



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2018

The Autumn term is almost over and we would like to thank everyone for all the hard work and effort they have put in. This term has seen many fundraising activities, wonderful Christmas shows and as always dedication and enthusiasm from the teaching staff.

Many thanks to all the parents who have contributed to the various charities we support and also to the parents who help in both the library and with the Bake Sale. All your help is really appreciated.

Charity



The Bake Sale raised 1099 euros which was used to buy books for the library and went to the Albergue de Nuestra Señora de la Paz, which is a charity based in Madrid which helps house and feed homeless men and help them get back on their feet.

COLLECTION OF TOYS



Many parents very kindly donated both new and second-hand toys to the British Ladies Bazaar. The "British Ladies" is involved in many charities all over Spain.

POPPY APPEAL



The Annual Poppy Appeal took place in November. The British Consulate was very grateful for Numont's contribution and send their thanks for all everyone's generosity.



ALBERGUE SANTA MARIA DE LA PAZ



Apart from sending the Albergue money which has been raised from Bake Sales, the International Evening, or private donations every year, we also sent food and clothes which are specifically requested by the shelter.

Just before Christmas we send foodstuffs such as coffee, milk, rice and pasta which have been brought in by parents and children.

The men and staff at the Albergue are very grateful for the contributions all through the year but especially so at Christmas.

The closing date to bring in foodstuff is Thursday 20th December.

NUMONT SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The Bake Sale Stall was a great success with 71 euros profit being raised. It was decided to buy a BUDDY bench for the sand playground and to give the profits from the Christmas Cookie/Cupcake Sale to charity.



The class representatives finished their term in office with the final meeting on Wednesday 19th December where they were presented with a certificate and photo.

This term has been very successful. The year six children have run the meetings, taking turns to be the chairperson or taking the minutes. All the representatives presented the class proposals confidently.

The children have learned how to run a meeting, vote and accept the majority.

Elections for new representatives will be held in January.

Years 4, 5, & 6 Show “The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe”



The show this year was **“The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe”**.

It took place in Colegio Menesiano and was a great success. The main acting parts were excellent and all the children gave wonderful performances. The singing and dancing was superb and it was obvious the children had worked very hard to remember all the words and steps. A lot of effort went into preparing the show. Mrs Beth adapted the book in order to make it into a play. The costumes and scenery were spectacular and the theatre decorations were great.

A big thank you to all the members of staff who worked so hard to make the show such a success. And well done to the children





CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLIES

Foundation Stage, KS1 and Year 3 performed a Christmas Assembly which parents and friends came to watch.

The teachers and children worked very hard learning lines and songs and it was great practice for them to perform in front of an audience.

Special thanks to all the class teachers and assistants.

The teachers have each written a few words about this first term.

NURSERY

This half term the children in Nursery have been focusing on the following topics: "Ourselves", "Autumn" and "Christmas".



We went on a trip to "Little Big Kids", there the children did various workshops on the topic of Healthy Eating and had lots of fun and really enjoyed the morning out.

The children practised hard for their Christmas assembly and they put on a great performance for their mums and dads.

We are looking forward to having a special visit from Santa and I'm sure he'll have lots of nice presents for the boys and girls 😊.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Mrs Majella.

Reception



This half term, we've been looking at the topics of 'Autumn', 'Winter/Arctic Animals'

and 'Christmas'. Reception enjoyed a trip to 'Little Big Kids' to enjoy an interactive workshop on healthy eating. There was a visit from some 'naughty' reindeer also and Santa even popped in to say hello! Christmas is always an exciting time at Numont. Reception have been getting in the festive mood with Christmas crafts and singing. The children practised hard for their Christmas assembly and had a great time performing their songs and the story of the 'Little Red Hen'. Thank you for your continued support.

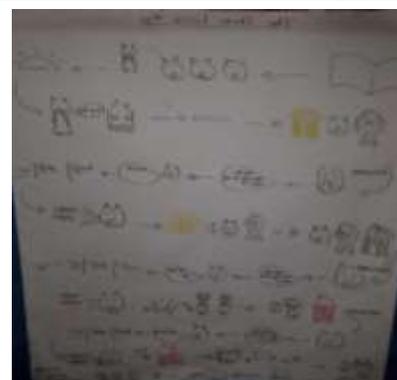
Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all.

Miss Katie

Year 1

Year 1 have been working really hard this term on their reading and writing. The children are showing great interest in improving their ability and are proud of their achievements.

This half-term we have been learning about the human body and enjoyed participating in a variety of activities related to their senses. They have also been learning about where we live in Spain and learning all about the four countries of the United Kingdom.



The Children have been learning all about the colours in their colour creations topic. They have enjoyed producing some art work based on some famous artists such as Kandinsky.

This term, the children have really enjoyed performing their Christmas Shows for their families and Friends. Year 1A performed the show "Chilly Milly" and the Year 1B's Show was called "Snowy Chums". They have shown great confidence in speaking their individual lines and performed with lots of enthusiasm. Some of the children wrote letters to Father Christmas and wrote the envelopes, put the stamps on and then went to the post box to post the letters.

We hope you all have a lovely holiday and see you in 2019.

Ms. Cindy and Ms. Franchesca.

Year 2



Year 2 have had another great term! We have continued working hard with our reading, writing and Maths as always.

The children all showed a lot of interest in our first History topic about Florence Nightingale and have done some lovely work.

In D&T, the children loved designing and making their own Christmas decorations and have started to learn a new skill - sewing!

Healthy Eating – Little Big Kids



We spent a fun morning at Little Big Kids learning all about healthy eating; the children particularly enjoyed doing their own shopping in the market, making sure they were creating a balanced meal.



The children have worked really hard on their Christmas show “Gnome Alone”. They learned their lines, songs and dances exceptionally well and had a great time performing for their families.

We hope you all have a great holiday and look forward to seeing you back in school in January.

Mrs Laura and Ms Gray

YEAR 3

Ottoline and the Yellow Cat

In English we have been reading the book: Ottoline and the Yellow Cat. A lot of lapdogs and jewels have been going missing. Ottoline tries to get to the bottom of these mysteries with the help of her friend Mr Monroe. The children have enjoyed finding out how Ottoline solved the mystery.



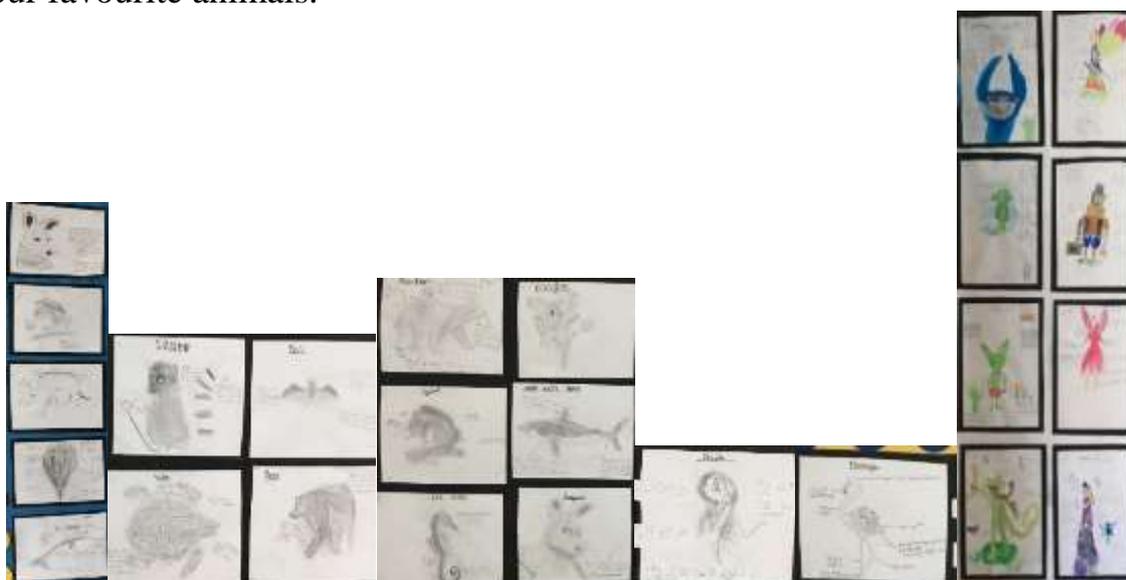
YEAR 4

Year 4 have been very busy this year. We have gone on several trips related to subjects we have been studying. We have been studying the Romans and we visited the “Parque de Carranque” near Toledo where we saw Roman ruins and Mosaics. The ruins in Carranque were only discovered in 1983 and have added to our knowledge of the Romans and their history.

We also visited “Parque Europa” and saw monuments from all over Europe which has reinforced our studies of Europe and the European Union. Our last trip was to Cosmo Caixa where we were able to do many experiments about electricity which was our main Science topic this half-term. In Art we have been looking at the Spanish surrealist artist Salvador Dali and have done our own version of “The Elephants” which was painted by Dali in 1948.



We have also been studying animals and their habitats and have drawn a few of our favourite animals.



Year 4 have been reading the “Spiderwick Chronicles” and have drawn their own “fantastical” creatures.

Mr Hooley, Mr Hickey and Ms. Stuart.

Year 5

We have looked at Claude Monet's beautiful paintings from the gardens of Giverny and we have tried to reproduce them.



This half term Year 5 have achieved so much. They did extremely well in the school production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. They have finished off their learning on Victorian Britain, making some excellent Learning Logs in the process. Within Science they have learned much about forces and conducted some fun experiments on air resistance and gravity using parachutes they designed. They learned about writing scientific reports on experiments as well.

Our Design and Technology topic on 'Biscuits' was very much enjoyed by the pupils as they got to make, decorate, design their own products and conduct tastings!



Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.
Mr McLeod and Mrs Kennedy.

YEAR 6

Year 6 Maths –

This term the children have been working very hard with fractions. They have become more confident when working with common factors and common multiples to add fractions with equal and different denominators. They have also learned how to multiply and divide fractions by whole numbers. They have used pizzas to understand the important concepts of “a part of a whole thing” represented by fractions and decimal numbers. They have also converted fractions to percentages and can now answer word problems involving percentages!

Year 6 – Science

This term we have looked at Inheritance & Evolution; which has allowed us to learn different theories of evolution. Children have learned how animals adapt to suit their environment and they have become more familiar with the use of scientific biology words. They have also read about famous evolution and inheritance scientists, understanding the importance of their theory specially Darwin’s One exercise that the Year 6 children enjoyed was to analyse themselves and see what characteristics they have inherited from either their mums or dads.

Year 6 – D&T

Children have modelled a 3D African doll using a plastic bottle, fabric and wool. It was a demanding exercise, but the dolls looked great and they become more familiar with colourful African clothing and textiles. One class even built an African village which made all the children proud!



Ms Smith, Ms McMahon, Ms. Olympia

Numont School Garden

Our school garden has been created by our team of Eco-Warriors with the help of the Art club. Our green ambassadors are learning and sharing about the environment, climate change, recycling and energy conservation. With this in mind, we designed and built our garden from recycled materials. The garden provides an environment for observation, investigation and active hands-on learning. We hope to foster curiosity and imagination whilst furthering the students' knowledge of the natural world. We aim to promote, in our school community, socially responsible and environmentally aware behaviour.



NUMONT P:E NEWS

This term has been busy with year 6 teams participating in the British Council Tag Rugby Tournament and Hastings five a side Football tournament. Both teams played well and were unlucky not to proceed past the preliminary round. Children from years 5/6 competed in the Runnymede Cross Country. With sixty children in each race it is a difficult competition. All the Numont team finished, with Eduardo Asensi finishing in 6th place.

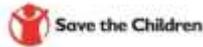
Well done Edu!!!

Next term we are looking forward to participating in tournaments for year 5 five a side football and Years 5 and 6 girls and boys basketball tournaments.

SPANISH YEARS 3, 4, 5, 6.

Seguimos trabajando en esta segunda mitad del trimestre de otoño con el mismo entusiasmo y la ilusión de siempre por iniciar nuevos proyectos.

El día 27 de noviembre se celebró el Día del maestro. Con este motivo fuimos invitados al acto público “La educación transforma vidas” organizado en las oficinas de Save the Children España. Allí pudimos asistir a la ponencia sobre educación impartida por D. José Antonio Marina, filósofo, escritor y pedagogo. Fue una ocasión para repasar el rumbo que debemos tomar en nuestra profesión en la época actual.



Con motivo de la celebración del Día del maestro, tenemos el placer de invitarte al acto público

"La educación transforma vidas"

Con la participación de:

José Antonio Marina
Filósofo, escritor y pedagogo

Presenta:

Andrés Conde
Director general de Save the Children España

El encuentro tendrá lugar el martes, 27 de noviembre de 2018, a las 18:30 horas

Lugar:

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Se ruega confirmación antes del día 21 de noviembre:

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Aforo limitado

YEAR 3 sigue realizando con gran interés las tareas de lengua y de ciencias sociales. Hemos leído en clase algún cuento de Pupi y alguna historia divertida de la serie Caos. La compañía de teatro Recursos ha obsequiado a los alumnos con CDs, pegatinas y un póster por clase de la obra Merlín el Encantador. Nos hemos unido a la iniciativa de Year 4 de diseñar cómics basándonos en el personaje de Tomás el Gafe. Los resultados han sido sorprendentes. Por supuesto, no nos ha faltado hacer un repaso general de los villancicos más populares de nuestro país.

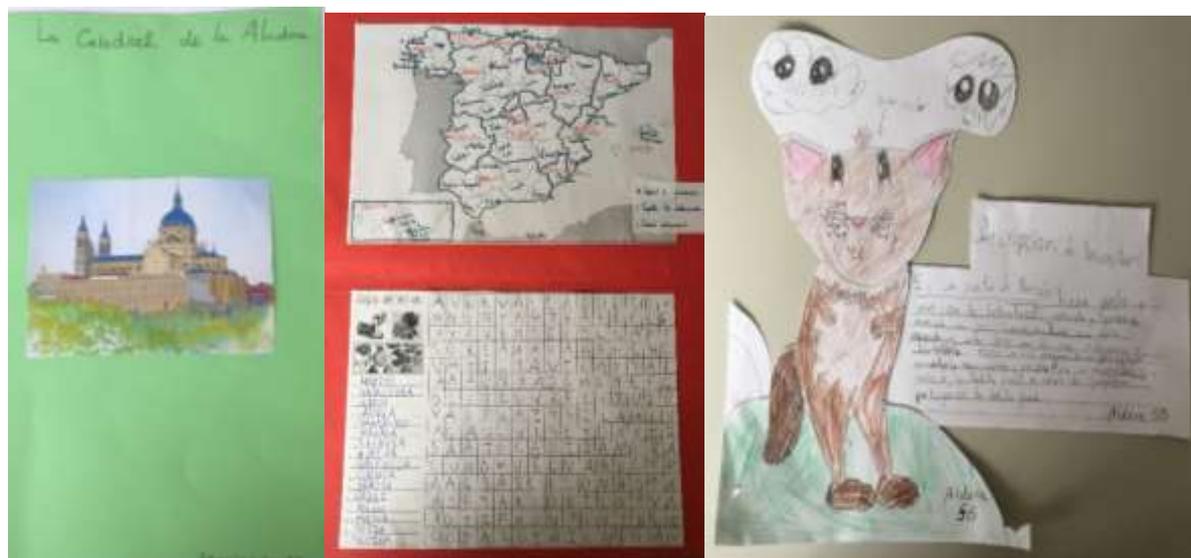


YEAR 4 se ha volcado por completo en la realización de cómics y ya tenemos ganadores del concurso. El primer puesto es para Olivia Young, de Year 4C. En segundo lugar, tenemos un empate entre Violeta López, Nicolás Corella y Camino Gil, también de Year 4C. El tercer premio es para Alexander Woollard, de Year 4C. Tenemos que decir que la selección de trabajos se ha hecho por votación de los alumnos. Otra tarea que ha tenido muy buena acogida ha sido la presentación de MAPAS POLÍTICOS DE ESPAÑA, señalando provincias, comunidades autónomas e, incluso, banderas en mapas blancos de la península

Ibérica. En clase hemos dedicado un tiempo a cantar villancicos en versión karaoke, aunque también nos hemos interesado por otras canciones infantiles populares. Próximamente iremos a ver la obra Los futbolísimos en el Teatro de La Latina.



***YEAR 5** ha comenzado a estudiar el acento ortográfico o tilde y continúa esforzándose por asimilar bien el tema de los diptongos y los hiatos. En la expresión escrita hemos trabajado el estilo epistolar, escribiendo cartas formales a diversos personajes de interés social y político. Hay cartas dirigidas a reyes, presidentes de nación y alcaldes de ciudades tan importantes como Nueva York. En concreto, hay dos especialmente llamativas: una va dirigida al presidente de Amazon y otra, al director del Banco Central de Nueva York. ¿Qué peticiones les harán nuestros alumnos a estos dirigentes tan poderosos?*



Seguimos leyendo en clase las aventuras de Charly, Fede, Estefi y Rabanito en El caso de la profesora desaparecida, de la editorial Edebé, y ahora hemos introducido a los integrantes de la Pandilla de la Lupa, una serie de la colección El barco de Vapor, en el libro que lleva por título Color verde ladrón. En el mes de abril iremos al teatro a ver la obra Un millón de likes.

YEAR 6 sigue trabajando a buen ritmo. Avanzamos en el estudio de la lengua y de los temas de ciencias naturales y sociales. Estamos haciendo un repaso general de las etapas de la historia y nos estamos centrando, en particular, en la historia de España. Nuestros alumnos han presentado trabajos muy interesantes sobre arte, abarcando desde los pueblos prerromanos hasta la época de Al-Ándalus. El teatro, desde sus orígenes hasta la actualidad, también ha sido un tema que ha interesado bastante. Portugal, la época de los Reyes Católicos, han despertado nuestro interés.

En literatura nos hemos interesado por los autores de fábulas más importantes.



En Halloween elegimos hacer algunas adaptaciones de las leyendas de Bécquer. Estos relatos son apropiados para ser contados en clase en esta época del año. En el próximo trimestre iremos al teatro a disfrutar de la obra La vuelta al mundo en 80 días.

Por último, destacar que los trabajos presentados en Year 5 y Year 6 sobre la historia de la Fiesta de la Almudena y sobre la catedral han sido muy interesantes y creativos.

Deseamos que paséis unas maravillosas fiestas de Navidad y Año Nuevo. Cantad muchos villancicos, disfrutad de los turrónes, polvorones y roscón de Reyes, descansad todo lo que podáis después del intenso trabajo del trimestre y procurad compartir momentos inolvidables con vuestra familia y amigos.

¡HASTA PRONTO!

FRENCH

This term children in Y1 and Y2 have learnt about autumn. With this objective we have done different activities including our own autumn forest.



From Y3 to Y6 we have started the year reviewing basic concepts. Depending on the Year group we have used different formats like these lovely Smurf's houses in Year 3.



And in the second half term the children have studied different units: “descriptions” (Y3); “the weather” (Y4); “music” (Y5); and “our world” (Y6). On the right you can see one of our projects: “Invent your own music group”.

The children have been reinforcing all that they have revised as well as new material that has been learnt both orally and through written work. Madame Barbara.



SPRING SHOW
“THE LION KING”
Key Stage 1 and Year 3.
(Year 1 to Year 3) will be on Friday 29th March
at the Colegio Menesiano

Last Week of School



We are in the last week of the Autumn Term.
It has been a productive and successive term where children have worked hard and made excellent progress across the curriculum.

Reports are being given out during this last week. The Reports are in special folders. Please return the folder only and keep the reports **safe for future use**. The Report Folder may be kept at the end of the year when Summer Term reports are given out so you may safely keep all the years' reports in it.



Santa will visit Numont this week and give gifts to the Nursery and Reception children.



On Tuesday 18th December Mrs Bazakis along with the School Council has organised a **Christmas Cup Cake and Cookie Sale** which will take place from 15:30 until 16:30. All proceeds will go to charity. A special thank you to Kit (Niels and Jens mother) for continued and incredible support in all Bake Sales.



On Thursday 20th December we will be having a **Christmas Jumper Day**, where all the children can come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper and non-uniform and as a “fine” bring some food for the Albergue Santa Maria de la Paz.



School finishes at 13.30 on the last day of term (21st December). Friday is also a non-uniform day and children can bring a “treat” to share with their friends. Please collect your child promptly by 13.30. There will be a bus service at 13.30 that day. Parents of children who normally get the bus must inform the office if their child is not getting the bus that day. The children will all be given school lunch on the 21st December. As usual children may come in to school on the last day of term dressed as they wish and bring a “treat” to school to share with their class.

On behalf of all the staff at Numont, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Holiday and all the Very Best for 2019!