

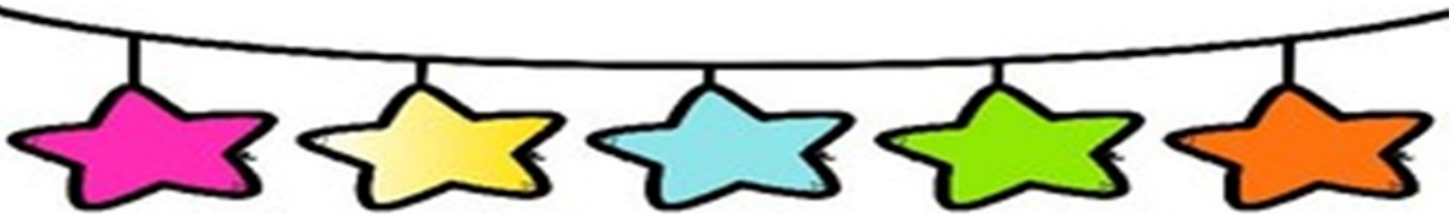


# Newsletter

SY 2018-2019

**BORACAY EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

September 2018



**2018 – 2019**  
**SCHOOL YEAR**



## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already in our second month of operation here at BEIS. Things have been moving very quickly and we have already held our 'Family Fun Day,' our first Parent Teachers Meeting and our 'BEIS Book Day.'

In September we also held our first Parent Teachers Association meeting (PTA). This was very productive and we had a very good turnout. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our PTA representatives, both old and new, for signing up this year and I look forward to working closely with you over the coming months.

We are always open to new members so if any other parents are still interested in signing up please approach your child's homeroom teacher at any time.

This month has also seen some challenges. In particular the inconvenience of the road works that seem to have dragged on for a lot longer than anticipated. Thank you for your patience and cooperation and for making that extra effort every morning to ensure your child makes it into school on time.

Bear with us as the road leading to the school is nearing completion and access is improving daily.

That only leaves me to add that I look forward to another successful year here at BEIS. Our teachers and staff are committed, as always to ensuring your child gets the best education, guidance and support on the island. It is important that we all work together as a team and I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter. For new parents you will see it will keep you up to date with what's been going on in the classrooms and throughout the school community. Please also pay special attention to the upcoming events calendar so you are sure not to miss any of the exciting activities on or around the campus.

Regards



Nicholas Lea  
BEIS Headmaster





	1	School Holiday
	19-25	Class Trips
	24	UN Day
	27-31	Autumn Break

	1-2	Holiday—All Saints Day
	3-4	Autumn Break
	12	School Pictures
	23-29	Assessment Week
	29	End of 1st Trimester
	30	Holiday—Bonifacio Day

	5	Grading Conference
	12	Release of Report Cards
	14	Christmas Event
	15-31	Winter Break





# Nursery Class



Preschool has gotten off to a smooth start. Your children have done a great job separating from you and are beginning to attach to their teachers, even calling some of us by name. Although there is some initial crying at arrival time and during some transitions, all the children are exploring their new school, meeting new friends, and internalizing the new schedule and their routines. September is primarily devoted to settling down and getting to know each other and ourselves. We want to acquire a good feeling about ourselves for each other. For some children this is a first experience away from home and parents. This transition may be difficult. Following directions, listening, and becoming aware of those around us will be an on going endeavour. Our classroom games and activities are designed to enhance the children's developmental areas. Painting, gluing and cutting will also be introduced. Proper use of materials is a main concern, as well as your child's discovery of his or her ability to create grow! Washing hands in the classroom will be a daily ritual!





Play,  
Learn and  
Grow...  
Together!

# Kindergarten 1

We are done with our first month of Kindergarten 1! The first month has already flown by! It has been a busy month as the kids continue to adjust and learn classroom routines. During the first few weeks many miss home and have a case of the Kindergarten "blues." But we are amazed at the progress each child has made as they transition.



During the month of September your child gradually adapted to new routines, practiced following directions, and learnt the proper use of materials in the classroom. We have started to introduce our "letter of the week". Each week a new letter and its sound will be introduced.



Thanks for being supportive of your child's new adventures. Kindergarten 1 is truly a daily adventure, so please remember your child may need to rest when they return to you. We look forward to an exciting school year!



# Kindergarten 2

Our Kinder 2 class started the year reviewing the things they have learned in Kinder 1.

For Language Arts, the kids are getting re-acquainted with letter names, sounds, and writing; and rhyming words, through nursery rhymes, interactive games, and story books.

In Math, the kids are learning about number-pairs that make the numbers 1-6, and comparing numbers 1-5 through group and individual hands-on activities in the classroom.

For Social Studies, we started with getting to know our classroom routine. We also made books about our classroom rules. We learned about how we can become better citizens at school and how we can be a good friend to our classmates.

In Science, we started doing experiments and observations that require us to use our 5 senses using some of the scientific tools we have in class. We have also learned about questions we can ask to know if things are alive or not. Right now, we are learning about real and pretend things.





# The Grade 1 Newsletter

**SEPTEMBER**

After a month in Grade 1, the children are now very comfortable with the areas, tools and materials we have in the classroom. They are aware of the rules and routines we have and are able to follow them most of the time. It is also nice to see that they have already started developing closer bonds with their classmates.



In **Language Arts**, the first graders started learning how it is to be a writer. They wrote about small moments that had happened to them. They love sharing with their classmates the stories they wrote, as well as the stories they read.



In **Math**, the students learned about number bonds. They did a lot of activities to further develop their skills in addition and subtraction. Different math stories were presented to them to help them learn how to analyze problems.



Thinking like scientists and engineers is what the children are learning in **Science**. They observed living and non-living things, did some color mixing experiments and even made their own back scratchers.



Our unit in **Social Studies** is focused on geography. The children learned the different types of maps. They even made a map of their own houses/rooms.





## NEWS ALERT!

### Second Graders News Update

#### Language Arts

September was the month we celebrated our annual BEIS Book Day. The kids really enjoyed the event, especially the Readers Theater. They performed *Zack's Shack* by Pamela Chanton. The treasure hunt was a blast too. They loved it so much that they even requested for more books to be hidden. They were like detectives. At the end of the day they also got the chance to show and tell their classmates about their favorite book and author. After showing it they exchanged books with their classmates. It was a really fruitful day for all of us.



#### Math

The kids learnt about odd and even numbers, place value, and counting by ones, fives, and tens. They had fun especially when they use the blocks to solve some problems.

#### Science

We had a very exciting activity in Science, all about Scientific Tools. They used some Science Tools like, Microscopes, Balances, Thermometers, Magnets, Hand Lenses and Safety Goggles. We also created some mini stations for them to use the instruments while answering questions.



#### ICT

The Kids had fun learning about Google, one of the Search Engines we use. They learnt about the different keys such as, the start, minimize and maximize keys. They also learnt how to create folders to save their documents in.

#### Social Studies

We learnt about the location of Ancient Greece, and the two city-states Sparta and Athens. We also got to differentiate between the Spartans and Athenians in terms of their Lifestyle, Government and their clothing.



## 3rd Grade News Express



### Welcome Back to School!

Another school year has started. It's time to grow, a chance to learn and an opportunity to challenge ourselves.

This year we are all eager to learn new things. In our Language Arts, we are continuing to learn new words, correct our grammar and read and understand different stories and reading passages. We will also be learning about writing opinions in informative and narrative pieces, together with continuing to practice our cursive handwriting.

For Mathematics, we are learning about the basic operations and about multiplication, division, fractions, geometry and measurements.

We are also excited to be learning about the Ancient Romans, World Rivers and Vikings for Social Studies. This year I will also be handling the third graders in ICT. We will be learning how to use Microsoft Word and will be using tablets for readers in both Language Arts and Social Studies.

We thank our parents for their continued support in all our school activities such as Family Fun Day, Book Day and also our electives.

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#### Reminders

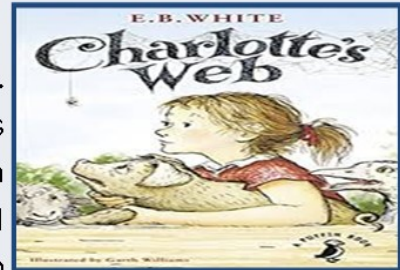
- ✓ Mental Sums every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- ✓ Spelling Quizzes every Tuesday and Thursday
- ✓ Homework will be given out from Monday to Thursday only
- ✓ Third Graders are encouraged to read storybooks in school and at home
- ✓ UPCOMING EVENTS  
UN DAY  
CLASS FIELD TRIP



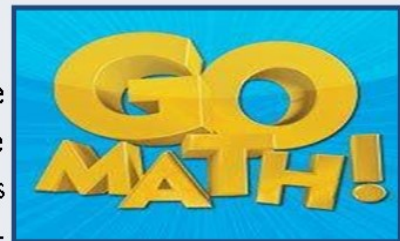
# Grade 4 School Newsletter

Welcome Parents!

In Language Arts grade 4 have started reading the novel Charlotte's Web. This is a children's novel by American author E.B. White. The novel tells the story of a livestock pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a barn spider named Charlotte. When Wilbur is in danger of being slaughtered by the farmer, Charlotte writes messages praising Wilbur in her web in order to persuade the farmer to let him live.



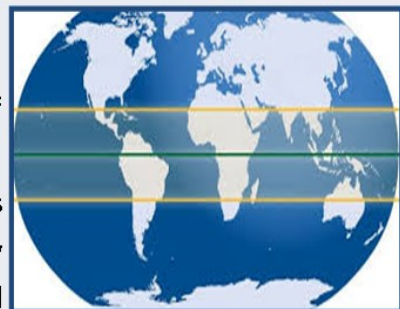
During the month of September the students have learned to use place value within one million through the hundred thousands place. Unit one has also focused on concepts in the areas of naming numbers in forms like, standard, word, and expanded, with rounding and estimating greater numbers.



What is the scientific method? Grade 4 have been learning how scientists use the scientific method. Their inquiry has led to finding answers to questions, and to solving problems making observations. The students have been gathering information using measurement and recording their results by making data graphs.



Grade 4 are taking a journey around the equator. Both southern and northern latitudes. The student's see what life is like on the snowy top of Mount Kenya as well as along the hot, steamy Amazon and Congo Rivers. Learning about Singapore, Indonesia, Brazil, Congo, and Kenya. The class see that the world is full of variety, even along the latitudes all the way through the tropics, subtropics, and subarctic 60 degrees north and south.



## Grade 4 Students in Action







# Newsletter !

**Ms. Rio Articuna**

"We are not makers of history.  
We are made by history"

- Martin Luther King Jr. -

## Social Studies

In our Social Studies class, we learned about the Spice Islands that were controlled by the Arabian traders (they monopolized the land and told stories about flesh eating monsters so no one could take over the land). We also learned about Marco Polo's travel to China and Mongolia where he met Kublai Khan the ruler of Mongolia. We also traced on the map the different route of the Spice Islands and the route of Arabians in trading spices. This was all that we learned from Social Studies, this month of September.

- By Jack Pierce -

## ICT

In ICT, we used Microsoft word to write and save the lesson that we learned during the day. This month, we practiced the home row keys to develop our skills in typing. Then, we were given 15 minutes to do online "typing club" and "typing maniac" for our home row keys mastery.

- By Justin Santos -

## Book day!

"Poetry winner"

Congratulation Carlos!



## Kulturang Pilipino

In KP, we learned about the life of the ancient Filipinos; like Aetas, Indones, and the Malaya people, and the early social organizational system. People in the barangay were divided according to their classes. Datu is the leader of the barangay. He made the rules, he protects the people in the barangay, and he is also the judge of the people who committed the crime.

- By Ben Field -

## Art Class

The kids are learning about face drawing. Simple sketching for the beginners to learn how to draw the real face of a person. We started with a frontal view of female and male faces.



# Grade 6

THE WINNER OF THE  
POETRY COMPETITION  
IN GRADE 6:

MULAN SOON

## School Poem

Challenges may  
come

They may be hard  
but I stay calm

Full of ups and  
downs

On Fridays we dress  
down

The more I learn

The more I learn

Treat our  
classmates with  
respect and care

We'll always be  
willing to share

We all walk tall and  
proud

Raise our hands  
before we shout

I go to school

I think that's cool

Follow the rules

You'll be cool in  
school

**Mulan Soon**

## New School Year, New Challenges

This is indeed an exciting year with a lot of challenges. The most important one is reaching the threshold of the transition from childhood into the teenage world. By the end of this year, as in the story of the hungry caterpillar, the 6 graders will have transformed into beautiful butterflies by becoming more mature and responsible, with more complex thoughts and ideas, and a horizon, which is widening up day by day.

Our curriculum and school work reflect students' needs. Teaching material includes more abstract and subtle ideas.

How do students respond to school work? I asked them about their favourite subjects:

*Mulan: During ICT we are now*

*learning how to use Excel and how to do Inventory with books. It's fun and exciting.*

*Valentina: In Arts we are learning*



### Grade 6

*how to draw a human face. Our drawings are not very much like real life faces but we're still trying!*

*Jessica: "We learn about basic*

*soccer in PE. I like practicing but like playing the game more."*

*Audric: "In Science we learn about the body this trimester. I like Science because it's interesting and I want to know how things work and how they are made."*

*Queenie: "We have just learnt about Rafta, how we write them, read them. It's really fun and interesting."*

*Lucas: "I like History, because it is about the past and our culture. Recently we learned about a slave, who died in Denmark and was sacrificed for the Earth Goddess."*

*Book Day, reading out*



## The Grade 6 Homeroom Teacher

It is an honour to have been appointed homeroom teacher for Grade 6 during the school year 2018/2019. My name is Andras Szucs and I am an ELA teacher from Hungary. I have been teaching English for 16 years, mostly in Europe, in the UK and Hungary, but I also spent

2 years teaching in China. This is my first year with BEIS and first time in the Philippines. I am looking forward to this exciting new year.





# GRADE 7/8

September 2018



**Grade 7 Science:** Learned about the features of a leaf and conducted an experiment about photosynthesis under light and dark conditions.

**Grade 8 Science:** Learned about dissecting a flower, floral structures and conducted experiments about water loss from plants.



**Book Day Celebration:** Grade 7 and 8 students reading books to Nursery, Kindergarten 1 and Kindergarten 2.



**Book Day Poem Making:** Ava and Amisha won in poem making with their original composition entitled "The Beauty of Learning"



**Adolescent Health Seminar:** Grade 6, 7 and 8 students attended the seminar about reproductive health awareness with a resource speaker from DOH.



# Mathematics

Welcome to Mathematics for the school year 2018-2019 ! The students in middle school have started learning math concepts, skills and attitudes with eagerness, high hopes and aspirations. To prepare students for what is in store for them, I would like to share with you the curriculum map that shows the flow of the lessons in each grade level below. They are expected to have acquired the prerequisite skills they need in order to have a smooth journey as we move to topics which require critical thinking.

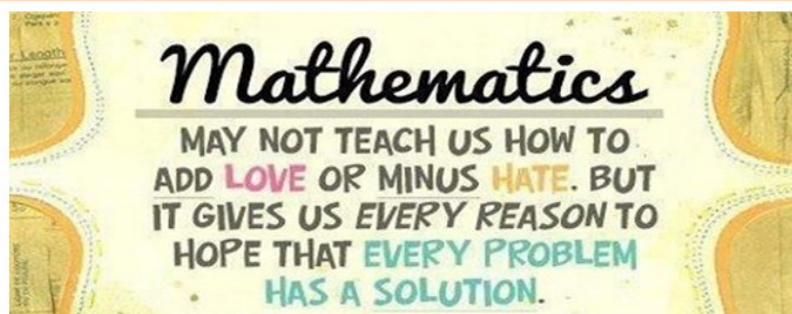
## Curriculum Map

Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Place Value and Decimal Fraction	Arithmetic Operations Including Dividing by a Fraction	Rational Numbers	Introduction to Irrational Numbers
Multidigit whole number and decimal fraction operation	Rational Numbers	Ratios and Proportional Relationships	Integer Exponents and the Scientific Notation
Addition and Subtraction of Fraction	Ratios and Unit Rates	Percent and Proportional Relationships	Linear Equations
Multiplication and Division of Fractions and Decimal Factors	Expressions and Equations	Expressions and Equations	Examples of Functions Linear Function
Addition and Multiplication with Volume and Area	Area, Surface Area, and Volume Problems	Geometry	Similarity
Problem Solving with Coordinate Plane	Statistics	Statistics and Probability	The Concept of Congruence

Fractions	Number and Geometry, Measurement	Expressions and Equations	Statistics and Probability
Number	Geometry	Ratios and Proportions	Functions

### Grading System:

Summative Test	30%
Classwork	25%
Quizzes	25%
Homework	10%
Project	10%





# Physical Education Newsletter

## What we did in September

*A warm welcome back to the gym for the school year 2018/2019. Its always a pleasure to see the students again after a long break.*

*They completed the month of September with a lot of excitement and loaded with energy.*

*By performing various endurance and overall strength exercises, including the gym benches and agility ladder/hurdles they are getting stronger and faster every week.*

*As a treat for their effort, the students could play games like: Chain tag, toilet tag, take a chance, patintero, dodgeball, pony express and golden child.*

*With that said, I am looking forward to another active and healthy school year.*

*We are just getting started.*



### Reminder Excuse Notes

If your child is sick or injured on a physical education (P.E.) day, please send a note explaining what the child can or cannot do.

If your child has any physical disabilities, please let us know. Problems such as chronic asthma, allergies, heart problems, diabetes, etc. need to be documented and kept in our files in the office. The students' safety is important to us all.





# BEIS



# FAMILY FUN DAY

## FAMILY FUN DAY – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone involved in the BEIS Family Fun Day – Whether that was in being a volunteer and getting stuck in, setting up and running the event, or in being crazy enough to come along and join in! The event was intended to be a day to get people together, with the aim of having fun. We are delighted to report that it turned out exactly as it had been planned.

*Event Coordinators - Ms. Shera, Ms. Sheena, Mr. Mark.*







# BEIS Book Day



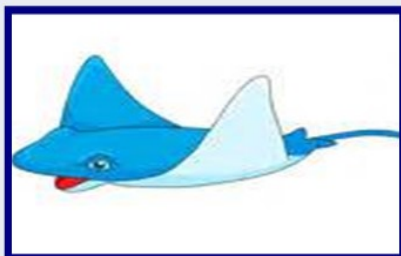
**Wednesday 26, September 2018**

*BEIS shared its annual school wide Book Day event in September. The school celebrated the joy of literature, and the immense benefits that reading can impact on a child's imagination. A fun filled family day was action packed with a school wide reader's theater assembly and poetry reading. The reader's theater performances were acted out by lower primary and early years. Upper primary and middle school had a poetry competition earlier in the week, and the winning poems were read out by their teachers. As the day progressed the literature activities flowed, from reading and writing to sharing books with class mates. The day finished with upper primary and middle school having a spelling bee competition. The students enjoyed the day, but most important, shared the joy of reading!*





# September 2018 BEIS House Tally Points



Below you can observe the BEIS House Team scores for the academic month of September 2018. The table shows individual points for house teams on the basis of merit (IHP).

Position September 2018	Points Tally	House Team
1st	1,110	White Tigers
2nd	990	Blue Rays
3rd	790	Golden Phoenix

Pictured below are the BEIS Family Fun Day house team winners, runners up, and second place runners up.



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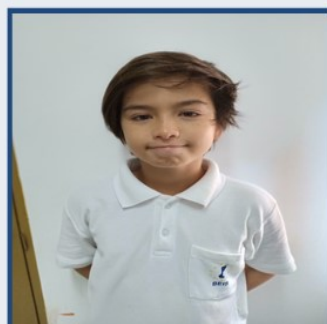
1st Place White Tigers

Runner's Up Blue Rays

Second Place Runner's Up Golden Phoenix



## BEIS House Star Students



hard work House Mates!" - Mr. Mark.