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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS



### Message from the Head of Teaching and Learning

Three weeks of virtual classrooms and online teaching and learning and we have come to the end of term. We have all learned a huge amount during this time, not least how resilient all our fantastic students have been, and how quickly they have adapted to this new way of learning. It paves the way for a much more varied approach to the way in which we will teach in the future, using many more resources and tools which we have found so useful in the virtual world.

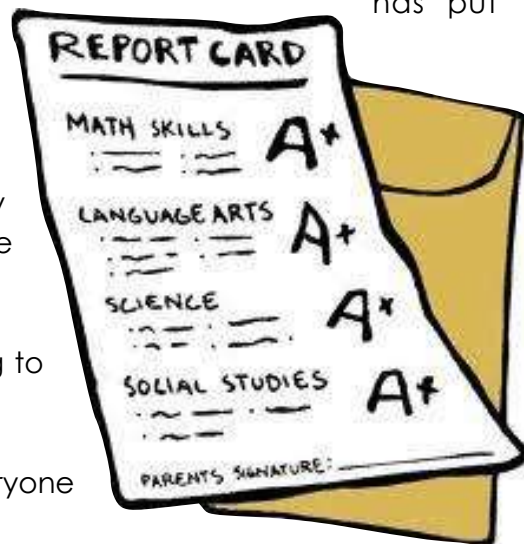
I would like to say a big "Thank you" once again to all of you parents who have helped us so much to deliver an online curriculum to your children. I know how time-consuming it can be, especially if you have young children, and especially if you are also trying to work from home. Well done to the entire community for coming together and creating much-needed continuity for our students.

Primary and Years 7-10 are all involved in a Virtual Sports Day today and we would like to give a special thank you to Miguel Mañanas in primary who has worked so hard to create a whole complete online interactive PE game for the students today: he has spent many hours getting it all ready. I'd also like to thank Elizabeth Moore who has put together a similar virtual sports day for the Secondary students.

Next week is a school holiday, and I know that everyone is looking forward to this welcome breather. It will be unlike any Semana Santa we have experienced in the past, but I hope that you are able to relax a bit as a family and enjoy the week.

Staff are busy preparing Term reports which we will be sending to you on Monday 13 April.

I wish you a peaceful week and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 13 April for another week of online learning.



### News from Secondary

**Year 10 Business studies:** as part of their studies this week, the business studies teacher supplied them with a number of news items from different news sources in the UK to read, and asked them to share their reactions: the subjects covered ranged from panic buying, closing schools, cancelling the Olympic games and the retail sector.

The students had to consider how different businesses were dealing with the current challenges, and write about their reactions to the different news stories. It was an interesting task and they wrote very eloquently on different aspects of the news items. This is an example of the sorts of assignments which can work very well when students are working remotely.

They were then able to meet in a virtual class and swap ideas. An essential part of our Business Studies course is being able to relate academic concepts to real life situations, which enables both understanding, empathy and a love of learning.

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The video that most surprised me was the Olympic Games in Tokyo, I don't understand how with the global pandemic and the worldwide stay home alert how they are dwelling on the possibility of not postponing the games. In my opinion this is a very serious situation that we need to take care of by being obedient and strict, so i would post-pone the Olympics until further note about the Covid-19 arrived.

Also I disagree with the idea of re-opening the school, not because I am a student but because in schools there is a huge amount and variety of people that also have contact with a huge variety of people and you never now when 1 person has the virus. But that person can pass it on to 30 people without knowing and that is how the virus expands so in my opinion I would shut down schools and impart on-line classes.

The only video I agree on is the one about communication, I don't understand why some people are so responsible to put in danger at others by doing rash and dangerous things. You should stay at home and that may teach some kids a lesson about discipline and obeying orders.

In my conclusion this is a serious situation but we can't forget that this one is a first in all of our history, so we should take this slowly and extremely carefully in order to cut off the virus.



**University application:** although we are isolated in our different homes, we have been able to continue our help and guidance for sixth form students with their university applications. Earlier this week we had a virtual presentation about applying to Dutch universities from two experts from UNIFY <http://www.unify.bg/en/>. This help and advice is free and the session with them was extremely useful. They were able to advise on all aspects of living and studying in the Netherlands. The tuition fees are very favourable for all European students so it is an interesting possibility for our students, with a growing number of degree courses being offered in English.



**Sports Day:** on Friday 3 April students in years 7-10 are invited to a whole morning of virtual sports day, with ideas and links for the whole family to join in with. Details of this will be posted on the day's activities in Google Classroom on Friday. We hope that you will all be able to do at least some of it together!

**Cooking at home:** many of our students have sent in pictures of dishes they have prepared at home: this is a great initiative and we hope that a real love of cooking will be one of the positive gains from having to stay at home during this time!



## News from Primary

What a unique experience the end of term has been! We would like to thank all the parents for their continued support and all the children for their hard work and efforts! Everyone has worked incredibly hard this term, especially in the final 3 weeks. If you want some ideas for online activities and engagement over the break, we have created a document for you to explore.

Primary staff would like to wish everyone a restful week!

**Year 1 Science:** this week in Y1 we have been learning all about plants. We found that a seed needs to be dispersed, and often this is with an animal's help. We also discovered that seeds cannot grow in certain parts of the world, such as the Antarctic!

**Year 2 Science:** in the last few lessons Year 2 have been working on a science project all about Growing Plants. They have had free choice to present it as a poster, PowerPoint, or any other means they choose. Here are a few examples from what I have seen so far!

**Drama:** students have had a great time in drama this week. We have been exploring various aspects of theatre production in year 3 and 4, looking at movement and dance in the Lion King musical and special effects in Mary Poppins. Year 5 and 6 have been carrying on with their monologue projects which they will be performing and recording in a couple of weeks time. We can't wait to see the results.

**Lengua:** Not wanting to forget our beloved Harry Potter, this week in Lengua we moved the Houses of Hogwarts to your own homes so that we can keep the SAGEWARTS' spirit alive! Through a series of games, Gryffindor and Ravenclaw reviewed the concepts of units 7 and 8 with Miss Norín while Miss Pilar did the same with Hufflepuff and Slytherin. Have a happy and well-deserved rest - you've definitely earned it!

**English:** on Thursday children enjoyed getting into the mind of a real author and illustrator. Mo Willmens, author and illustrator of the Elephant and Piggie series, has created online Lunchtime Doodle sessions, which the students did during their English lesson.





## Mini News

Week Three of our EYFS online Learning Journey is over!

The entire Early Years Team would like to thank our Little Sagers and parents for continuing to log-on



each and every day to participate and support your child's ongoing progress. As teachers we can now see the progress all the children are making with you at home. We thank you for sharing these accomplishments with us – it is truly lovely to see how far they have all come in terms of their personal developments and specific skills.

What FUN have we been having in Early Years this week?

Little Ducklings Pre-Nursery: during the rain this week we have had the chance to play and jump in the puddles and to catch raindrops. On the other hand, Easter is around the corner so Pre-Nursery has been busy working getting



everything ready for this special event: Easter Bunny, we are waiting for your visit!

Friendly Frogs Nursery: Nursery have also been getting into the Easter spirit by creating collaged personalised Easter Eggs and our own song props for our favourite Easter song '5 Little Ducks'. We have also had fun introducing Miss Katie to some of our favourite toys at home and telling her why they are special to us.



Busy Bees Reception: This week the busy bees have been learning about Easter and Peter Cottontail the Easter bunny. We have been following a recipe to make Easter Bunny Pancakes. Yummy Yummy! We are experimenting with shaving foam and food colouring to decorate our hard-boiled eggs. We even had an Easter Egg Hunt with our mummies and daddies hiding them and we looked for them.

What an amazingly fun week!

Today our three Early Years teachers collaborated to bring you lots of fun ideas for Sports Day at home. This will have included some races to do at home, as demonstrated by some of our lovely teachers! We hope you all managed to join in and had great time.

A reminder to all Early Years parents that after our P.E sessions today your class teacher will be posting lots of Spring Break activities onto class dojo. This will include activity ideas, booklets and website links to keep our little Saggers busy over the next week.





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## NOTICIAS DE SAGE



### Mensaje del Head of Teaching and Learning

Tras tres semanas de clases virtuales y enseñanza online hemos llegado al final del segundo trimestre. Hemos aprendido mucho durante este periodo y hemos descubierto la resistencia de nuestros fantásticos alumnos y lo rápidamente que ellos se han adaptado a esta nueva forma de enseñanza.

It paves the way for a much more varied approach to the way in which we will teach in the future, using many more resources and tools which we have found so useful in the virtual world.

Me gustaría decir "Muchas Gracias" de nuevo a todos los padres que han ayudado a proporcionar el curriculum online a nuestros niños. Sabemos que lleva mucho tiempo sobre todo si tienes niños pequeños y si además tienen que trabajar desde casa. Enhorabuena a la Comunidad SAGE por estar unidos y dar continuidad a nuestros alumnos.

Primaria y de Year 7-10 están todos involucrados en Virtual Sports day y queremos agradecer especialmente a Miguel Mañanas en primaria que ha preparado una serie de actividades completas de educación física interactiva para los alumnos: él ha pasado muchas horas preparándolo todo. También me gustaría agradecer a Elizabeth Moore, que organizó un día deportivo virtual similar para los estudiantes de Secundaria.

La próxima semana es una semana de vacaciones y sé que todo el mundo está deseando que llegue este respiro. Será una Semana Santa diferente, pero esperamos que puedan relajarse un poco como familia y disfrutar la semana,

Los profesores estarán trabajando preparando los boletines de notas que les enviaremos el 13 de Abril.

Les deseo una feliz semana y estoy deseando encontrarles de nuevo el Lunes 13 de Abril para otra semana de enseñanza online.





## Noticias de Secundaria

### Y10 Business

Como parte de sus estudios de esta semana, el profesor de Business proporcionó a los alumnos una serie de temas para leer de diferentes fuentes de noticias en UK, y les pidió que compartieran sus reacciones: los temas incluían desde situaciones de compras en pánico, cierre de colegios, cancelación de los Juegos Olímpicos y el sector de la distribución.

Los estudiantes tenían que considerar cómo los diferentes negocios estaban tratando con los actuales desafíos, y escribir su reacción a las diferentes noticias.

Fue un trabajo interesante y los alumnos escribieron de forma elocuente de los diferentes aspectos de la noticia. Este es un ejemplo del tipo de trabajo que puede funcionar bien cuando los alumnos están trabajando de forma remota.

Se reunieron en una clase virtual e intercambiaron ideas. Una parte esencial de nuestra asignatura de Business es ser capaz de relacionar los conceptos académicos a las situaciones de vida real, lo cual desarrolla la comprensión, la empatía y el amor por el aprendizaje.

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## Solicitud a la Universidad

Aunque estamos confinados en nuestras casas, hemos sido capaces de continuar con nuestro apoyo y guía a nuestros alumnos de KS5 en su solicitud para la universidad. A comienzo de la semana tuvimos una presentación virtual sobre la solicitud a las universidades Holandesas de dos expertos de UNIFY <http://www.unify.bg/en/>. Esta ayuda y consejo es gratuita y la sesión con ellos fue extremadamente útil. Ellos aconsejaron a nuestros alumnos en todos los aspectos de la vida y los estudios en Holanda. Las cuotas escolares son mucho más económicas para los estudiantes europeos, por lo que es una posibilidad muy interesante para nuestros alumnos, con un cada vez más numeroso número de estudios ofrecido en Inglés.



## Día del Deporte

El Viernes 3 de Abril se invita a los alumnos de Y7 a Y10 a una mañana completa de deporte virtual, con ideas y links para compartir con toda la familia. Los detalles de este evento serán explicados en Google Classroom el Viernes. ¡Esperamos que toda la familia pueda hacer al menos una actividad todos juntos!

## Cocinando en casa

Muchos de nuestros estudiantes nos han enviado fotos de platos que ellos han preparado en casa: ésta es una gran iniciativa y esperamos que un verdadero amor por la cocina sea uno de los beneficios de haber permanecido en casa todo este tiempo!





## Noticias de Primaria

¡El fin de trimestre ha sido una experiencia única! Nos gustaría agradecer a todos los padres su continuo apoyo y a todos los niños por su duro trabajo y esfuerzo.

Todo el mundo ha trabajado duro este trimestre, especialmente en la últimas 3 semanas. Si quiere ideas para actividades online para la semana que viene, hemos

¡Los profesores de Primaria deseamos a todo el mundo una tranquila semana de descanso!

**Y1 Ciencias:** esta semana en Y1 hemos estado aprendiendo acerca de las plantas. Hemos descubierto que una semilla necesita ser dispersada, y a menudo, esto se lleva a cabo con la ayuda de un animal. También hemos aprendido que las semillas no pueden crecer en ciertas partes del mundo, como la Antártida!

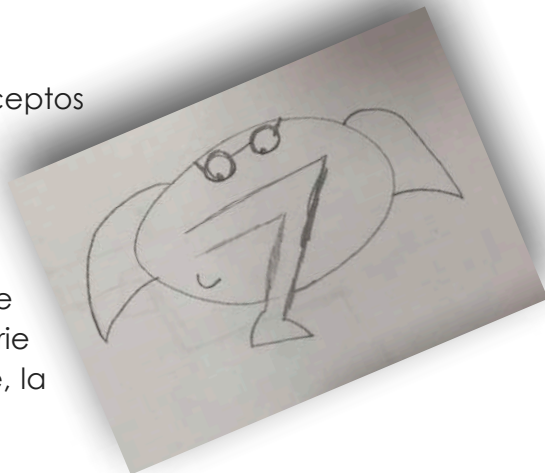
**Y2 Ciencias:** en las pasadas clases Y2 ha estado trabajando en un proyecto especial sobre el Crecimiento de las Plantas. Los alumnos han podido elegir si presentarlo con un póster, un PowerPoint, ó por cualquier otro medio. ¡Aquí hay algunos ejemplos de lo que hemos visto hasta el momento!

**Drama:** los alumnos se lo pasaron muy bien en Drama esta semana. Hemos estado explorando varios aspectos de la producción teatral en Y3 y Y4, mirando los movimientos y el baile del musical El Rey León y los efectos especiales de Mary Poppins. Y5 y Y6 han seguido con su proyecto de monólogo lo cuales llevarán a cabo y grabarán en un par de semanas. Estamos deseando ver los resultados.

**Lengua:** Esta semana en Lengua no hemos querido olvidarnos de nuestro queridísimo Harry Potter y hemos trasladado las Casas de Hogwarts a vuestras propias casas y así poder mantener vivo el espíritu ¡SAGEWARTS!

Miss Norin, mediante una serie de juegos ha repasado los conceptos básicos de las unidades 7 y 8 con Gryffindor y Ravenclaw mientras que Miss Pilar ha hecho lo mismo con Hufflepuff y Slytherin.

**Inglés:** El Jueves los niños disfrutaron adentrándose en la mente de un escritor e ilustrador. Mo Willmens, autor e ilustrador de la serie Elephant and Piggie, ha creado la serie online Lunchtime Doodle, la cual los estudiantes hicieron durante su clase de Inglés.



## Mini News

¡La tercera semana de nuestro viaje de aprendizaje online de EYFS ha terminado!

Todo el equipo de Early Years desea agradecer a nuestros Little Sagers y a los padres por continuar iniciando sesión todos los días para participar y apoyar el progreso continuo de sus hijos.



Cómo profesores podemos ver el progreso que todos los niños están haciendo contigo en casa. Le damos las gracias por compartir estos logros con nosotros; es realmente maravilloso ver cuán lejos han llegado en su desarrollo personal y habilidades específicas.

¿Qué DIVERSIÓN hemos tenido en Early Years esta semana?

Pre-Nursery Little Ducklings: durante los días de lluvia esta semana hemos tenido la oportunidad de jugar y saltar en los charcos y atrapar las gotas de lluvia. Por otro lado, la Pascua está a la vuelta de la esquina, por lo que Pre-Nursery ha estado trabajando preparando todo para este evento especial: Easter Bunny, ¡estamos esperando su visita!





Friendly Frogs Nursery: Nursery también se ha estado volcando en el espíritu de Pascua al crear huevos de Pascua personalizados y nuestras propias canciones para nuestra canción favorita de Pascua '5 Little Ducks'. También nos hemos divertido presentando a



Miss Katie a algunos de nuestros juguetes favoritos en casa y diciéndole por qué son especiales para nosotros.

Reception Bussy Bees: esta semana Bussy Bees han estado aprendiendo sobre Pascua y Peter Cottontail, el conejito de Pascua. Hemos estado siguiendo una receta para hacer panqueques de conejito de pascua. ¡Rico rico! Estamos experimentando con espuma de afeitar y colorante de alimentos para decorar nuestros huevos duros. Incluso tuvimos una búsqueda de huevos de Pascua con nuestras mamas y papás ocultándolos y los buscábamos.

¡Qué semana tan increíblemente divertida!

Hoy, nuestros tres profesoras de Early Years colaboraron para traerte muchas ideas divertidas para el Sport Day en casa. ¡Esto habrá incluido algunas carreras para hacer en casa, como lo demuestran algunos de nuestros encantadores maestros! Esperamos que todos hayan logrado unirse y lo hayan pasado muy bien.

Un recordatorio para todos los padres de Early Years de que después de nuestras sesiones de educación física de hoy, su maestro de clase publicará muchas actividades de vacaciones de primavera en el Dojo de clase. Esto incluirá ideas de actividades, folletos y enlaces a sitios web para mantener ocupados a nuestros pequeños Sagers durante la próxima semana.



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