



2017

Newsletter

Welcome to our half-termly newsletter. This half term we have up-dated our web-page, www.numontschool.es, and added many interesting sections. Please take a look!

STAFF CHANGES

We would like to welcome Ms McMahon who has replaced Ms. Hudson in Year 6C. Ms McMahon has experience of teaching, both in primary and in secondary schools and has worked in British, International and Spanish schools all over the world. Ms McMahon is an accomplished artist and sportswoman. She has exhibited her artwork at various exhibitions, is an all-Ireland champion swimmer, and has competed in half-marathons and triathlons.

Ms. Smith, who has been at Numont for many years has been promoted to Key Stage 2 co-ordinator. Congratulations! She joins Ms Pammy – Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 co-ordinator and Ms Bazakis as SEND and P.E. co-ordinator.



This year's school show will take place on Friday 1st December at the theatre in the Colegio Menesiano. The show will begin at 18.30. More information about time and place will be sent closer to the time.

The pantomime is about 6 children who take us on an adventure through various pantomime stories, recovering three magic objects in order to defeat the wicked witch, who gets converted to good at the end of the show.

The children have started rehearsals and are learning all the songs and dances.

We are looking forward to seeing them perform.

Charity Appeals

Last June we held our annual International Evening. This evening has a long tradition at Numont as both a social occasion and a fund-raiser. 2853.87 euros were raised and sent to support the hurricane relief effort in Puerto Rico

1504 euros were also raised and used to buy books for the library.

Many thanks to all parents and members of staff and of course to the children for all their hard work.

We have sent out an email for old toys to be given in to the school on behalf of the British Ladies Association. The British Ladies Association will be selling them at their Christmas Bazaar and all monies raised will go to various charities. The Bazaar will take place on the first Sunday in December, (3rd December), between 12 noon and 6 pm at Mauricio Legendre 16 (between Plaza de Castilla and Chamartin Station). Entrance is 3€ for adults, 1€ for children and under 10 years are free. Parking available. The response has been marvellous. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

In November we will be sending out our annual request for donations of food (dry food, such as rice, pasta, tins, etc), and men's clothing. All these donations go directly to the "Albergue Santa Maria" in Sanchinarro, which is a centre for homeless men. The centre provides food, clothing and a bed for nearly 150 homeless men and also gives classes and workshops where the men can learn new skills which help them become more integrated into society. All donations may be brought into the office.



NUMONT BOOK CLUB The Numont Book Club takes place every term. It is a great way for parents and children to buy English books at great prices. Also by ordering through the Numont Book Club website <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/numont-school> by the deadline date, parents can save the cost of delivery, as all the books are delivered free of charge to the school. Parents already had a chance to order books in October and there will be another chance before Christmas.



We are very proud to inform you that 3 ex-Numont Students have won 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in their categories of the MathCup Madrid on Saturday 21st October.

15 Hastings students attended the MathCup, a competition organised by the Universidad Europea's School of Mathematical Talent. They competed against 113 children from 14 schools.

The three ex-Numont students left Year 6 last summer. Helena Lopez Barroso won 1st place, Carlos Leather Galera came in 2nd and Nicolas Grass López de Silvanes was 3rd. Congratulations to all three!! A great achievement!! And a great reflection on the teaching staff at Numont.



This term has seen the return of Student Council Elections across KS2. All the pupils voted for their student of choice and each class has two representatives. The democratically elected students are:

- 3A** Pablo Teijiero and Daniela Merino
- 3B** Juan Dura and Lucia de Andres
- 3C** Alex Woollard and Violeta Lopez
- 4A** Theo Ferguson and Yago Ramirez
- 4B** Martina Guisasola and Carlota Gallego
- 5^a** Frank Cuesta and Victor Gurbani
- 5B** Jagrav Patra and Valeria Sanchez
- 5C** Nico López and Emma Tapia
- 6^a** Julia Hooley and Jorge Argullo
- 6B** Rebeca Adan and Amanda Muñoz
- 6C** Parker Flynn and Rocio Garcia

The two meetings so far this term have been very productive and many good ideas have been raised. The children are going to be carrying out this role until January when new Council members will be elected.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

30th October Half-term	31st October Half-term	1st November Half-term	2nd November Half-term	3rd November Half-term
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6th November	7th November	8th November Year 4 Spanish Theatre	9th November	10th November Year 4 Carranque 12.00
13th November	14th November	15th November Y3 Spanish Theatre	16th November N+R Theatre Pinocchio	17th November Parent/teacher FS, KS1,Y3 Odd Socks Day
20th November	21st November	22nd November	23rd November	24th November Y1B Assembly Bake Sale, Parent/teacher Y4-6
27th November	28th November	29th November	30th November	1st December Y2A Assembly Y4,5&6 Show Menesianos
4th December	5th December Nursery Assembly 9.30 Y2 Little Big Kids	6th December La constitución	7th December Puente	8th December La Inmalulada
11th December	12th December Reception Assembly	13th December Year 2B Assembly	14th December	15th December Year 1A Assembly Reception+Year 1 Police
18th December	19th December Year 3B Assembly	20th December Year 3A Assembly	21st December Year 3C Assembly	22nd December Last day of term



LIBRARY 2017/2018

MONDAY	9:00-9:30	Y2A
	9:30-10:00	Y5A
	10:00-10:30	Y5B
TUESDAY	9:00-9:30	Y1A
	9:30-10:00	Y6A
	10:00-10:30	Y6B
WEDNESDAY	9:00-9:30	Y3A
	9:30-10:00	Y4B
	10:00-10:30	Y4A
THURSDAY	9:00-9:30	Y1B
	9:30-10:00	Y3B
	10:00-10:30	Y3C
FRIDAY	9:00-9:30	Y6C
	9:30-10:00	Y2B
	10:00-10:30	Y5C

These are the weekly library times for the classes. Please try and help your child remember to return their library book each week



Christmas Shows 2017

NURSERY	TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 9.30AM
RECEPTION A	TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 9.30AM
YEAR 1A	FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 9.30AM
YEAR 1B	FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 9.30AM
YEAR 2A	FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 9.30AM
YEAR 2B	WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 9.30AM
YEAR 3A	WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 9.30AM
YEAR 3B	TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 9.30AM
YEAR 3C	THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 9.30AM
YEARS 4,5&6	FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 6.30PM

COLEGIO MENESIANOS**



PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

The termly parent teacher meetings will take place on Friday 17th November (Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2, & 3) and Friday 24th November (Years 4, 5, & 6).

The lists are normally posted outside the classrooms the Wednesday before. Parents can sign up their names next to a time. Alternatively parents may sign up in the office from one week prior to the meetings. The meetings normally start around 14.00pm and the last appointment is at 17.50pm. Meetings last 10 minutes and must be strictly adhered to. If any parent would like more than 10 minutes please contact the office to arrange an alternate meeting.



BAKE SALE

The Bake Sale will also take place on the 24th November throughout the day. We hold a Bake Sale every term in order to raise money for various charities that the school supports. Parents and children may bring in cakes and cookies and also savoury goods. The children may bring a maximum of 5€ each to spend on the goodies!



HALLOWE'EN PARTY





Today is our Hallowe'en Party. Children have come to school dressed in fancy costumes and the whole school is full of witches, sorcerers and Captain Americas!!



We had two assemblies where the children throughout the school recited Hallowe'en poems and sang Hallowe'en songs they had learnt.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS HALF-TERM?

NURSERY

We have been having lots of fun during this first half term in Nursery learning all about 'Ourselves'. The children brought in a photo of their family and enjoyed telling their friends who was in their photo.



We have also been learning about Autumn; the children did some lovely leaf rubbings for our Autumn display. We had a really enjoyable trip to the farm at the beginning of the month where we saw a lot of animals and the children had the opportunity to ride on the farm pony. They also did a leaf print and made a ladybird out of clay 😊.



We have been busy learning a Halloween song 'Five Little Pumpkins' and we are looking forward to singing it to Reception and Years 1 and 2 on Friday 😊.

Ms Majella

RECEPTION

In Reception this half term, the children have explored a number of topics on their learning journey, such as "Ourselves",

"Autumn" and "People who help us". They had lots of fun talking about what they want to be when they grow up! A big thanks to all the volunteers who came in to talk to the children about their job!

Year 1 adventure with smiles and courage, ready to take on new challenges.

. We have started learning some new subjects such as Geography and Design and Technology, where we have been thinking about where we live and the construction of our houses and homes.

We have been learning all about 'My Body' and participated in many fun and interesting activities regarding the five senses.



In Art, we have been looking at primary and secondary colours, and symmetry and have produced some beautiful artwork.



We have also been working really hard on our reading skills and enjoy sharing our books at home.



At the beginning of October we went on our first school trip to a farm, where we got to ride a pony, do some pottery and enjoy a lovely picnic outside in the unusually warm autumn air.

We wish you all a safe and happy mid-term break, and look forward to welcoming you back soon so that we can continue our exciting learning journey together!



We are looking forward to our Hallowe'en Party on Friday 27th October.

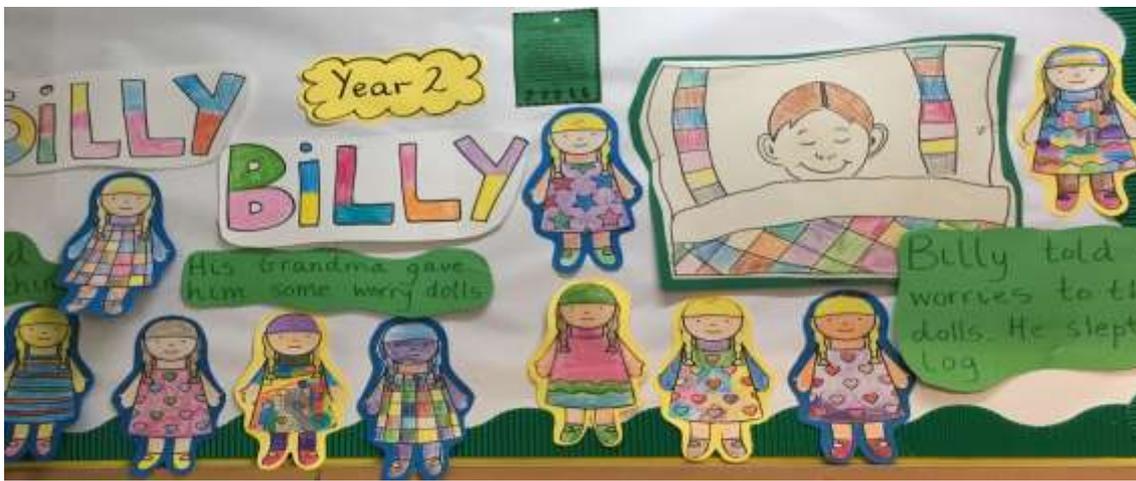
Ms Cindy & Ms Franchesca

YEAR 2

This half term has been very exciting so far! We have all settled in extremely well. We were very happy to welcome four new pupils and they all love their new classes!



We have learnt how to describe ourselves using adjectives and we've used our skills to draw some amazing self-portraits. 😊



We are all taking turns to take Barnaby Bear home with us and show him some amazing parts of Spain.

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the farm, where they rode on a pony, had a picnic outside, made ladybirds out of clay and saw lots of lovely farm animals.

We are very busy practising our Halloween poem at the moment! We can't wait to perform in front of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1!

Mrs. Laura & Mrs. Pammy ☺

Year 3

Welcome to Year 3!



In year 3, the children have made a good start to the new school year and have been working very hard.

English

In this half term the children have created an autobiography that they then presented to a live audience. As a class, they read an autobiographical blog post from Little Red Riding Hood, responding to and asking questions about the text to develop their comprehension skills. They looked at the use of language and gathered success criteria for what

makes a good autobiography. They then saw the same text in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, and analysed the differences between the two types of text. After some teacher modelling, they practised storyboarding the main events from Little Red Riding Hood's story to create PowerPoint slides. The children then created their own autobiographical presentations.



Mathematics

In Mathematics this half term the children have learned to:

- Use multiples of 5 and 10 bonds to 100 to solve additions and subtractions; add and subtract 1-digit numbers to and from 2-digit numbers
- Compare and order 2- and 3- digit numbers; count on and back in 10s and 1s; add and subtract 2-digit numbers; solve problems using place value
- Know multiplication and division facts for the 5, 10, 2, 4 and 3 times-tables; doubling and halving
- Know and understand the calendar, including days, weeks, months, years; tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes on analogue and digital clocks; know the properties of 3D shapes
- Comparing, ordering and understanding place value of 2- and 3-digit numbers; subtracting from 2- and 3-digit numbers; using prediction to estimate calculations

Science

The topic we are learning about this term in Science is 'Light and Shadows'
We have learned:

- To recognise that we need light to see.
- To explore the Sun as a light source and identify the difference between night and day.
- To investigate what shadows are and why they are formed.
- To investigate what shadows are and why they are formed.
- To investigate how the size of shadows change throughout the day.
- To explore how light is reflected from surfaces.



History

This term in History we have been learning about people who lived during the Stone Age, how they lived and what life was like during that time. We were very lucky to visit a real-life cave in los Enebralejos, Pradena. The children had a wonderful time and asked lots of very interesting questions.



The children were very lucky as they also had the opportunity visit a Stone Age house and make a Stone Age necklace.



This trip inspired year 3 to make some Stone Age houses and cave replicas.



Art / Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, the children have been studying 'Packaging'. The children have investigated a range of packages for different purposes. They have been encouraged to pay particular attention to the different 3D shapes and graphics used on various packages. The children have used their knowledge from the investigation stages to design and make packages for a particular purpose. Here are some examples of our finished products.



Ms Smith, Mr Doherty & Ms Jessica.

Year 4

This term we have been studying about the European Union. A lot of pupils did exceptional research projects on their chosen countries. In English we learnt about the life of Neil Armstrong and read a story about a refugee family moving from Rwanda to the United Kingdom.

In poetry we have been looking at **alliteration**. This is the repeated sound of the first letter in a series of words. We wrote Halloween themed alliterative poems:

A pale pink pumpkin popping,
A magical mustard monster meowing,
A surreal scarlet spider singing,
A zestful zinc zombie zapping,
A wild wheat witch walking,
A violent violet vampire vomiting,
A bold black bat bowling,
A careless cyan cat camouflaging
A fearless flamed Frankenstein flying
A grumpy golden ghost giggling,
A rich ruby rat running,
A jealous jam jellyblob jumping.

By Cecillia Verheggen and Carla Roldán

In Science we have investigated how sound is made by vibrations. We carried out some exciting experiments to measure volume and see how pitch changes when an object vibrates at different speeds.



It was a lot of fun to learn about Miro and how he painted his dreams. We have been thinking about how we can represent our dreams in different art forms.

Mr. Hooley & Ms. Lorna

Year 5

This term the children in year 5 have worked very hard. They have been exploring non-chronological reports. The model text was all about animal migrations and the children had the opportunity to explore a variety of animals and their challenging migrations. The children would discuss which animal they thought had the most challenging migration and why. After exploring the main features of reports, the children used a range of information texts and websites using the tablets to find facts about an animal of their choice. Once the children gathered enough information, they planned, drafted and published their own report on their chosen animal.



Following this unit, the children have had the opportunity to explore a range of poems. The children focused on the structure of nonsense poems, ballads and free verse poems. Using the model texts, the children drafted their own versions of the poems which they had explored this term. The children enjoyed writing their own 'As I went Down Zig Zag' originally written by Charles Causley. The children investigated rhyme, rhythm and stanza structure.



Mr Pendlebury, Ms Olympia & Mr Hickey.

Year 6

Art and Design

This term has been action packed for Year 6, we went to Retiro Park on a trip to photograph our environment and develop our awareness of perspective and how large certain areas should be in relation to the size of the paper they are using. We painted these using watercolours and achieved great results as you can see.



English

We have studied Roald Dahl in September, the month of his birth and looked at his unique style and how this can impact our own writing. We focused on Miss Trunchbull and how she was described then drew some great illustrations which we have proudly on our walls.

We have worked on non-fiction as well with the studying of the eruption at Pompeii. The children loved learning about the events of the past and what we do today to preserve and protect these important historical finds. Learning about archaeology and volcanology has been fascinating. The children have looked at specific techniques and equipment the scientists use in their various fields.

We are now focused on the novel 'The Eye of the Wolf' by Daniel Pennac. This is providing a unique point of view and the children are enjoying viewing humanity from wolves perspectives.

Mathematics

This half-term has seen Year 6 studied various concepts so far: multiplying by 2 digit numbers, decimals and fractions, addition of 5 digit numbers, angles within triangles and circles, area and perimeter and many more.

History



P.E. NEWS

This half term we have been doing Gymnastics in our lesson on site. All the children have been working exploring different themes and showing their group sequences.

Year 1- Travelling

Year 2- Direction and Balance

Year 3- Pushing and Pulling

Year 4- Bridges

Year 5 - Inversions (Feet High)

Year 6 - Assisted Flight

There are many talented gymnasts in Numont and the resulting pieces of work were of a high standard.

Many thanks to the classes who watched and shared Years 5 and 6 work. It was a valuable learning experience for all the children involved.

The Year 6 mixed Tag Rugby team will be competing in the British Council Tournament on Monday November 6th. Good Luck!!!!

**WE WISH YOU ALL A GREAT HALF-TERM AND SEE YOU ON
MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER.**

