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HAPPY 2021!!



Year 11 class celebrating the New Year's Eve Party at Sage College

Remember!

MONDAY 18TH JANUARY

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

18TH - 29TH JANUARY

MOCK EXAMS IN SECONDARY

On December 22, we celebrated the first New Year's Eve Party at Sage College with the invaluable support of the Parents Ambassadors. In bubble groups, our primary and secondary students were able to enjoy dancing, party favors and of course the twelve grapes (or sweeties), dressed in their best clothes. We had a blast, and above all we celebrated the end of a very hard year and the beginning of 2021 that we are going to face with all our energy and positivism.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that through the charity tickets that the students bought to attend the party, we raised a total of 1968.56 euros that will go to the Food Bank of Cádiz. Thank you very much Sage College for contributing to such an important cause for our society.

Message from our School Head:

Dear Sage College families and students,

The second term begins in a climate of hope and uncertainty due to the feared third wave of the pandemic. Once again we will all be challenged with our mind set on Covid measures but wanting to continue taking advantage of every minute together at school. Our High School students are prepared for the "Mock Exams" which they will be taking during the next two weeks and we would like to welcome our three new Secondary School teachers, Ms Lamb, Ms West and Ms Barker. I am sure that this will be a term of renewed energies and especially hope for the long-awaited normality in the coming months. I encourage you to read the pages of this Newsletter where you perceived the essence of what our students experience every day at Sage, a school full of innovation, learning, friendship and life!

Mr Wickham



HOUSE POINTS



1728



1927



2008



1865

-EARLY YEARS NEWS-

PRENURSERY

With the arrival of 3 new members to Pre-Nursery, the Little Ducklings have been learning about the importance of sharing, asking for things and taking care of their peers. We are beginning to form friendships and participate in group activities. What a good time they have together!



NURSERY

In the first term, the Friendly Frogs created really strong friendship relations, so back to school after Christmas it was so exciting in the Nursery class for everyone to see one another again. They missed their friends a lot during the holidays and the first days of the second term were full of love and happy greetings. What an adorable reunion we have had!



RECEPTION

This week the Busy Bees have been learning about cooperative play. It was snowing at Sage College. The Busy Bees pretended to play snowball fights in the snow. They followed the rules of the game and respected their peers while having an amazing time.



-PRIMARY NEWS-

MONTHLY VALUE COOPERATION

Our new value for this month is **Cooperation**, and now more than ever we have seen the whole world showing acts of togetherness and cooperation to get through these exceptional times. When talking with parents in the past, we have often been told that one element of our school which makes us stand out against the rest, is our group led activities, where children not only learn academic content but just as importantly they learn the vital element of teamwork and all the wonderful values which arise from this. We pride ourselves on developing cooperation skills in order to better our own learning and that of those around us.



CELEBRATING ENGLISH

Primary teachers will be getting creative with ways of boosting English use in and around the school this term. **Monthly awards will be given and some fun incentives are being used in classrooms to promote English excellence.** As we welcome the children back to school there have been some stand out English Speakers, who we are very proud of their perseverance in using and progressing their English development. **Well done to this Month's English Star Users:**



TALENT AND CREATIVITY AT SAGE

Congratulations to Carmen Y3 for winning the Children's Youth Contest "Christmas Tales" story writing competition!



The literary talent and creativity of our schoolchildren is undeniable and the fact that the first prize in this contest went to Sage College is proof of this. Interview with the winner:

-How did you come up with the idea for the story?

Because I really like music and singing Christmas carols.

-Do you play an instrument?

Not now, but when I was younger I had a guitar. But I love to sing and what I like the most is dancing. Sometimes I make up dances.

-How did you feel when they told you that you had won the award?

I felt super happy. It was difficult for me to finish the story but now I am happy to have won.



YEAR 1- MAURO



YEAR 2- LUCAS



YEAR 3- SIMÓN



YEAR 4- VINCENT



YEAR 5- NICO



YEAR 6- CARLA

How can you help at home?

Promote and celebrate reading books in English, playing games in English, listening to music in English and watching movies or television in English

-MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS-

Happy New Year from all the staff in Middle School and we hope you had a great Christmas holiday! We have hit the ground running this week with teachers and students both having to adapt to new timetables and the daily school routine.

BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES PRESENTATIONS IN SCIENCE

This week Year 9 Science students have been working hard to prepare for a group presentation looking at Proteins, Carbohydrates, Fats and Enzymes. Students have been planning carefully as the responsibility has been in their hands to teach the rest of the class about their designated topic. Presentations will be delivered later this week.



"MI MEJOR AMIGO INVISIBLE"

This week in Lengua Castellana, our Year 9 student, Julia Barea Moreno was hosting a Q + A about the book she wrote, *Mi Mejor Amiga Invisible*, with year 7. This gave students in year 7 an opportunity to ask questions to Julia about how she became an author and got a book published at such a young age, and what inspired her to do so. The response from students was really positive, hopefully Julia has inspired some more students at Sage to become young authors!



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to Sage College. Happy New Year to you all and all the best for 2021. I hope you have had the best Christmas break possible under the current circumstances. Fortunately, we finish the week with good news: the new teaching organisation has started to work. The pandemic has slowed down everything, but in the end, our students are able to continue with their learning process in the best way. I would like to thank Ms. Zamacola, Ms. Rozadillas and Mr. Eduardo Parra for their effort this week to make possible that our students could continue with their learning activities until we had all the new teaching staff. I wish you all a good weekend.

by Mr Soto

MOCK EXAMS

During the first term, we shared our external exam guide. Right now, after having received official communications from Cambridge and Edexcel, **official external exams go ahead**. MOCK exams are really important during the preparation that students have for their external exams, so they should take this seriously. During the **MOCK examination period, from Monday 18th to Monday 1st**, our students will follow their normal lessons, unless they have an exam. Thus, attendance is compulsory. They will have a good opportunity to ask doubts and revise with their teachers. We recommend them to work hard, but also to have a good organisation, so that they can have time to relax, do sports, etc. Their teachers and tutors will be more than happy to help them if they have any questions. Students, we wish you all the best.



SAGERS

around the world!

INTERVIEW!

We could not be prouder of the former student who we bring to this week's newsletter. Coming from the Netherlands, Celia Arroyo Burgos always showed a great commitment to improve. Right now, she is completing her teaching practise in the Primary School at Sage College! Thank you Celia for your time.

Name:

Celia Arroyo Burgos

When did you finish in Sage College?:

June 2020.

How long did you study at Sage College?:

From Year 1 to Year 13, 13 years.

Current degree and university:

International Education for Primary Schools at NHL Stenden (The Netherlands)

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

The sense of community and family we have at school, which allows us to have direct contact with teachers, what is really helpful for students.-

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

Studying at Sage allowed me to improve my English level a lot. This, plus the international character and education, Spanish and British education, that gives us make a great difference, opening doors to the future, for university and when looking for jobs.

Which are your ideas for your future?:

To work as a Primary Teacher in different countries, to get to know more about new languages and cultures.



TIPS FROM OUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

FROM CHAOS TO CALM



Starting a new term and coming back to your routine usually causes chaos in our lives. Here are some tips that you can put in practice to plan calm weekends.

TIPS FOR ADULTS

 Take it slow

 Be kind with yourself if you struggle with relaxing

 Create a loosely structured timetable focused on self-care

TIPS FOR CHILDREN

 Create a selfcare menu for your child

 Be honest with your child about why you need to engage in your own selfcare

 Create a winter timetable with your child with structured and unstructured activities

MEET OUR STAFF



THIS WEEK...

Ms Roddick



ABOUT ME...

Hello everyone, My name is Sarah Roddick. I am currently a KS2 Maths Teacher and Year Three Tutor and it is my second year working at Sage College. I am originally from Scotland and studied music at University in Edinburgh and in London. Following a few years of working in a beautiful concert hall in Edinburgh - the place where I met my husband. I decided to pursue a career in teaching. I have been fortunate enough to teach in some very interesting parts of the world - Scotland, Abu Dhabi (UAE), Guernsey, one of the Channel Islands and now in Spain. I feel very happy to be in Jerez and it is wonderful to see Chloe, my daughter so happy at Sage College.

HOBBIES AND PASSIONS...

My hobbies are listening to music and visiting the theatre to see musicals and live performances (unfortunately on hold at the moment!) I love cooking and this year I seem to have been baking lots more yummy cakes and biscuits. As a family we love to visit the beach. A perfect weekend would be a lovely walk along the promenade and a nice long lunch - we have definitely chosen the right part of the world to live.

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