



SKI TRIP

Students from Years 7,8 & 9 went on a ski trip from 8/3-11/3 . They had lessons for 5 hours a day working in leveled groups. The teachers: Ms Martin, Ms Bernard and Mr Lavin organized activities in the evenings and looked after the students 24 hours a day!!

Other students from Years 5,6,7,8 had the opportunity to ski for a day. They had a very early start to make the most of the day. Mr Price and Ms Bruce also tried out the slopes and all students had a wonderful day.

Thank you to our teachers!!

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Mrs Bellamy and Miss Charlesworth are learning to blog!

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Mrs Bellamy (Year 1) and Miss Charlesworth (EY) are learning to blog. They have a new blog that is now 'live'. They have had permission from nearly all parents so a big thank you to them. It is a good way for parents to see what Early Years and Year 1 are doing on a more regular basis as they are hoping

to post at least once a week now and it is a good tool for teachers to share good practice. Miss Charlesworth has just posted a really nice one about Partnership with Parents.

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EXAMINATIONS NEWS

We have already started this year's exam season with Year 11 language orals this month. Students in Year 11 are currently preparing for GCSEs and Year 12 and 13 for the AS and A2 components of A level, all of which are taken over April, May and June.

Year 9 and Year 6 have Cambridge Checkpoint exams for the end of Key Stage in April and are preparing for English, Maths and Science.

We work on revision techniques at school: not just what to revise, but how to

Phonics in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2

We now have Phonics 4 times a week, a short very specific 20 - 30 minute session where the children are flexibly grouped so we can target their specific needs. We are already seeing big improvements in reading and in independent writing. Each session we practise sounds already taught, introduce new sounds or tricky words and practice applying

revise. It can be a stressful time, so it is really helpful if, as parents, you can also support your child at home through this exam period. Here are a few ideas...

Space your practice- encourage them to start early- don't leave it until the last minute and

work in a gradual way
Practice the thing you'll be tested on- get them to write answers and practice essays, not just read their notes

Re-organise the information- make diagrams and notes of their notes- use colour

Eat regularly and drink plenty of water- The brain needs food and water to perform at its best

what we have learnt.





Raising money



Primary had great fun last week as we all joined in the Inter-house cents competition down on the Poli. All the children and staff added their coins to the line or put them in the bottle to see which house could collect the most. All the money we collected will go towards the KS2 Garden Project.



For many years we have dreamed of having a school learning garden.

Classes have drawn scale plans, made working models, researched suitable plants and much more! Finally, it looks as though these dreams are to become a reality. Ms Gulhati, along with her Year 5 students have been holding some fund raising events and meeting with interested parents to seek

SCHOOL LEARNING GARDEN

their help and advice. Thank you to all of the parents who have been so supportive. On Tuesday, members of the town hall came to clear the

garden area and the results can be seen above. We are starting with a school vegetable and growing area and then hope to construct a performance area. We will keep you posted with our progress.



OUR TEACHERS LEARN TOO!

Several teachers attended training courses at the NABSS (National Association of British Schools in Spain) conference in Fuengirola, last weekend.

Miss Charlesworth has come back fully informed about computing in the Early Years, Ms Moriarty, about reading, Mr Williams about questioning and feedback and Mrs Reed and Ms Buckley about performance Management. Ms

Jacobs contributed to the Senior leadership forum. **WE NEVER STOP LEARNING!**

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