



# SAGE COLLEGE

# Newsletter

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## SAGE COLLEGE DONATION

Thanks to the generosity of the entire Sage community with their contribution to the New Year's Eve party, we have been able to deliver a donation of 2000 euros to the Food Bank of Cádiz. In the photo, Isabel Gomis, president of the foundation together with Mr Marks, Head of Pastoral, Ms Suárez and Rosa Jarén representing Parents Ambassador and some members of the JLT together with the School Heads.



### MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL HEAD:

As with all schools around the world we have begun 2021 in the same manner as we ended 2020 – dealing with the constant challenges created by the global pandemic.

As we have stressed to students now is not the time to become complacent and our young people are to be congratulated for continuing to comply with the coronavirus protocols which, of course, to a degree stop them from enjoying some aspects of normal school life. Play and relaxation times remain so there is opportunity to expend youthful energy at break and lunchtime and both students and staff find the school a place of security and normality within an uncertain world that surrounds us.

Despite the depressing context in which we all currently lead our lives, Sage College remains a most happy, purposeful and vibrant community in which our children continue to excel both inside and outside the classroom - as you can now see from this week's newsletter contributions below.

*Mr Wickham*

## HOUSE POINTS



3915



3526



3324



3607

# -EARLY YEARS NEWS-

## PRENURSERY

One of our favourite moments of the day, in Pre Nursery, is 'Circle Time'. Everyday, the *Little Duckling* enjoy singing their 'Good Morning' song. In circle time they also look at: the days of the week, observe the daily weather and express how they feel. They are able to identify their photo and their classmates' photos for those who are not there that day. They are learning to wait their turn and to put their hand up when they want to participate. This week they were super excited because they received a very special visit from 'Rainbow' (name chosen by the children). What a fun time they have in Pre Nursery.



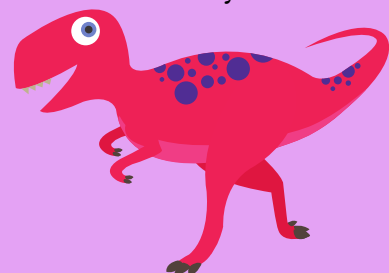
## NURSERY

The *Friendly Frogs* are learning more about dinosaurs and their features. They chose their favourite one and talked about their colours and size in front of their peers, developing their speaking skills in large group and some Maths concepts. Even some of them helped out naming the different dinosaurs! Well done, Friendly Frogs! WELCOME BACK Ms Natalia Bunch who has returned from Maternity Leave. We are so happy to have you back.

## RECEPTION



This week the *Busy Bees* have been talking about dinosaurs. They have been telling the other busy bees all about their favourite dinosaur. They have been learning some amazing facts. Then they all drew their favourite dinosaurs making an amazing Jurassic Park for the outdoor dinosaur play area.



# -PRIMARY NEWS-

## Year 1 Assemblies

Congratulations to our **Year 1 children** who celebrated their learning this week with Sage College's first live **online class assemblies**. The students have been practicing and working hard as a class to develop lovely performances to showpiece to the whole school. We were all very impressed with their incredible learning, their confidence and their beautiful public speaking skills. **Great work to all the Year 1 teachers and students for their lovely assemblies.**



## Parent Workshops

Thank you to our Primary Maths teacher Ms Roddick and Ms Torrente for leading our first Parent workshop for 2021. As a school, we are dedicated to supporting not only our students but also their parents and families. **The workshops are designed to give practical guidance on how to support your child at home** and it was wonderful to see parents attending this online session. Ms Roddick and Ms Torrente lead a session which discussed how to use our online learning platform for maths- MyMaths.

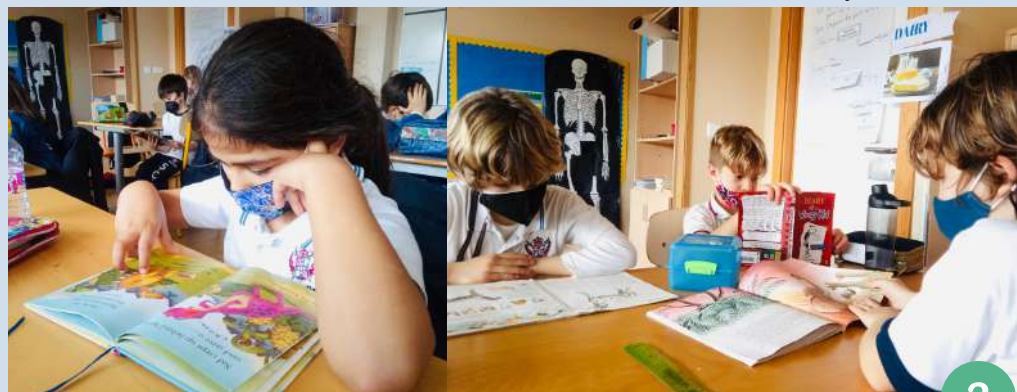
## Reading

*'Reading expands the mind, opens the eyes and fills the heart'*  
Oprah Winfrey

On Tuesday we celebrated 'World Read Aloud Day', by sharing our reading with one another in class reading lessons. It was great fun. Children have 4 specific lessons a week dedicated to reading and **this is a wonderful chance to develop English skills, comprehension, fluency and an understanding of the world (real and imaginary)**. We urge you to continue reading with your child at home, using the Epic Website or The Oxford Owl website, shared by English teachers and class tutors. <https://www.getepic.com/> <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> We were very excited to receive some free books for the school as a result of the Usborne Book Fairy last term.

## Teacher Training and Development

Dedicated to their continual professional development, Primary staff connected with the International School of Central Switzerland to discuss and develop their ideas regarding the new subject of Global Perspectives. This session was motivational and a great way for teachers from around Europe to collaborate and extend their teaching expertise. **Thank you to Ryan Hopton for 'zooming' into our teacher training session.**



# PROMOTING ENGLISH USE AT HOME

by Ms Dadd, Ms Marshall and Ms Rolleston



**MONDAY  
8TH FEBRUARY**

**3.45 pm - 4.15 pm**

## *What is it about?*

Firstly, this session aims to give you **guidance and further explanations about the reading and spelling homework.**

Furthermore, within this workshop you will gain an understanding of the **basic building blocks** of the English Language- **Phonics.**

We will be **exploring different activities** that support phonic development in its early stages.

## *Who is it for?*

**Specially designed for Key Stage 1 parents (Year 1 and Year 2).** All Primary parents interested are welcome to join us.

## *How can you join the workshop?*

**Add your details into the Google Form** attached and Sage College **will send you a link** to connect a few hours prior to the start.

# UNDERSTANDING THE CURRICULUM AND LEARNING PLATFORMS IN SCIENCE

by Ms Simmons

WEDNESDAY  
10TH FEBRUARY

9.30 am - 10.20 am



## *What is it about?*

With her hands-on approach to teaching and learning, Ms Simmons will guide you through the **Science curriculum for Year 3-Year 6**.

With **practical resources and explanations**, this session will also focus on **how to use important learning platforms like Quizlet and Quizalise**.

## *Who is it for?*

**Specially designed for Key Stage 2 parents (Year 3-6)**

All Primary parents interested are welcome to join us.

## *How can you join the workshop?*

**Add your details into the Google Form** attached and Sage College **will send you a link** to connect a few hours prior to the start.

# -MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS-

## Workshops

### MINDFULNESS

This week we're taking a closer look at the workshops in KS3. First up is Mindfulness with Ms Bejarano. Students have begun to work on their self-concept. They were asked to make an abstract self-portrait, without using their human figure! The result of representing their personality has been amazing.



### CREATIVE WRITING

Ms Gomez has been working with year 7 to further develop their language skills to plan and write a story. Year 7 are combining their imagination with their skills to be able to express their ideas. Here are some thoughts of the year 7s:

“We can express ourselves creatively; we're able to be ourselves and write about what we love, think about and believe in.”

### TABLE TENNIS

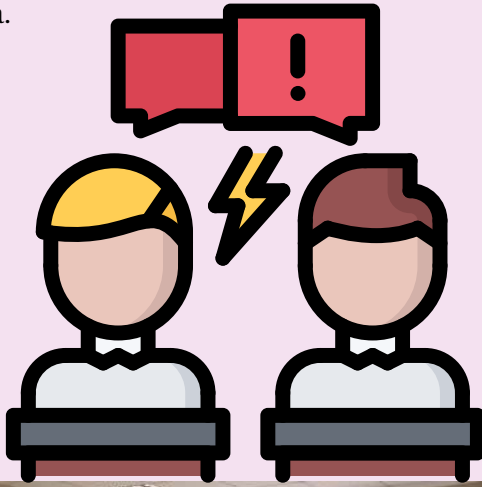
Mr Arroyo is leading the Table Tennis Workshop with Year 7 students in Term 2. They have a great time outdoors, training different skills challenging each other.



# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## DEBATING TO LEARN

Debating improves skills such as assertiveness, respect and oral communication. Our Year 10 students have had a wonderful debate on the **pros and cons of the use of transgenic products** in the subject of Geografía e Historia.



## READING OUT LOUD

Last Tuesday, we celebrated the **International Day for Reading Out Loud**. Our students enjoyed reading out loud in their subjects of Spanish, Lengua and English. Moreover, they learnt the importance of reading to improve their culture and different skills.



## INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FAIR 2021

Next Thursday and Friday, our Year 11, 12 and 13 students will have the opportunity to enjoy the **Sage International University Fair**. In this way, they will attend different **talks by more than 20 universities** from around the world, and they will be able to ask questions. Sage College shaping the future. We would like to thank our sister school, the **International School of Central Switzerland for their participation and Weendee Technology** and all the universities for their collaboration.





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**11-12**  
**FEBRUARY**  
9AM - 16.30PM

# INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FAIR 2021

Universities from Spain, UK, the Netherlands, USA,  
Germany, Switzerland and others



**MORE THAN 20  
UNIVERSITIES ONSITE**



**INFORMATION FOR  
FURTHER EDUCATION**



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EDUCATION**

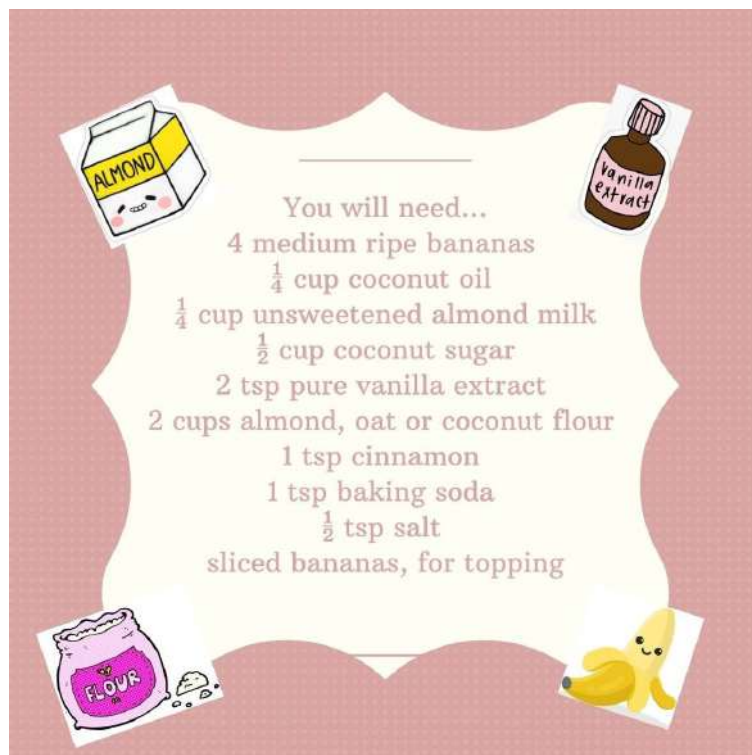



# SCHOOL NUTRITIONIST

Find a healthy and delicious recipe from Gloria Contreras, our school nutritionist.



*Find more in Facebook and Instagram!!*



## MEET OUR STAFF

THIS WEEK...

*Ms Becerra*



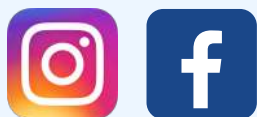
### ABOUT ME...

Hello! My name is Zaida and I am the Spanish teacher in early years and the Reception T.A. I studied teaching with special education. A couple of years later, I graduated in Advertising and Publicity then I moved to Madrid. When I was living there, I started teaching distance learning courses. Then I started to work in a "free school" where I discovered my true passion for teaching the little ones. After a few years in Madrid, I decided to return to my homeland and had the opportunity to start working at Sage College. That was 5 years ago now and I am delighted to be able to be part of this team.

### HOBBIES AND PASSIONS...

I love nature and animals. Whenever I can I escape in my van with my dogs to discover new places. My family is very important to me, we are very close, so every weekend we have the habit of meeting in my family's farm to spend the day eating together, which I miss because of the situation we are living. I like to do sports and one of my passions is flamenco dancing. Few people know this, but I have been 8 years in a school here in Jerez and I have to admit that I love it!

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