschool Chess Tournament

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students that took part in the EIC Intraschool Chess Tournament. We had a very successful competition with 39 participants in total starting with Year 2 up to Year 10. We would particularly like to express our words of appreciation to the older students, who not only eagerly took part, but also proved to have exceptional sportsmanship skills when competing, or better said, coaching their younger opponents, in true EIC ethos. WELL DONE!

The winners of the EIC Intraschool Chess Tournament are:

Santiago Yepes Moore Y10	1 st place
Robert Smith Y7	2nd place
Harry Buddery Y10	3d place
Veronika Solontovnikoff Y4	4th place
Stepan Blyumin Y7	5th place

We are also extremely grateful to Sebastian Santaella Amate, our chess teacher, who does Chess Club on Thursdays. We wish the winners good luck when they represent EIC at the finals of Marbella Interschool Tournament.
Miss Novikova



Flour Babies

Year 6 successfully completed a week's project being parents to their 'flour babies'. They all made their own babies, (using the simple concept of a bag of flour and some accessories) and it was then their responsibility to care for it and look after it 24 hours a day. Whilst they found this challenging at times (a few forgotten babies and the realisation of how cumbersome and heavy it can be taking them everywhere!) they all rose extremely well to the challenge, including the boys, and all became experienced in looking after them by the end of the week. Well done to all of Year 6.

Miss Harriet and Miss Kasia



Message from Debra

As a loyal and significant collaborator of the Butterfly Children Charity (DEBRA) please accept a heartfelt thank you for your ongoing support. To date your generosity and backing has enabled us to achieve many goals with the ultimate objective of improving the lives of the Butterfly Children and their families. We are very grateful for your support and hope to have you by our side going forward.

On this note I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our plans for 2016. The year has begun on a very positive note with the appointment of a new Psychologist to our team of Health Professionals and the permanent placement of one of our Nurses to La Paz Hospital in Madrid. This signifies the growth and progress of the charity and provides us with inspiration for the coming year.

Once again thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

