



Alice in Wonderland

This year's, sold out, Secondary School production of *Alice in Wonderland - The Musical* took place on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd March and has encouraged an unprecedented number of emails from audience members congratulating the cast on a job superbly done. Comments included; "... the best school production we have seen in a long time, and definitely the best we have seen here in Marbella"; "...the sheer quality of the singing, dancing and acting was just amazing. I can't believe these students are only in Years seven to ten!"

Almost 40 students from Year 7 to 10 took part in this year's colourful and charming performances which were directed and choreographed by Miss

Molyn with musical direction by Mr Horsey. The fantastic set design and make-up from Miss Jackson created a captivating backdrop and really brought our 'Wonderland' to life. EIC's musical version delightfully recreated Lewis Carroll's timeless classic tale through a creative combination of song, dance, narrative and drama. Narrated by our very own Lewis Carroll (Chris Bailey), our very talented Alices (Jemima Cusack & Luna Sammon), fall down a rabbit hole, where their real world turns into something *curiouser and curiouser* and they become entangled in an enchanting fantasy. There were some truly remarkable performances from such a young cast, including the well known charac-

ters from the Mad Hatter's Tea Party (Alia Drewery, Emily Drummond and Grace Cusack), our tap-dancing Cheshire Cat (Victoria Laliberte), the terrifying Queen of Hearts (Michaela Bett) and an outstanding ensemble cast who had over 20 song and dance numbers to learn, which they performed brilliantly. This year's production showed once again the array of talent that our students have and highlighted some potential stars of the future! Their drive, hard work, dedication and teamwork culminated in a fantastic show which treated its audience to a wonderful evening's entertainment. Congratulations to all involved on your amazing performance. You did indeed transport us to Wonderland.

Iwona Molyn



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Cross Country

Congratulations to the 48 runners who formed *Team EIC* at the *International Schools Cross Country* on Wednesday 25th of January.

With some really determined and brave performances the team was to achieve great success, with the following students winning their races in style:

Elle Anderson (Yr7)
Isabella Williamson (Yr10)
Will Reece-Povey (Yr10)
Claudio Specking (Yr 11)
Théa Zabell (Yr11)

Due to the hard work and commitment of the whole squad EIC won with more than double the points of our closest rival.

EIC 165
SOTOGRADE 77
SWANS 63
LAUDE 51

I must finish by giving two examples of the bravery and commitment of our team members. Scott Morris(Yr5) completed the course despite having dislocated two fingers, while Jemima Cuscack was so determined to gain the school valuable points that she finished the last lap with only one shoe! Need I say any more...

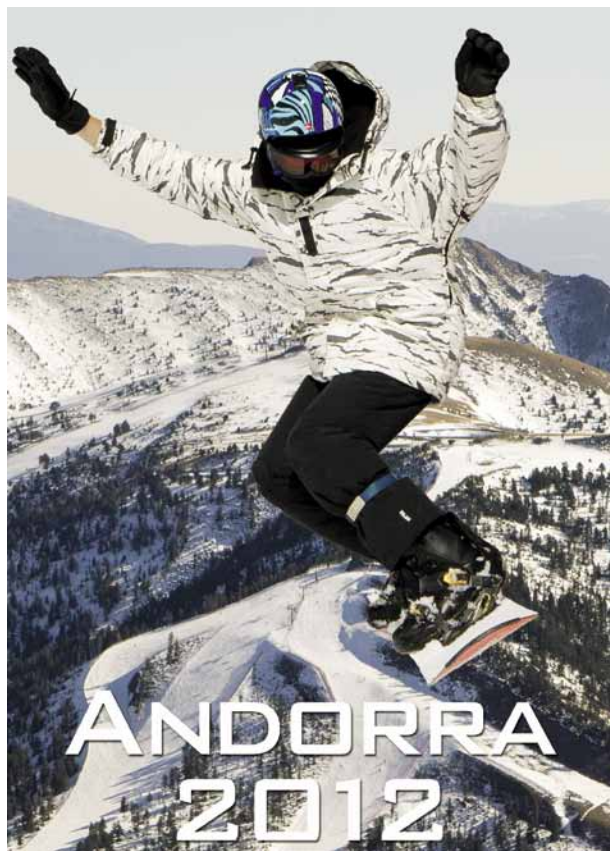
OUR THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

Alastair Gibson



Ski Trip to Andorra

Andorra was to provide the venue for one of the largest EIC Ski Trips of all time. The introduction of SKI DAYS in Sierra Nevada for Year 6 and Key Stage Three have already started to bear fruit. In total 34 students from Years 6 to 10 and four members of staff sporting their unique 'EIC SKI TRIP 2012



Luke Jackson flying high

hoodies, set off on Sunday 26th February for a week in the independent principality. A week packed with adventurous instructors and a wide variety of evening activities saw the students active from sunrise to sunset. Students skied through a total of 30kms throughout the week being pushed hard by experienced and challenging instructors. All students left their comfort zones on several occasions. The days' survivors were entertained in the evenings by discos, swimming, bowling, pool competitions and a tight rope walk!

Perhaps due to global warming or even just bad luck, there was visibly less snow on our pistes than last year and quite a few of the group experienced landings not as soft as we would have liked. However, first class medical facilities ensured all students were dealt with immediately and all received a DVD of their X-Rays to prove to various siblings their durability and bravery! With an airport arrival scene like the ALAMO, all students returned home safe to parents already keen to know the location of next year's trip!

Plans are already afoot to take next year's trip to Austria. Please watch this space!

Alastair Gibson

Combined Colleges Team

Congratulations to Alex Ashworth, Jamie Bett, Danny Al Khafaji, Sam Hall, Dylan Stickland, William Rees-Povey,



Buster Hoy, John Wallace, Tom Dennis, Adrian Alvarez de Toledo Garcia, Felix Yañez-Bowker, Cavan Black, Addison King, Lewis Mackie, Charlie Edwards and Toby Francis. These students were all chosen, despite stiff competition, to represent the Combined Colleges teams in Gibraltar. Playing against Bayside High school (school roll:1950 students) provides a stern challenge for even our best performers. However, this year the Combined Colleges teams were to provide our most impressive results to date. Out of nine games the Combined Colleges teams at Under 13, 15, and 19 recorded four victories and two draws. The lessons playing at this level, with unfamiliar players of similar high standards, are invaluable.

Alastair Gibson

Families of the Fallen



On Monday 26th March Sixth Form Business Studies students presented a cheque for 525 euros to a group of local men, led by Mike Young, who will be kayaking from Gibraltar to Elviria on 31st May to raise money for the charity, Families of the Fallen. The money was raised by sales of Valentine's merchandise and a non-uniform day.



Mile Run for Sports Relief!

On 26th March the primary school headed for the beach determined to run a mile in aid of Sport Relief. Fortunately the weather was perfect as the children arrived excited and ready to go! The KS1 classes ran a quarter of a mile each to complete the mile, Years 3 and 4 ran half a mile and Years 5 and 6 ran the entire mile. The children soon discovered how tiring it is to run on the sand, but everyone finished, most with a happy but tired smile. There were some great attempts to 'beat the teacher' although Mr. Owen proved difficult to catch! The children all paid 2 euros to run, and have since been raising sponsorship money to help children less fortunate than themselves. We continued to collect money and have now raised over 3000 euros!

Miss Yvonne

Science Week



For five days in March the science labs were overrun with Primary students. All was well however because they really enjoyed themselves as you can see from the photographs. They blew things up with Coke and mints, they messed their hair up with balloons and conducted experiments with all sorts of volatile substances. They met one of Mr Hogan's chickens and watched in awe as he hypnotised the poor thing.



Year 12 Biology Trip

On Tuesday 18th April our Year 12 Biologists visited the Bioparc in Fuen-girola to help find out about the roles played by zoos in education and conservation. Our expert guide, David Garcia, allowed us access to some areas not open to the public, includ-



ing a temporary enclosure for two komodo dragons. We saw a male of about 30 kg lying around digesting a meal of half a goat he consumed three weeks ago! He has hardly moved since then. These animals will be on display next year when the construction of their permanent enclosure is completed.

Paul Hogan

Battle of the Bands



review of the evening in the Yearbook. So I will just mention the final band of the evening who were the incredibly non-politically correctly named, *Dwarf Shortage*. Stunning musicianship from the entire band guaranteed them first place in the competition. As an accomplished classical pianist, Jan showed that this skill transfers to rock guitar and bass where his knowledge of musical theory gave him the opportunity to create flowing, melodic lines during *Are You Gonna Go My*

Final results

First Place: Dwarf Shortage

Second Place: Dilated Pupils

Third Place: Phoebe and Jack

Way, supporting the intricate guitar-work of Aden and Will. The band followed this with a tightly played version of Blur's *Song 2*. A marvellous way to finish a splendid evening's entertainment.

As I say every year, I hope some of the bands stay together and continue playing throughout the year, not just in the weeks leading up to Battle of the Bands. Start practising now!

Thanks to all the staff and students who helped out on stage/backstage and with lighting and tech and especially to Mr Trafford and Don Carlos for taking on the incredibly difficult, often unpopular, but always enjoyable task of judging this year.

See you for more of the same, but in true EIC fashion, at an even higher standard in Battle of the Bands 2013!

Simon Horsey

After weeks and in some cases months (or even hours) of rehearsal it was finally time for the contestants to take to the stage and show us all what they could do in Battle of the Bands 2012. I had drawn the order (in front of witnesses) during the lunch break and for once, everybody seemed happy with their position in the set!

There is not room in this newsletter to tell you about each band individually but there will be a much more extensive

Sixth Form Information Evening

This special evening is designed for members of Year 11, their parents, and any prospective new students considering entering our Sixth Form. It was a most informative and colourful showcase of everything our Sixth Form offers. Short addresses by the



Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Lawrence, and Sixth Form President, Douglas Cameron Hobbs, outlined academic expectations and life as a Sixth Former. This was followed by a film enabling us to see each department at work with Sixth Form students, together with details of all their university successes. All departments were on hand with displays and information to assist students in possible option choices for 'A' Level study.

Lesley Lawrence

Reception Zoo Trip

On Thursday 19th April the Reception children visited the zoo, and came back again! We had a very enjoyable and educational day out. The children got to see a variety of animals from all over the world. This is what some of the children thought about it: "I liked the monkeys best because they jump"; "I liked the flamingos best because they stand on one



leg"; "I liked the chimpanzee because she blew raspberries at us"; "I liked the big black bird because he landed on Miss Fiona's head". We have used this experience to help us set up our own jungle role-play area in our classrooms, where hopefully we will be able to remember lots of facts about the animals. The staff in the zoo were very impressed with the behaviour of the EIC children.

Miss Nathalie

Wind Powered Cars

To celebrate International Science week's topic of Our World in Motion, Year 2 were set the challenge of designing and making a wind-powered car. The children were encouraged to collect as many resources from home as possible and during class they designed their vehicle. They thought carefully



about factors that would help their car 'catch' the wind to help it move. The cars were made in lesson time and tested out fairly using a wind machine. There were some amazing efforts and some designs were particularly well thought out. The activity created a buzz across the year group for the entire week! We have some budding designers in Year 2.

Miss Ruth and Miss Sophie

EIC Fashion Fix!



During our 'Golden Time' sessions the Year 5 and 6 children worked extremely hard to design and make outfits made from bin liners and aluminium foil. They worked in small groups to create their own original clothing. The children finished off their hard work with a fashion show for the whole of Primary. EIC definitely have some budding fashion designers!

Miss Victoria

World Book Day Back to the 60s

The Primary Department celebrated World Book Day in style with a fabulous parade of book characters. The children were then challenged to invent their very own 'Dream Team', where they explained which famous characters they would invite to their birthday party if they could. As always the competition was strong with imaginative and creative entries and (after much deliberation) the following children were awarded the class winners:



EY - Aire Harun
R - Millie & Arabella
Y1 - Gleb, Oliver & Sienna
Y2 - Maria & Emily
Year 3 - Habeeb & Tilly
Year 4 - Tahlia & Oliver S.
Year 5 - Samuel C. & Blanca
Year 6 - Peta & Ella

A huge well done and thank you to all those who took part and we look forward to another successful day next year!

Miss Victoria

On Wednesday 28th March, the moment all of Year 6 had been waiting for arrived - Hippy Day! This term, we had been studying the life of John Lennon as our Topic. To end the topic with a bang, we decided to have a 'Hippy Day' to experience what it may have been like to be a Hippy in the sixties. Everyone made a huge effort with their costumes and we all looked very authentic! (Thanks mums, dads and carers).



As it was also Easter week, to start the day we all made chocolate (yum yum!). First we made a peace symbol out of melted chocolate and after they were devoured, we made some chocolate animals to take home.

After break, we took a journey through the decades while we listened to each other's presentations about changes since 1940. We had a wide range of subjects from fashion and Ferraris to music and toys. They were all superb!

After lunch we had a fabulous party with music, food and games - Maria even brought in a pair of 80s roller-skates which everyone fell off!

We thank Miss Victoria and Mr Chris for organising this outstanding day.

by Maria, Peta & Marina 6V

New Term - New Look!

The KS1 Team have been busy designing the all new innovative playground. The curriculum based playground paintings



will be a valuable resource for outdoor learning in both Literacy and Numeracy, helping to extend and develop children's knowledge in an exciting physical and visual way. The bright designs will also encourage positive imaginative play at break times and promote key social skills - team work and co-operation.

A big thank you to the Maintenance team and Mr Stevenson from the Art department for painting the designs during the Easter Holidays.

Miss Emma