



Newsletter

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BORACAY EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

January 2019

BEIS SPORTS DAY



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

We started the New Year here at BEIS at full speed. Even before our first week had ended we had already held our Parent Teachers Conference and 2 Student Recognition Assemblies. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our PTC and please note that if you wanted to but could not, it is still possible for you to make an appointment with your child's homeroom teacher, or specialist teachers to set up a time and date that is convenient for both of you.



During our two student recognition assemblies, which were held on January 8th and 9th we rewarded our students who had worked particularly well in the first trimester with certificates. Outstanding students were recognized for both their academic and social achievements. In addition to this selected classes also presented projects to their peers that they had completed during the first trimester.

Perhaps the biggest event of the month was our Annual Sports Day. This was held on January 25th. This has traditionally been held at the end of the year in June. However, for this year and future years we have decided to hold it early in the calendar year. The reason for this is that January and February are the coolest months in the Philippines and also fall after the rainy season. Friday's event confirmed that this was a good decision. For most of the morning we had cloudy skies and a cool breeze which helped keep our energy levels up.


I would like to congratulate Golden Phoenix our champions this year who now have bragging rights for the next 12 months. Also well done to all our athletes. This year we focused on fair play and good sportsmanship and our kids didn't let us down. Thanks also to all of you who made it down to cheer on your kids and even take part in a couple of events. Also thank you again to White House for allowing us to hold the event there for the second year running.


You can read more about our recognition assemblies and sports day later in this newsletter.




Nicholas Lea
Head teacher



	2-5	Holiday—Chinese New Year (School Holiday)
	14	100 Days of School
	15	Kulturang Pilipino Festival
	25	Edsa Day (School Holiday)
	26-28	Mathematics & Science Week

	1	End of Mathematics and Science Week
	13-19	Assessment Week
	19	End of 2nd Trimester
	26	Teacher Grading Conference
	29	Release of Report Cards

	2	Parent Teacher Conference
	9	Day of Valor (School Holiday)
	11	Student Recognition Assembly Nursery to Grade 3
	12	Student Recognition Assembly Grade 4 to 8
	13-28	Spring Break (School Holiday)



Boracay European International School

Student Recognition Assembly

Celebrating Our Strengths

After the winter break, students are back ready to start another year with new aspirations to improve themselves through learning. We at B.E.I.S. held our first student recognition assembly to honor our students. We acknowledged their effort in striving to be excellent, both in character and academics. We also recognized their achievements and praised their hard work and diligence during the 1st trimester.

Students in each grade received certificates for having perfect attendance, conduct, demonstrating good manners and showing noticeable improvements in their academics.

Certificates were also awarded to students who obtained A+ in each subject.

The highlight was the awarding of silver and gold certificates to students who obtained an aggregate of 90 and above in their class. These students worked hard and were determined to go the extra mile which set them apart from other members of their class.

We congratulate all our students and encourage them to always strive to do their best!

K1-Grade 3 Academic Achievement Awardees



Grade 4-Grade 8 Academic Achievement Awardees



Students presenting their best work for the first trimester.



Nursery Class



We had a great start to 2019, beginning with very positive and effective progress conferences. Thank you so much for making the time to sit down and discuss your amazing child. We are continually impressed with all of them and their growth since the start of the school year.



During the first month of 2019, the children were busy learning, creating and exploring all sorts of Shapes.



All of the important foundations and hard work accomplished during Term 1 are certainly paying off, and the children are increasingly eager to delve in, question, challenge, and learn new things each day at school. This is very rewarding to see and no doubt will yield wonderful results throughout the year.



We look forward to another enjoyable month full of exploration and discoveries!

Play,
Learn and
Grow...
Together!

Kindergarten 1



Welcome back to Term 2! January was a busy month and we are closing in on the halfway point of the school year, and what a great

year it has been so far. Your children have been working hard and it has been a joy to watch them improve over the last few months. In the classroom, we have focused on learning more new letters and the sounds they make. We are also working on writing and tracing those letters. Language development, stories, rhymes and fine motor skill development are also our focus in the classroom. Recently, the children have been learning about three dimensional shapes. They enjoyed using the hands-on materials and activities and songs.

We had a great month in January and are looking forward to a love-filled month of February!



Kindergarten 2

LANGUAGE ARTS

This January, we took on adjectives and verbs in the past tense! The kids used these grammar lessons to describe their surroundings and day-to-day activities. We also added more sight words for them to learn. They have already started reading short CVC words as well.



SCIENCE

Our class has learned about the different Animal Habitats and why they are important. They have also learned about what makes day and night time. Now we are proceeding to our basic resources. We have started by learning about rocks.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We have been learning about maps this January. The kids described the differences and similarities between maps and the globes. They also played games to learn about cardinal directions, map keys, and following directions in reading a map.



MATHEMATICS

We've been doing addition this month. First, we used blocks and then we moved on to using our fingers in solving addition problems. We have also learned to find the missing addends. Now, we are moving on to subtraction.

The Grade 1 Newsletter

JANUARY

LANGUAGE ARTS.

The first graders are currently learning about non-fiction texts. They are reading and writing their own All About Books. These are the same projects they are working on during their ICT class. The children are already showing improvements in their reading and writing skills.

MATH.

For Math, the children are looking at time and measurement. They are learning how to tell time by the hour and how to measure using non-standard units of measurement.

SCIENCE.

The children are learning about plants this month. They learned about the parts, the types and the different ways to regrow plants.

SOCIAL STUDIES.

Social Studies this month was about the Ancient Civilization in Mesopotamia. The children showed great interest in this topic. The class explored maps and different pictures. They even wrote their names in cuneiform writing.



Children measuring the body parts of their classmates



Julia is using a graphic organizer to plan her All About book.

Map of Mesopotamia using clay



Liam is making his own analog clock.

The first graders are planting carrots, lettuce, garlic and beans.



Second Graders News Update

JANUARY NEWS ALERT!

Readers of the Month



The kids enjoy reading books. To encourage them to read more we give out certificates of appreciation.



Science

This month the kids have been learning about plants. They have focused on the basic needs of plants, their different parts and how each of these parts function. They also planted seeds and conducted an experiment to see how long Mong bean seeds took to grow in water and tissue paper.

We have now started Unit 5 : **Environment and Living Things**. The kids really like learning about the Food Chain and how Animals and Plants adapt to their environments.

Art

The kids love to read so we made a lion bookmark that will help inspire them to read even more.

Social Studies

Learning about Greek Gods and Goddesses is fun and exciting for the kids. They even made some write ups and colored the God that they liked the most. These included Gods such as Zeus, Poseidon and Hades.

Language Arts

This month new Spelling lists were given out to the kids to study and review. We discussed about Capitalization of words, Abbreviations, Apostrophes, and Quotation Marks. The kids are also creating their own stories from picture prompts to enhance their grammar, sentence construction and spelling.

Math

The kids have been learning about measurement in Math using inches and centimeters. In addition to this we have been practicing our Mental Math at the beginning of each class.

3rd Grade News Express



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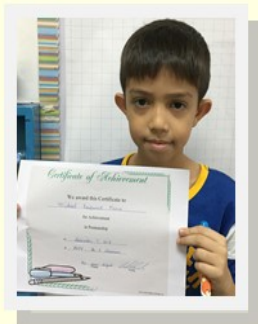
Welcoming a prosperous 2019. I would like to congratulate those Third graders who received their pencil to pen awards. They are the students who diligently worked on their Cursive Handwriting books and are now using pens in class. In Language Arts we are currently discussing adverbs, fragments and run on sentences. We are also writing our fiction stories with proper capitalization, punctuation and flow of ideas. In our Social Studies class, the students worked on a short presentation on the life of Julius Caesar. In our Art classes we have been busy making our paper masks in preparation for the upcoming KP festival. We have been mastering our multiplication tables through song and also using our multiplication skills to work on division.

Miss Joan

In KP, the 3rd graders started learning about Philippine Heroes. These heroes include Lapu-lapu and Jose Rizal.



Miss Rio



This month in Science, we focused on the life cycle of various plant and animal species. We conducted field work activities to determine the parts specifically the reproductive structures of some plant species in the campus. We also delved into the concepts of adaptation such as structural and behavioural adaptations for the survival of the species.

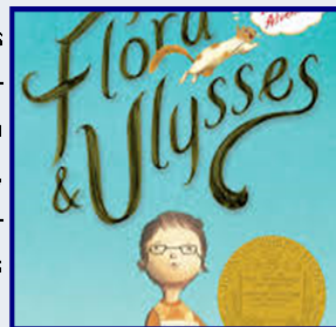
Ms. Marichu



Grade 4 School Newsletter

Welcome Parents!

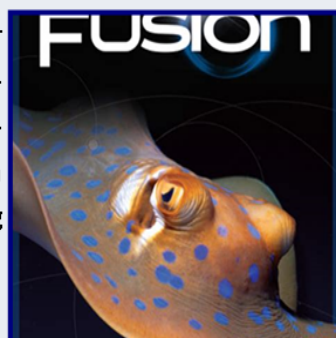
In Language Arts grade 4 have been reading *Flora and Ulysses*, Kate DiCamillo's award winning novel. The story focuses around a girl called Flora facing the pressures of family, friends, and just trying to fit in with everyone around her. Flora isn't like other kids her age. She enjoys reading stuff that no one else cares about, and she's a proud cynic, but as she goes on adventures with Ulysses her superhero squirrel, she does some good hard thinking about the kind of person she wants to be.



Go Mathematics has had the grade 4 students finding and Understanding that geometric figures can be analyzed and classified based on their properties, such as having parallel sides, perpendicular sides, particular angle measures, and symmetry.



In science grade 4 have been learning the different ways that meteorologists predict the weather? Meteorologists are able to predict the changes in weather patterns by using several different tools. They use these tools to measure atmospheric conditions that occurred in the past and present, and they apply this information to create educated guesses about the future weather. Grade 4 have been studying about thermometers, barometers, and anemometers for measuring temperature, air pressure, and wind speed, respectively.



Dynasties of China

About 1800 BC, the Shang Dynasty conquered most of China and ruled it under one Emperor. From this point on, Chinese history is measured in dynasties. A dynasty is one family of related rulers. This unit has sparked the imagination of the students learning about how the first Emperor, Shi Huangdi, introduced calligraphy, coins, and the start of the Great Wall of China that shaped history. In the photo grade 4 are practicing their Wu Xing characters which represent the five elements of Chinese culture.

Have a great month ahead - Mr. Mark.



Christmas Event

Grade 5 performed "La Befana" presenting the Christmas tradition in Italy. The kids were really amazing!



Parent's Evening

Thank you parents for attending our Parent Teachers Conference, I am looking forward to meeting you again at our next PTC. If you were unable to make the meeting please let me know if you have any concerns regarding your child's subjects.

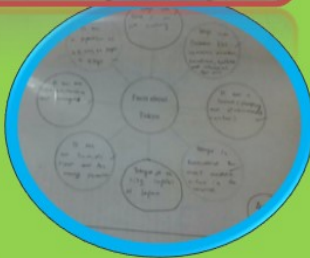
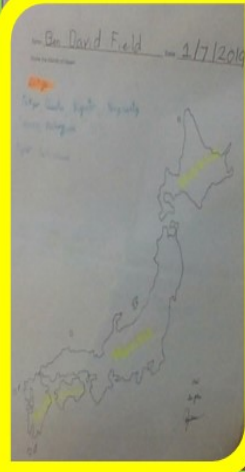
"Parents and Teachers constant communication will give a clear understanding to parents regarding their child performance."

Math

The 5th graders are currently learning about decimals. We worked on changing decimals to fractions and vice versa. We also used decimals in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They are also working on multi-step word problems involving decimals.

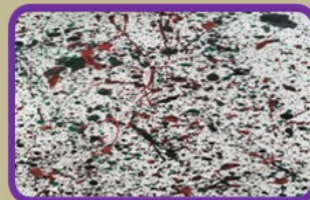
Social Studies

This 2nd trimester, we started learning about Feudal Japan. We learnt about Japan's geography and how they adopted the Chinese and Korean's culture, especially the Buddhist religion.



Art Class

We made two different kinds of splattering painting. Our next artwork is a papier Mache; we will mold a face mask and apply the different techniques in painting in designing the mask.



KP

We learnt about Mohammed-anism; it is about the origin of the Islamic religion and their culture, including the life of Mohammed, the founder of Islam.



Language Art

This month we have read different texts on poetry and spelling competitions, a poet, and how to write poems. In our Grammar lessons we have learnt about adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions and interjections. Vocabulary practice is based on the Common Core Academic thesaurus. Story Writing has been the focus of our writing lessons, including the main characters and other characters, first person and third person narration. In Literature we talked about figurative language, and the rhythm and rhyme of poems.

The student's mind is a bucket,
and the teacher pours in Knowledge.



The car was suffering and
was in need of some TLC.

In a twist
you felt the rain, wind, and hail, and
the world gathered up and began to spin.
The ground was shaking up and down like a vacuum cleaner.
The gears of all were picking up dust.
It happened to me tonight
destroying everything
along the way.
How it felt
Geez

Science

We have just finished our lesson about the human reproductive system and puberty. The students learnt about the changes that male and females experience during puberty and they now understand that these changes are normal. They each also interviewed an adult to share what it was like when they were going through puberty. They are now learning about plants and their first lesson was comparing moss and fern plants. They carried out an experiment and examined the leaflet of both plants under a microscope.



Grade 6 NEWSLETTER

History

This month we have continued looking into our core topic the 'History of Medicine and Public Health'. We have now moved into the Middle Ages which occurred between 500 BCE and 1500 CE. We have been looking at how medieval people used leeches and blood-letting to get well and how important they believed religion was for curing illnesses.



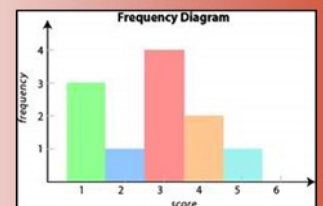
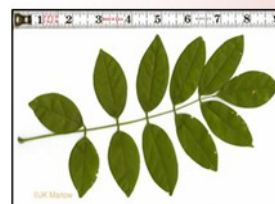
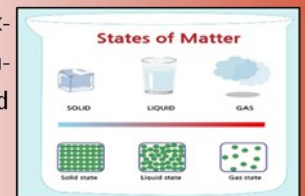
LA

Language Arts are divided into Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Writing, Vocabulary, and Literature. This month we have read different texts for comprehension on photography and nature. Students were encouraged to take black and white nature photos as well as pictures of birds. The beautiful images were displayed on the classroom board. In Grammar lessons we have learnt about gerunds, participles, infinitives, adjectives and adverbs, then conjunctions. Vocabulary practice is based on searching for and using new words from this year's reader, *Bridge to Terabithia*, which we have finished reading this month. Literature classes partly involves finishing the reader and starting to learn about poetry. Material includes imagery poetry techniques, for instance metaphors, similes, hyperboles, understatements, etc. Story writing has been in focus of writing this month and we have talked about the features of story writing through reading a science fiction short story.



Science

In our Science class, we studied the Biology of diverse plant and animal species and identified them with their common names and scientific names. We investigated the variation in plants by conducting fieldwork and counting the number of leaflets per plant species. We gathered the data and calculated for the range, mean, median and mode which is useful information in studying variation. We also constructed frequency diagrams based on the data that we gathered. We are now delving into the concepts in Chemistry and making sure that we have a good foundation on the states of matter and particle theory.



KP

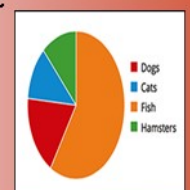
We learnt about the history of the code of Kalantiaw and the 18 articles. The rules and the punishment of early Filipinos were clearly stated in the code of kalantiaw. We compared rules about crimes that we have now and compared them to those of the past.

Arts

During our Arts lessons we are preparing for the coming KP Festival by creating our class masks.

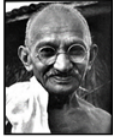
ICT

We are continually studying about Microsoft Excel and exploring on inserting graphs and charts based on the data set. We are also incorporating Science concepts in our MS Excel outputs like making charts and graphs about the population of endangered species. We are currently working on worksheets about hotel inventory and entering formulas to compute for the total bill per guest.



GRADE 7/8

Language Arts Grade 7

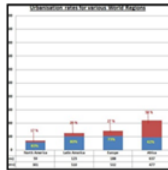


This month we read different texts for comprehension on environment protection and preservation issues. Then we travelled to India with the help of some selections on Mahatma Gandhi, the famous freedom fighter. Then Diwali, the festival of lights and one of the world's most beautiful buildings, the Taj Mahal. In Grammar lessons we learnt about Subject-Verb agreement, helping verbs, linking verbs and verb tenses. Vocabulary practice is based on the Common Core Academic thesaurus this trimester. Fiction stories have been the focus of the writing lessons, how to set the time and the scene, reveal information on characters and create life-like dialogues as well as their correct punctuation. Literature classes are all about poetry this trimester and we are learning how to analyze and write a poem.

Language Arts Grade 8

This month we read different texts for comprehension on volunteering in a science museum, what life is like in a circus and why Cirque du Soleil is a different kind of circus. Moreover, we read texts on avalanches and people trapped under an avalanche as well as an ice hotel, which inspired students to design their own hotel with roller-coasters carrying guests to their rooms. In Grammar we learnt about verb tenses, predicate adjectives, the comparative and superlative forms, then adverbs and intensifiers. Fiction stories have been the focus of writing, including how to set the setting, reveal information on the characters and create life-like dialogues. Literature classes involve poetry studies this trimester and the students have designed posters of basic poetry elements and techniques.

Geography



Grade 7: This month we have been looking at Human geography and particularly 'Urbanization': Why towns and cities have grown over the last two centuries and what attracts people from rural areas to urban areas. Did you know that since 2012 more than half of the world's population now lives in urban areas?

Grade 8: The students are learning about the physical geography of Russia. They were able to locate and find on the map the different geographical features of Russia like the Volga river, the Ural mountains, the Caucasus mountains, the Caspian sea, the Black sea, and lake Baikal. They have also compared the climate of different regions using maps. Due to its size the country has five different biomes with distinct natural vegetation, and animals.

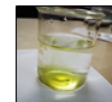
History

Grade 7: In History, the students have identified the different inventions of the industrial revolution and their impact on different industries like cotton and textile. They were able to trace how tools and machines go through series of development that led to more efficient and better products. They made a poster about it and showed how each equipment work.



Grade 8: We have now moved onto our second unit 'The Interwar Years' and the students are focusing on what was happening in Europe and the world between 1919 and 1939. We have just started an in depth study on Hitler, undoubtedly the most infamous character of that era.

Science



Grade 7: We learned about the rate of diffusion by conducting an experiment and using a natural dye extracted from *Rhoeo discolor* (Boat of Moses) which is widely occurring in the school campus.

Grade 8: We focused on the structure of an atom and the two types of reactions (endothermic and exothermic)

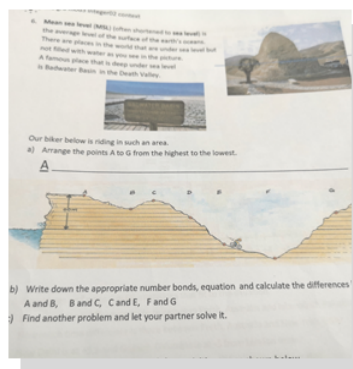
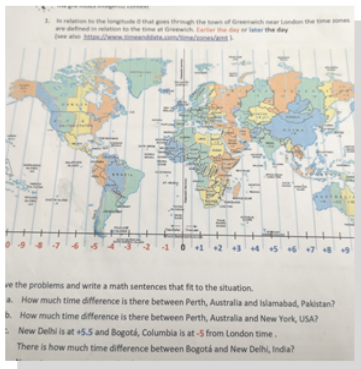
Kulturang Pilipino (KP) and Art

This month we focused on preparing for the Maskara Festival to be presented on KP Day!

Mathematics

GRADE 6, 7, AND 8

In January Grade 6 was introduced to Rational Numbers. They were given a task to understand how integers are represented in real world context. They solved time differences between two places using maps. They graphed the different depths of divers using a number line and they solved account balances after several withdrawals and deposits had been made. Next they are going to learn more about operations on integers.



Write down the appropriate number bonds, equation and calculate the differences between A and B, B and C, C and E, F and G
Find another problem and let your partner solve it.

Chris has an account balance and the activities are as shown below. Calculate the new account balance after the activities.

Account Balance	January, 31	PHP 7050
Activity	Income	Debitors
Communication PLDT new line	PHP 820	
House repair, new roof	PHP 9300	
Car repair	PHP 2200	
Account Balance	February, 28	

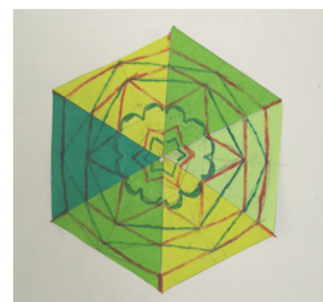
WHAT ABOUT INTEREST?

$I = PRT$
 I = amount of interest
 P = principal amount
 R = interest rate (in years)
 T = amount of time

Car Loan Agreement
\$7500
5 years
10%

Grade 7 has learned how to apply their knowledge about rates, proportions and percent to solve real life problems. They computed for percent change and determined if it is an increase or decrease. They know how to solve for simple interest, commission, sales tax, and compute for total cost. They also learned a bit about business math which will hopefully help them develop their decision making skills when purchasing and to manage how they spend their allowance.

Grade 8 has finished learning about congruence and similarity. They analyzed how a figure is transformed and determined if it is a translation, a reflection, or a rotation. They were given a task to create a kaleidoscope by transforming different figures inside a triangle that is formed into a hexagon. They are currently learning about triangle theorems and Pythagorean Theorem.



Physical Education Newsletter

What we did in January

A new year has come and it's a pleasure to welcome the students back to the gym.

For the first month of the year the students focused on the improvement and development of their throwing, catching and rolling skills.

The younger students practiced to throw a ball, using the overhand and underhand movement pattern with increasing accuracy.

The upper school students focused on catching, rolling and passing a ball to a partner while moving from one point to another.

The students were asked to apply those skills in different games and situations.



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.



The sun shone for our annual BEIS Sports Day held at the White House Beach Resort. All students and parents turned up bright and early for their warm up sprint before moving through their races, where we were treated to some impressive performances by all house teams. Alongside this, Dads and Mums good-naturedly took part in cheering on their own children's house teams whilst later battled tooth and nail in the tug-of-war with teachers and students. The day finished with Medal prize giving and we took the chance to thank our hard-working PTA parents who supplied refreshing fruits for our athletes. Their support is much appreciated. BEIS would also like to congratulate the new Sports Day Champions of 2019, Golden Phoenix; second place White Tigers, and third place Blue Rays.

As with all aspects of life at BEIS, we value the effort that pupils put into the day as well as their skill and athletic prowess. Whilst Sports Day showcases talent in a competitive sense, it is also an opportunity to reiterate the importance of team spirit and support for others. See you all next year for Sports Day!

Sincerely,

Mr. Winnie Dittrich

Mr. Mark Reynolds

Sports Day Event Coordinators

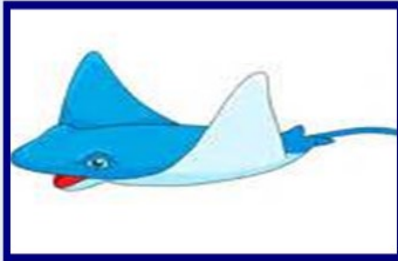


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January 2019 BEIS House Tally Points



You can observe the BEIS House Team scores for the academic month of January 2019 for individual points for house teams on the basis of merit (IHP).

Position January 2019	Points Tally	House Team
1st	3,295	White Tigers
2nd	3,150	Blue Rays
3rd	3,055	Golden Phoenix



BEIS House Star Students January 2019



Below are the (IHP) top achievers for the month of January 2019.

"Keep up the hard work House Mates" - Mr. Mark.

Mulan Soon 100 IHP **Golden Phoenix**

Jack Pierce 100 IHP **Golden Phoenix**

Asyana Gesmundo 80 IHP **Blue Rays**

