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ONN DELIVERY

Last Friday we took over **130 Operation Christmas Child boxes** to the main headquarters in Cádiz with Ms Westwood, Head of Pastoral, and our Primary Student Council. Thank you Sage community for your generosity. Very soon these boxes will bring happiness to thousands of children all over the world!!



MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL HEAD



When a child, who lives and studies in the province of Cádiz, recognises that he or she can do one or many acts of solidarity that will help another child on the other side of the world, then we know that we are on the right track. Initiatives such as the world-known "Operation Christmas Child", in addition to sending gifts to those children who would never receive such presents, essentially help to educate our students (people in general) in the generosity, solidarity and gratitude of those of us who were born in a country with all the resources available.

This week, as well as sending the boxes to the church in Rota who will distribute them, we have seen a variety of excursions in the province, our High School students have faced their first big test of the year, the exams prior to the first term reports and the younger children have flooded the corridors of the school with music led by our great Ms. Caja, our music teacher. Next week it will be Primary and Middle School's turn to face their assessments as they look forward to Christmas, so long awaited after the previous two very limited Christmases due to the pandemic. And this year, without disclosing important information, I have to warn you that our Events and Parent Council team have some incredible celebrations for the end of the year(term) parties. We will keep you posted!

Mr Wickham

-EARLY YEARS NEWS-

STORYTELLING SESSIONS IN NURSERY

This term Nursery has decided to **invite some of their families to do storytelling in class** once a week... and **The Friendly Frogs** cannot enjoy these sessions more!

This week, Dámaris R., has read **'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'** to our students and then they were asked to create their own bear mask. **Our students got engaged in the story** from the very beginning and, afterwards, they really enjoyed designing their own cardboard masks. What a morning full of excitement and learning!

Reading out stories to your children help them to get to know sounds, words, and language and **develop early literacy skills**, help learn to value books and stories, spark the child's imagination and stimulate curiosity, help your children's brain, social skills, and communication skills developed, and help them **to learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'**.



-EARLY YEARS NEWS-

“THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU’LL GO.”



HOW TO DO STORYTELLING ALONGSIDE OUR CHILDREN AT HOME AND GET THE MOST OF IT?

Here you will find **some tips**:

- **Take your time reading**, there is no need to rush.
- **Point to the words as you read**. Help them to see that there are spaces between words, that you read from the top of the page to the bottom, and that you read from left to right.
- **Point to the pictures and talk about them**.
- **Read expressively**: talk the way the story's characters would talk; make sound effects and funny faces; and vary the pitch of your voice throughout the story to make it more interesting.
- Encourage them to **ask questions about the story's characters** and events.
- Talk about the story and **relate it to their personal experiences**.



-PRIMARY NEWS-

LET THERE BE MUSIC

Teamwork through music

Music always plays a part in our busy days at Sage College. In music class we have fun and learn together and this term we have been focusing on **rhythm**.

Whether we know music or not, we naturally move to the beat of the music or hum the rhythm of a song. **Everything around us has rhythm**, the hands of the clock, our footsteps, even our heartbeat. In Primary we are **learning to understand and perceive rhythm in music**, we have seen how music has a beat just like our heartbeat and we have experimented how to **create rhythms with body percussion and different instruments**.



This week we have started to prepare our **performances for the Christmas show**. We start by warming up our voices and then we focus on learning the lyrics and how to use our voices when we sing. One of the things we learn when we make music together is to work as a team.

We have to listen to each other, follow the same pulse and practice together. At the beginning it's always difficult, but after some music lessons we realise that we can do amazing things together.

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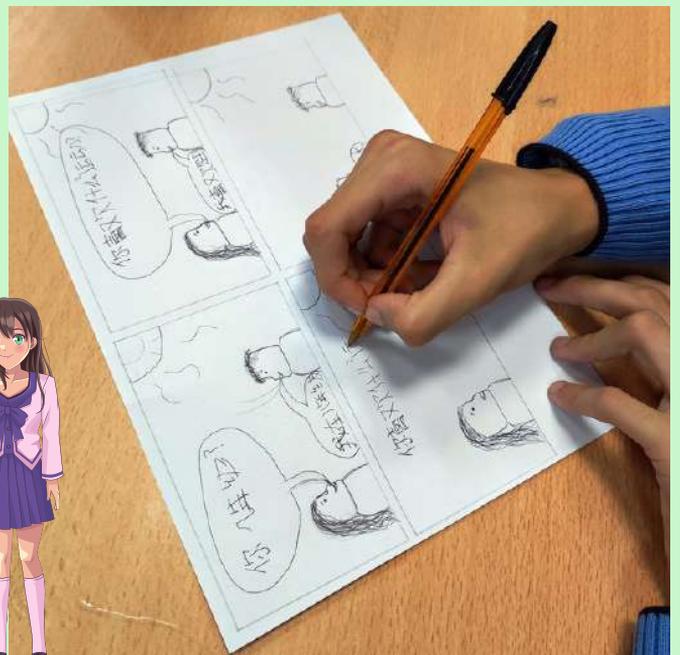
- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

LEARNING CHINESE WITH MANGA

Learning any new language is a difficult mission for anyone, and reading from a regular text book is often a very daunting, laborious and difficult experience. Mandarin Chinese in particular would be quite challenging especially for our students who want to improve their **Chinese character reading skills 汉字 (Hànzì)**.

This is why Middle School Chinese students improve their Chinese reading and speaking skills by first using flashcards and cartoon comic strips. Students work in groups and learn from comic strips by simply cutting the individual panels apart and putting these in the correct order to build a dialogue. They also creatively fill in empty dialogues themselves to practice imaginary conversation. In this way students are introduced to verbs and simple sentence structures and as a result familiarize themselves with the language.

Manga helps Chinese learners to improve their vocabulary and fluency in speaking Chinese in a fun way.



-HIGH SCHOOL NEWS-

ASSESSMENT WEEK Continue progressing

Assessment weeks are one of the most important situations that our students face during their school year. During these weeks, **students face exams based on exam-style questions and they get used to exam rules and real conditions.** After each assessment week, students' progress is analysed, defining how to continue helping each student to go to the next level. This week, our High School students faced their **November Assessment Week**, and we would like to congratulate them on their big effort they made.



ENJOYING TOGETHER Relaxing after exams

After finishing all their assessments, the students enjoyed a **special breakfast with their tutors**, where they can share time and experiences together, as well as relaxing after the exams. These activities also help to build a **good team spirit** in each group.



COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITY Learning together

As part of our constant innovation and improvement, this week we have started a project in which we will share information related to Science in a **course at University of Cádiz**. In particular, Mr. Soto will be teaching a science subject there.



-BOARDING NEWS-

IT'S BEEN GO, GO, GO A busy few weeks at Sage Boarding

After having had 4 weeks with the Finnish Golf Team, we bid them a fond farewell as they left to return home. We look forward to seeing many of them again in February, as **we continue to build this excellent relationship with international, elite athletes.** We enjoyed one last "braai" together, before they left for far colder days.



Although we have been back to regular lives, it hasn't been quiet. From watching the **Dance of the Andalusian Horses** and various local activities, the week was topped off by a wonderful dinner prepared by 2 of our boarding mothers.



Excitement mounted as we could smell what was being cooked and a number of boarders spend a surprising high amount of time checking out what was being prepared in the boarders' kitchen. When we finally sat down to dinner, we were treated to a **traditional ukrainian meal**, which was enjoyed by all and left the boarders running back for the next 2 days to eat the left-overs.



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Professor and researcher in the area
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Dr. José Manuel López Nicolás

SCIENCE COMMUNICATOR

 **STEM week'22**



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