

## DEBRA

This term in our year of Citizenship, EIC has started to work with the charity DEBRA. The charity looks to promote awareness and support those impacted by the Butterfly Skin Disease, a condition that, although relatively rare, can have huge implications on the quality of life for both those with the disorder and also their families.

At the start of the Autumn Term the Sixth Form Student Team with help from local charity coordinator Kirsty Dixon held an assembly to explain the condition to the rest of the school. This was followed by events such as



the Halloween Non-Uniform Day and a Spelling Bee assembly all of which have raised funds for the charity. So far the school has raised over 1000 euros with more to come! Students have also been quick to volunteer their time by helping wrap presents in La Canada. The school will continue to work with this charity throughout the year, so please look out for further opportunities to volunteer and become involved.

**We have so far raised 1,000 euros for Debra**

## Charity trip to Morocco.

Every year our students in the Sixth Form have the opportunity to visit various centres in Morocco that look after infants suffering from rickets and young children that are deaf and others that have Downes Syndrome. This is a day trip and although the journey is long it is a very rewarding experience for the



students. The students love interacting with the young children and are often reluctant to say goodbye to them when it is time to leave. This is always a successful and emotional trip that the students never forget.

Dr. F. Sutcliffe

## Red Cross Appeal

EIC families and staff excelled themselves in 2015's Red Cross Appeal. The stage groaned with an amazing 4,845 items donated for local families at Christmas time; this was 1,498 more items than last year. The winning house was Goya who brought in 1,625 items but there was very little separating all four houses.



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The Red Cross came to collect our donations at a special assembly. They were overwhelmed and would like to thank all of the EIC families for their generosity. It meant that many families did not go hungry and had some respite from their plight during the festive season.

**Especial thanks to the PTA who organised this.**



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## Padel Adaptado

With this year being the year of Citizenship, one of the earliest charity drives was the school triathlon. In early December, the house captains from Year 9 (Mia Pierre, Jessica Barnes, Blanca Martinez-Echevarria, India Antunez) went to Club de Padel in San Pedro to present a cheque to the value of 500 Euros to Javier Merida's Padel Adaptado charity.

This charity is completely voluntary with a simple aim to provide local young people with physical and mental disorders some form of structured recrea-



tional sport with a fun and social aspect to the sessions.

During our visit, the girls were able to participate in a lesson with the group. What struck our students immediately was the warmth and level of kindness each and every student member of the charity showed our EIC students. We were welcomed completely into



the class and were encouraged to hit forehands and backhands and perform racket skills with them.

By the end of the hour session, the girls and myself felt they had a really good idea of the value of this project and felt very privileged to be able to help them in some way.

Javier Merida, informed me the money will be invested in new rackets, balls and other padel material while some of it will be saved and put towards buying a sports wheelchair.

Mr Toal

# Sixth Form Show

## Channel Hopping

This year's Sixth Form Show "Channel Hopping" kicked off the long weekend on Friday 5th December 2015. Loosely based on the hit UKTV show Gogglebox, the audience were treated to an evening full of comedy and laughs as students took them on a journey through a number of favourite UK reality shows including Strictly Come Dancing, Britain's Got Talent, I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here, The Great British Bake Off and a very special episode of This is Your Life.

Students once again continued our EIC tradition of an exceptionally high standard of variety with a twist as they performed comedy sketches, dance numbers and illusions that had the audience amazed. Standout moments included a much more action-based episode of Dora the Explorer with some of the well-known children's TV characters. Phoebe Floyer and Luna Sammon in Doodles had the audience laughing out loud as their "hands on" chaotic art lesson produced a fantastic drawing of our very own Mrs Lawrence. Andrei Lastochkin as Freddie Mercury and Phoebe Floyer as Montserrat Cabellé brought the house down before the interval with their energetic and passionate rendition of "Barcelona!".

Act 2 opened in darkness as our Year 13 boys amazed the audience with their fantastic illuminated dance moves to some well known songs. We were also lucky enough to be treated to some incredible Latin and Ballroom dancing from Andrei Lastochkin and his dance partner from outside EIC, Victoria Scherbatoba, and Claudia Mack astonished with her perfect rendition of the extremely difficult Alphabet Aerobics.



It seemed only fitting that this year's performance ended with a tribute to Mrs Lawrence who began the 6th Form Show when she started at EIC. This was led by Danny Al-Khafaji, who eloquently



told her story from when she first started at EIC during an episode of This is Your Life. A photo montage followed that highlighted just how many students' journeys Mrs Lawrence has influenced and been a part of and it was only right that she was crowned Queen of the EIC Jungle as we returned to our final instalment of I'm A Celebrity, Get Me out of Here! As the curtain fell on another year's performance Mrs Lawrence herself commented, that to keep the tradition of the show



going after 27 years is no easy task and it is a testament to those who get involved that it continues to be a highlight of the school year. Congratulations must go to all those Sixth Form students who performed fantastically on the night and huge thanks to Kate Jackson for helping to make it another success!

## EIC Primary Shows

At the end of last term, EIC Primary celebrated Christmas with Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 productions. These were a wonderful way to see the children excel in a different light, and they charmed and awed their audiences from start to finish.

The younger primary children told the story of "A Scarecrow's Christmas". This was the story of a kind and gentle scarecrow who, despite being cold himself in the winter temperatures, always gave his warm and cosy coat to others. The lower school children transported us to a magical world with twinkling snowflakes, dancing polar bears, cheeky elves

and lots, lots more. In end, it was Mrs Claus who helped poor scarecrow to keep warm – because she and the elves had shrunk Santa's suit in the wash! We were delighted by the coolest scarecrow dance ever - and he certainly put a smile on our faces and warmed the hearts of everyone in the audience. Throughout the show we were delighted by singing and dancing from the very youngest children in our school, all the way through to our Year 2 children. We are always very impressed with the performances of our younger children, however this year they certainly excelled themselves and enchanted every one of us. The children delivered their lines to perfection, and they all really put the Christmas spirit in our hearts.



We had two of our older Primary children serenade us into the Key Stage 2 school production this year. This was a testament to the quality and rich

diversity of talent our children possess. The Key Stage 2 production was about a school trying to put on their Christmas show. Poor Mrs Jolly seemed to be fighting a losing battle right from the start – and things only went from bad to worse! Mutiny was clearly in the air with the staff AND the children - and all was



about to be lost. Happily, however, our two young heroes saved the day, even managing to get the mutinous music teacher to mend her ways and bring back the spirit of Christmas. With times table songs, aspiring drama queens, complete with teaching assistants as you have never seen them before, this show was a vibrant extravaganza right from the start. I am sure there was not a dry eye in the house as the children sang their finale songs. We even had a visit from Santa himself – but he had to make a quick exit as he had parked his sleigh in Mr Griffin's spot! This show was a wonderful production, showing the talents of our older Primary children to the full.

## Christmas Concert

Back in June, the English, Drama and Music department planned to celebrate Christmas in an atmospherically cool outside performance. Fast-forward to December 17th and the weather



surprised us for different reasons. Our Mulled Wine and Poetry Pies took place in a balmy 20 degrees! It was a pleasure to start the evening with the orchestra and hugely confident performances from young members of the primary school. Year 7 entertained us with their rendition of, "Twas the Night Before Christmas". It was great to hear, espe-

cially as it is a family tradition in so many households. Year 12 introduced Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" in its traditional form, before the Year 10 GCSE Drama class and Year 8 English group entertained us with the "alternative version". Classic or modern, the message remains the same; the fantastic musical performances from Lucas Rivera, Jack Young and Kevin Kuk allowed us time to reflect upon the real meaning of the celebration. Christmas would not be



Christmas without the audience being made to stand up and blast out "The Twelve Days of Christmas" always the best way to mark the end of the Autumn Term and the start of the holidays. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

## Year 1 & 2 students sing at Sanyres

Just before Christmas I was lucky enough to take a group of Year 1 and 2 students to sing at Sanyres, Puerto Banus. Assembling in the foyer we treated the residents, carers and parents to a short concert of Christmas songs.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the singing of our very talented performers from Key Stage 1. With Christmas hats and tinsel on show the children sang "When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" amongst others.

Towards the end of the performance we were requested to sing "Silent Night" and with help from Mr. Dave and the assembled teachers the children rose to the challenge of performing this unrehearsed material.

Mr. Dave led a beautiful version of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" to end the performance allowing everyone to join in and take part in a wonderful morning concert.

I am very proud of how the children performed and behaved away from the school and was so happy to receive so many wonderful comments about them.

Mr. Mayo  
Music Teacher

# Iceland trip 2015

In the October half-term a group of 26 students from Years 10 through to Year 12, undertook a five day visit to Iceland. Before any such trip a huge amount of preparation and planning takes place to ensure the activities and transport run smoothly. What is more difficult to plan for given the different ages of students, is how they will bond and connect. Thankfully we needn't have worried as the students conducted themselves brilliantly and there was a great atmosphere during the trip. Iceland once again



didn't disappoint: its stunning landscapes will stay etched on our minds for a long time, as will a sense of awe at getting to see and experience natural wonders of the world.

During the visit we were able to take in an extraordinary range of natural features and as we did we could appreciate how a population is able to adapt and thrive in such a unique environment. Iceland is undoubtedly a beautiful place but as it becomes more popular, it, like many places will have to carefully manage the demands and pressure of tourism.

For many of us the two standout highlights came on the first and last days of the visit. On the first Friday of the trip we had a morning at the Blue Lagoon and were able to bathe in the silica rich waters, a truly unforgettable experience. On the last night of the trip we visited the island of Videy and with the flickers of the Northern Lights just visible, we visited the Peace Tower and gave our own special rendition of Give Peace a Chance by John Lennon.

Once again a big thank you to all who helped support the visit.



*"Iceland was one of best experiences I have ever had with EIC. I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa, with warm waters, rich in minerals like silica and sulfur. The waterfalls, which are perhaps the country's most recognisable series of attractions was also an incredible experience with fascinating views and of course the Northern Lights, which personally were captivating to watch! However, I also enjoyed getting to know some of my peers, creating friendships and sharing memories, which I will cherish forever. Thank you for an amazing trip!!*

*- Nicole Drew*

## Science trip to Rute.

The Year 10 chemists were treated to a splendid trip to the chocolate museum in Rute in the province of Cordoba. Here we saw a room with life size statues of the Spanish king and queen and the Pope made only of chocolate. The main



attraction was the nativity scene along with famous buildings like the Taj Mahal all made of chocolate. The nativity scene is created every year for the Christmas season. This year seven Maestros Pasteleros used 1400Kg to create a spectacular nativity scene that covered 52 square metres and took them four months to complete. In January the nativity scene is dismantled and the chocolate distributed to around eight hundred children in the village.

Rute has become a popular tourist site with the chocolate museum being the main attraction.



The students also visited an olive oil factory where the owner of the factory was kind enough to explain every stage in its production.

A worthwhile experience.  
Dr F. Sutcliffe.

## Senior Maths Challenge

In early November, some of our brave mathematicians took on the Senior Maths Challenge, and once again came away with some impressive results. The Maths Challenge is designed to take students well outside their comfort zone, eschewing syllabus content in favour of some seriously difficult logic and deduction questions. Of the 20 students

who sat the paper, an impressive 12 managed to obtain a certificate for their efforts, with Kieran Sappal and Egor Naumov being the highest scorers in Years 13 and 12 respectively. Perhaps the most notable achievements, however, were those of the Year 11 students who participated. The Senior challenge is aimed at A level students, and yet three Year 11 students - Grigorii Osipov, Laura McEvoy Roantree and Kamryn Hanif Rana - managed to achieve a certificate on the challenge, a most impressive achievement! With the Intermediate and Junior challenges still to come later in the year, we anticipate a number of certificates still to be won. Check the school Facebook page or follow @MathsEIC to keep up to date with the upcoming challenges.

## Year 5 Victorian Day

At the end of their topic - 'The Victorians' - the Year 5 children were given the opportunity to go back in time to experience life as a child in 1837. It was an ideal chance for them to apply what they had learnt in their lessons. The activities for the morning were: Handwriting, Times Tables, Geography, Spellings and learning about the British Empire. Luckily for them we concluded the day with a very sophisti-



cated tea party with a wide range of food and drink. It was amazing how many children found the courage to try a cup of Green Tea!

It was a fantastic day that put the children's learning into real life.

## Polar Bear Challenge

A Massive thank you to all the participants (both willing and unwilling!) in this year's Polar Bear Challenge. You really



excelled yourselves. We smashed last year's participation total by over a third with a new record of 147 finishers and we



have raised over 600€ for the Red Cross. It was great to see everyone getting into the Christmas spirit.

## Primary House Basketball Tournaments

At the end of the Autumn term all pupils from Years 3-6 took part in their very first EIC Primary House Basketball Tournament. The stakes were high with the winning House set to gain 100 House points. Every year group competed with enthusiasm and determination, showcasing the skills and tactics they had been learning over the course of the half term. Each House worked together encouraging one another, demonstrating great teamwork and camaraderie.



### Results:

Y3 - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dali	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Goya	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Miro	4 <sup>th</sup>	Picasso
Y4 - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Goya	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dali	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Picasso	4 <sup>th</sup>	Miro
Y5 - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dali	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miro	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Goya	4 <sup>th</sup>	Picasso
Y6 - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Goya	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dali	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Picasso	4 <sup>th</sup>	Miro

This term pupils will once again compete as Houses but this time in Football. We are looking forward to the level of talent that promises to be on show! Miss Stacey, Mr Alex and Mr Will.