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DECEMBER 2020 - WEEK 30TH-4TH

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS...

Throughout these weeks we have seen how our school was filled with beautiful decorations and Christmas trees. Thanks to the invaluable collaboration of the Parent Ambassadors, one more year we can say that Christmas has come to Sage College. And we love it!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 11th
Dress Rehearsal
Year 2-Year 6
- Ongoing
Primary students to bring in their
Raffle Donation

Message from our School Head:

Dear Sage College families and students,

This week I am writing to you from our sister school in Switzerland, ISCS. One of our aims this year is to find ways to collaborate together as schools with many synergies and enrich our international learning experiences. I have been telling our students all about Sage students, the projects we have, our wonderful environment and christmas rehearsals. It is a fantastic opportunity to create bonds between the two schools running under the same curriculum. We are currently planning visiting each others schools, organising House Competitions, talks, collaborative projects and many other great ideas that we will be introducing very soon in our calendar.

See you all back on Wednesday,

Mr Wickham



HOUSE POINTS

-FIRE-	-EARTH-	-WATER-	-AIR-
1728	1927	2008	1865



EARLY YEARS NEWS



PRENURSERY

During this week the “Little Ducklings” have begun to identify different elements of Christmas through sensory activities with soap bubbles and shaving foam. We enjoyed listening to the Christmas story “Dear Santa” by Rod Campbell and Christmas songs. We have decorated our classroom and a Christmas tree and even our classroom door. Take a pic who is stuck down the chimney. The Christmas season is finally here, and we are so happy to start the celebrations.

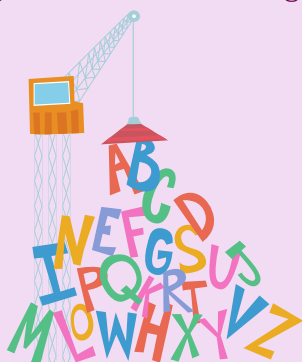


NURSERY

This week the Friendly Frogs were developing their fine motor skills through an activity they enjoyed a lot. Using the tweezers, our children went over the vocabulary of the autumn items (hazelnuts, acorns, pine cones...) picking them up and dropping them into a basket. They really loved this activity which also helped them to focus and concentrate on the activity they are doing. Well done Nursery!

RECEPTION

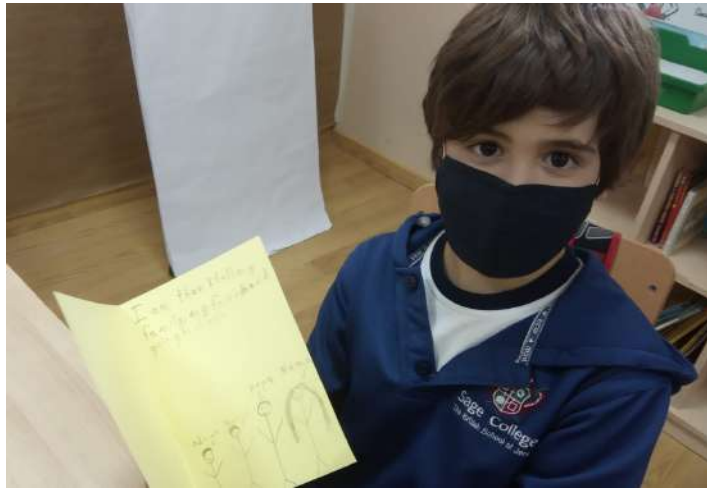
The Busy Bees have been using their knowledge of graphemes to sound out familiar words. They made words with the magnetic letters. Amazing Busy Bees.





NEW VALUE -APPRECIATION-

December is often the time of year for reflection, reflecting on the things we have in our life and the things that we are thankful for. This year, with all that 2020 has brought and all the changes and challenges we have faced, now it is even more important for us to show appreciation for all that we do have. Tis' the season of giving, let's ensure we show appreciation for all that we receive.



WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Last week, a little earlier than the other classes, Year 4 began learning about our monthly value of 'appreciation', as they took time in their lessons to do Thanksgiving activities. The children talked about the things in their life that they are thankful for and then created lovely cards to show their appreciation.



VIRTUAL USBORNE BOOK FAIR

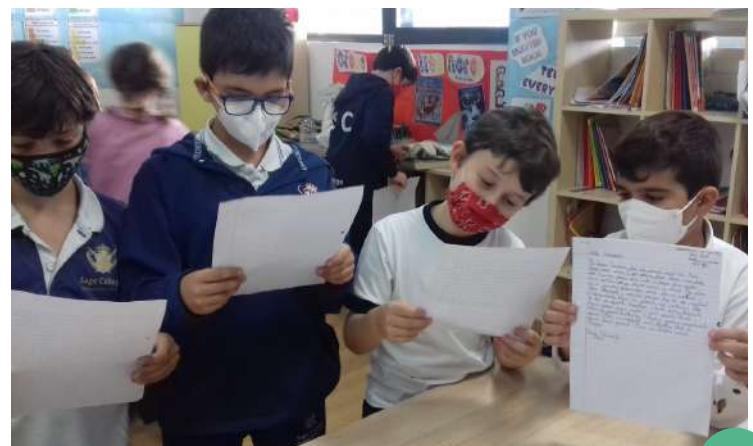
"Reading is dreaming with open eyes"

We were very happy this week to continue our love of books and reading with our first "virtual" book fair. Children had the chance to browse the extensive range of Usborne books through the online catalogue. They were very excited and we hope that the Book Fair allows families to continue to grow their English book collection at home. If you missed the opportunity to place your order, we are accepting late orders but unfortunately we can not guarantee the books will arrive before Christmas. Thank you for your continued support, as each book sold will help give a percentage of free books to our school libraries.

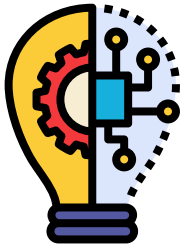


NEW FRIENDS FROM OVERSEAS

Year 5 was full of excitement this week with the news that their pen pal letters had arrived. Every child had a letter from a new friend in a school based in the UK. The letters were written in English and addressed to each student individually so you can imagine how pleased they were! They couldn't wait to read them to each other and talk about what they would write in return. We have already begun our replies, this time as Christmas cards telling them all about our Christmas preparations in school. They are very interested to find out about the English traditions and how they will celebrate Christmas compared to us. We are hoping to have a google meet with them closer to Christmas so that they can meet their new friends in cyber space.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



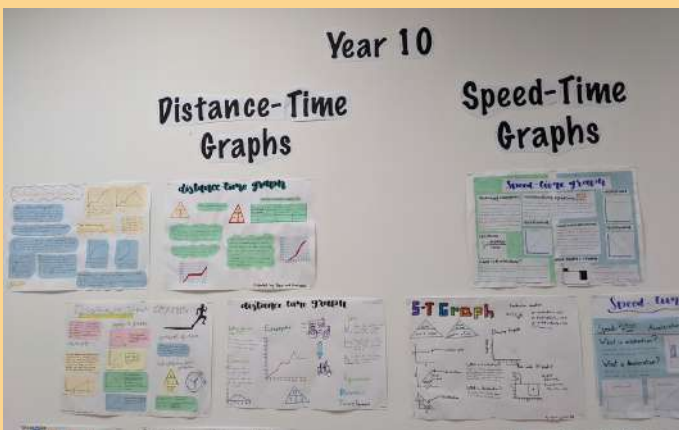
SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT SAGE COLLEGE

The science department has been hard at work producing and highlighting their work and knowledge, in a visual form. Classes from year 8 to year 10 have made some wonderful presentations. While in ICT they have been seeing how computers are connected, fascinating stuff.

Students of year 8 were being healthy and finding out what makes a healthy diet, we hope their families are putting it into action.



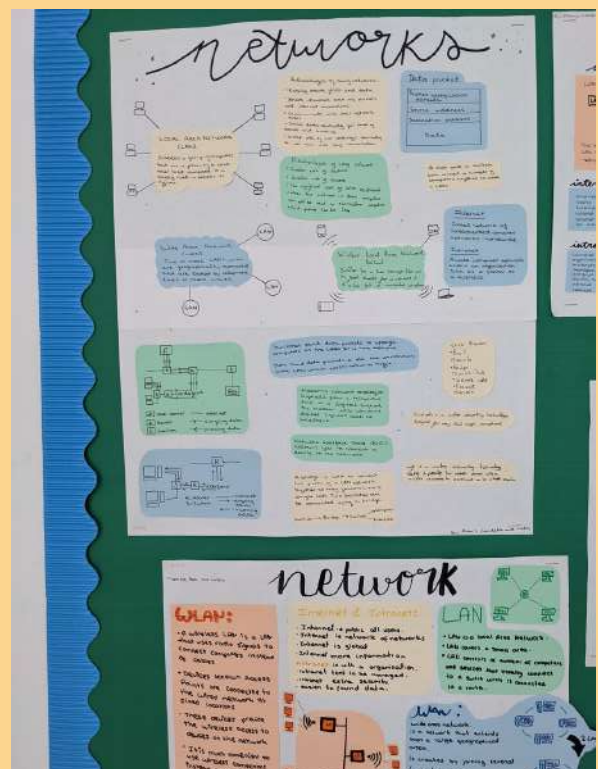
The speedy students of year 10 have been running in circles looking at speed and time and distance. They will go far.



Year 9 hard at work in their homework club working on their poster presentations all about the bullying blocks of matter.



The ICT class in year 10 have also highlighted their achievements in a collective presentation on the theme of Networks, of the machine kind.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Our students should be rewarded and motivated when making a good effort. This will allow them to improve constantly, which will have a great contribution to their final grades. Of course, there will be bad moments, but it is then when they need to analyse their performance and see how to continue improving. Moreover, our learning-by-doing methods help them to consolidate their learning when applying it to real situations. Collaborating all together, we will make a great year. The High School Team wishes you a lovely weekend and bank holidays.

by Mr Soto

REWARDING STUDENTS

It is important to reward students when they deserve it after making a great effort that produces a good result. Last Monday, our High School students received their official Cambridge and Edexcel IGCSE and AS certificates. The effort they made under the unique circumstances they lived when facing the Summer 2020 examination series allowed them to get these good results, which allowed them to promote to the next step of their education. We would like to to congratulate them on their success. Special mention to Hugo Barea, Year 12 student, who got the best grades in the last IGCSEs. Congratulations!



SAGERS around the world!

INTERVIEW!

Following the previous example of how to access universities in Spain that we shared in our last week's newsletter, we would like to introduce a new former student to you. This week, we bring out an interview with Andrea Rodríguez Arizcorreta, who had always clear that her dream was to contribute to improve society as a doctor. Thank you Andrea for your time, and you will always have your family and friends here for anything you need. Good luck and see you soon!

- Name:

Andrea Rodríguez Arizcorreta

- When did you finish in Sage College?:

June 2019.

- How long did you study at Sage College?:

From Year 9 to Year 13, so 5 years.

- Current degree and university:

I am in the second year of Medicine at Universidad Europea in Madrid.

- What do you think is an advantage of studying at Sage College?:

The way of teaching, which is quite different from what I saw that some of my friends were having in their schools. I don't know many people who have been fortunate enough to be so few people in class.

- Why was Sage College useful if you consider where you are now?:

They taught me to look for information on my own, not only to depend on what a teacher or a friend told me, to be self-sufficient, to question everything that is something that is very necessary on a daily basis. Right now, for example, in a university subject we have a project that lasts a year and for which we need to obtain an extensive bibliography. If it had not been for all the projects we did at Sage, I would not have known how to start.

- Which are your ideas for your future?:

Learn, learn and learn. More specifically, I hope to finish each course properly and to be able to prepare the STEPS to choose my specialty and complete my residency in the United States.



ISCS SCHOOL NEWS

[HTTPS://WWW.SAGECOLLEGE.EU/ISCS-SWITZERLAND/](https://www.sagecollege.eu/iscs-switzerland/)



ISCS is our sister school in Central Switzerland. Both Sage College and ISCS belong to the same educational group and at times share synergies such as staff development programs, exchanges, combined trips, shared activities and many more. Both Mr Parra and Mr Wickham are members of the Board of both schools and coordinate the two schools' Leadership Teams.



This week Mr Wickham, our Head, traveled to Switzerland to visit our "Swiss-Ster" school in Zug, near Zurich.

MEET OUR STAFF



THIS WEEK...

Mr Arroyo

ABOUT ME...



Hello everyone, for those who do not know me I am Mr. Arroyo, the Geography and History teacher of the Spanish department in high school. Regarding my professional career, it can be said that I am a teaching allrounder. I have been teaching since 1998, for more than twenty years now, in all kinds of educational institutions, from academies, subsidized schools to international schools and universities, acquiring a psychopedagogy that I consider very useful on a daily basis. I have been a teacher at Sage College since its inception and I am proud and delighted to observe the growth it is experiencing from year to year. Those who know me know that working hard and seriously is not at odds with a good sense of humour. I believe in the power of a smile to make this a better world.

HOBBIES AND PASSIONS...

From a personal point of view and as a good Spaniard, I love being surrounded, both by my family and the many good friends I have, in a good meal with long after-table gatherings. I like going to the theater and I love watching sports as much as practicing them, especially football and tennis. My hope is to be able to go to Roland Garros and Wimbledon one day.

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US!



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