

# SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 2019

## INTERNATIONAL EVENING



The “**International Evening**”, our annual social evening for parents, took place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm in the school grounds. This event is part fundraiser and part social event. A lot of organisation goes in to making this evening a success, both socially and as a way of making money to help various charities. The children started selling raffle tickets in May. A special mention for Alba Martin and Helena de la Torre, both from Year 6C who combined sold over 300 tickets. Well done!

Altogether 2801 euros was made from the Raffle and the stalls. The money is going to be divided between 3 charities. These are “Fundación Vipeika” which supports health and educational projects in Kenya; Senegal Sonríe, which funds various projects in Senegal; and “Manos de Ayuda Social” which is a social dining facility based in Madrid. All these charities are charities closely associated with parents or teachers. Elena Bonilla works with “Senegal Sonríe”, Elena Fernández and Susana Morales are involved with “Fundación Vipeika” and Mrs Beth and Ms Franchesca are involved with “Manos de Ayuda Social”. “Manos de Ayuda” have been giving out hot meals and dried food to 120 families a day Monday to Friday for 7 years now. The charity began after seeing the need that people were experiencing during the financial crisis in Spain when many people became unemployed. They began the work in a building in Ciudad Lineal and they have recently moved to Vallecas. People from all walks of life come to the diner on a daily basis needing support in all aspects of life. They have expressed their gratitude to Numont for the support we have shown over these years, as they do not receive government funding.



Parents donated many prizes. Many thanks to all! There was an wine, olive oil, El Corte Inglés vouchers, travel voucher, world cup football, dental care vouchers, Nespresso coffee maker, spa visits, dental checks, and much, much more among the over 30 prizes.

Year 6 organised stalls and games as a way to have fun and also raise money. Year 6 worked in teams and each team had a stall that was a country. The children planned and prepared the games and prizes and worked so hard all evening. Well done to all Year 6 children. It was one of the best International Evenings ever!!



The stall where you paid to throw paint soaked sponges at Mr Burr was especially popular. The kitchen staff served food and drinks all night! The food was delicious and served by the kitchen staff, as always with a smile. Many parents also made food to share with everyone.

# International Book Day.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April we celebrated International Book Day. The children came to school dressed in a favourite character from a book and decorated their classroom doors with images from famous books.



Many children also made book-themed cakes for a competition.



The day was spent celebrating the importance of books and reading. This was via various activities including older children reading stories to the younger ones,

teachers reading to different classes, and children bringing in books they no longer read to exchange for another book.



The teachers also dressed up - as you can see Mary Poppins and Willy Wonka amongst others. The chess set that Willy Wonka and Jens are playing with is a totally edible one made by our amazing mother Kit!!



## PYJAMA PARTY

One of the proposals from the School Council was to have a pyjama party. Children came in in their pyjamas and brought their teddy bears with them. Mattresses were put out in the playground and Mrs Bazakis organised lots of fun games for them to play. It was very successful and the children had loads of fun playing games in the patio.





The Bake Sale on the 14<sup>th</sup> June raised 878.50 euros. The charities that will benefit from this fundraising are “Fundación Vipeika”, Senegal Sonríe, and “Manos de Ayuda Social”. Many thanks to all the parents who made and bought goodies to sell and to all the parents who helped sell them during the afternoon. A special thank you to Kit (Niels & Jen’s mother) who not only baked numerous cakes and pies to be sold but also helped sell them in the afternoon.

## **SCHOOL DISCO**

This year ISM hosted the school disco on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Children from Year 6 in Numont and ISM attended the fun evening where they had the opportunity to make new friends and have fun dancing and eating pizza.

Many thanks to Mrs Gemmell, Ms Smith, and Mrs Olympia for attending and helping out at the disco.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR SHOW**

The Ballet show took place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. The junior and senior ballet girls danced beautifully for their families and friends. Some children were entered for the Royal Ballet School Exams, Grade 4, and performed all their set pieces beautifully.



## **SAN ISIDRO**

We celebrated San Isidro on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. The children came in their “chulapo” costumes and they enjoyed churros and chocolate. As usual it was a lovely day celebrating Madrid’s patron saint.

## Music

This term has been a very exciting time in our music class in Nursery and Reception. We have had a visit from the hungry crocodile that likes to sing nursery rhymes! We have had a wonderful time playing games and singing songs and the children have been very excited about our visitor.



In KS1 we have seen amazing boomwhacking, as well as awesome recorder playing from Year 2. We have also had lots of summery songs to sing to get us in the mood for our summer holidays.

In KS2 we have been learning about the orchestra in Year 4 and jazz music in Year 5 and 6. We have been so impressed with the skills that Year 3 have shown on tuned instruments they have been performing with excellence. As well as all of this, Year 2 through to Year 6 have improved leaps and bounds on the recorder. Everyone should be so proud of what they have achieved this year in Music. I would like to give a special mention to our pupils that in only one year have managed to gain their black belt on Recorder Karate. Well done Anusha 4B, Sara 4B, Adriana 4B, Marco 5A, Alessandra 6B and Camino 6B!

Have a wonderful summer all!  
Mrs. Beth



## ESPAÑOL



*Llegó el momento de despedir el curso.  
Lo terminamos con la satisfacción de haber puesto todo nuestro esfuerzo y toda nuestra ilusión en la tarea que debíamos realizar. Hemos adquirido conocimientos, hemos compartido experiencias, hemos convivido a diario en las clases y hemos sido creativos en muchas actividades. En una palabra, hemos disfrutado todos juntos de un tiempo de aprendizaje único, lleno de vivencias personales irrepetibles. El curso que viene volveremos a intentarlo, pero será una “nueva aventura”.  
En la clase de español este último trimestre de curso ha estado marcado por dos acontecimientos fundamentales:*

*El día del Libro (23 de abril)*

*La fiesta de San Isidro Labrador (15 de mayo)*

*En ambos casos los alumnos han preparado diversos trabajos. Recordando la figura de don Quijote, hemos leído nuevamente capítulos de la genial obra de Cervantes. Los alumnos han hecho retratos de los personajes, han aprendido poesías relacionadas con el libro y han escrito nuevas historias llenas de acción. También han presentado exposiciones sobre la vida y la obra de don Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra.*

*Para celebrar la festividad de San Isidro Year 6 preparó una pequeña obra de teatro. La Revoltosa, que tuvo mucho éxito de público, tanto por el argumento como por sus personajes típicos y por la forma en la que se expresaban, usando el habla castiza de la época. No podían faltar, como todos los años, el baile del chotis y la canción Madrid, Madrid, Madrid, que todos se aprendieron a la perfección.*

*Las alumnas que este año han recibido el premio a la Excelencia académica y al Mérito personal en la VIII Jornada de Reconocimiento Escolar del Distrito de Hortaleza han sido:*

*Valeria Sánchez China, alumna de Year 6B*

*Carlota Campayo Saiz de Aja, alumna de Year 6C*



*Nuestra enhorabuena a las dos por su esfuerzo y su excelente trabajo.  
Feliz verano a todos. Gracias y hasta pronto.*





### **SUMMER TERM SPORT**

This term has been busy. At the Sports Centre we have been enjoying athletics, learning new skills and practising for the Inter-Schools Athletics Competition. We have also been playing Rounders which is a great sport with the weather getting hotter. On site the children have been polishing their Volleyball skills ready for the beach!

### **NUMONT SPORTS DAY**

Thank you to everyone who came to share our Sports Day. It was a good days' competition from all the children accompanied by perfect weather. It was an opportunity to show off some of the talented athletes we have in Numont. The parents "Egg" and Spoon race was as popular as ever. The children really love seeing their parents compete! Rowing was the overall winning team. Well done to all the teams!! The children were all given badges as prizes for their enthusiastic participation.

### **INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the Numont team on a great competition finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 10 schools. We were the second smallest school in the competition so a fantastic result. A total of 21 medals were won!!

### **GOOD BYE.....**

Good bye to year 6. They have been a very special year group throughout their time at Numont full of sporting talent. It is great to see such a diverse range of sports being played in clubs outside school by Year 6 pupils. These include: Ice Skating, Rugby, Field hockey, Football, Basketball and Tennis.

A big thank you to all the effort the Year 6 children have put into representing their school in tournaments and competitions.

Good luck for your sporting futures!! You are more than ready to meet the challenges of secondary P.E!!

### **PUPIL VOICE.... NUMONT SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The school council has had a very successful school year. All the class representatives (approximately 90 children this year) worked hard to put forward the views of their classmates in meetings and the Year 6 representatives chaired the meetings and took the minutes very successfully. The debating of proposals and voting took place in a serious but lively manner!!



During the year the school council has worked to improve Numont from a pupil's point of view. Many of the proposals have been put into effect including: adaptations of the school menu, updated computer games, playground activities and the recent pyjama party. Fundraising by the school council has provided a Buddy Bench, Board Games for the playground and table tennis tables and basketballs for both buildings. Donations have also been sent to help several worthwhile charities.

Many thanks to Mrs Gemmell for her support in making the School Council successful.

We are looking forward to elections in September to start a new, exciting year!!

## **SEGOVIA OVERNIGHT TRIP**

**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 went to Duruelo near Segovia for an activity-packed few days. The trip was organised by Next1. It was a very successful and rewarding trip where the children participated in numerous activities including, canoeing for Year 5 & 6 in Rio Duratón, climbing walls, zip lining, swimming, paint balling, archery, helping on the farm and growing plants among other things. The first night they watched a film and the second night they had a party.**

**Many thanks to all the staff from Numont who went with the children and helped look after them and ensure that the trip was as happy and safe as could be.**

## **YEAR 6**

Year 6 have had a tremendous year and a great Summer Term to finish off the year. Despite the fact that we have worked very hard preparing for the SATs and have done extremely well, we have also managed to fit in a great many other things this term.

The World Book Day was a great success, with the children in Year 6 making a fantastic effort with costumes, decorating doors, and making cakes.

We enjoyed organising all our stalls for the International Evening and loved our farewell presentation.

Numont School would like to wish the Year 6 children all the very best in their new schools. We will miss you all very much and look forward to you coming to visit us with all you news.

Ms Smith, Ms McMahon, & Ms Olympia.

## Year 5

It is hard to believe that Year 5 has come to an end and we are now going into our last year at Numont. The term started with a visit to the Banksy Exhibition in IFEMA. We all enjoyed this and got lots of ideas for ART classes. After looking into his work we looked at the work of KLIMT and his use of metallic golds, silvers and greys. We hope you like the photo of our versions of Lady in a Coat by Klimt.



All of Year 5 sat their end of term exams during the last week of May. We were so happy to see that all of us passed our Arithmetic Paper. We can see how hard work will pay off in the end! Now to begin Year 6 and use our knowledge to further our understanding of Reasoning and Problem Solving.

During this last week all of Year 5 have been busy preparing Science and Invention Presentations for our Parents. We have also loved learning a Rap song to help us entertain you. We do hope you have enjoyed it.

And now just before the long summer begins we are getting a chance to visit the Residential Course in Segovia. We have been so busy and now we will use the summer to read our books and do a little bit of work to help us be ready for Year 6.

Ms Kennedy & Mr McLeod.

## **Year 4**

This term, as well as studying hard for the end of year tests, Year 4 have been exploring the Vikings through historical artefacts, poetry, boat-building, and above all a performance. Each class travelled back in time where they explored different aspects of Viking civilisation, and the realisation that the Vikings were not all bloodthirsty pillagers as history would have you believe.



Children used role-play to imagine themselves as different Anglo-Saxon and Viking kings, to develop their oral language and debating skills.

We also explored the changing of stages of matter, including the water cycle, researching how different materials change their state when heated or cooled.

Children also explored different aspects of the story-telling process through a whole-class reading of the well-loved book: The Iron Man.

Mr Hooley, Ms Heaton & Mr Hickey

## **Year 3**

This term in year 3 we have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We did lots of fun things during this topic. We painted life-size Egyptian Sarcophagus's, made necklaces like the ones they wore during those times, created a papyrus picture with hieroglyphics and we even baked Egyptian bread. We also learnt about famous Gods and Goddesses, Pharaohs and the magnificent pyramids. Furthermore we had a great time during our Ancient Egypt show.

The two topics we studied in Science were Forces and Magnets and Plants. We explored what forces are, compared how things moved, identified magnetic forces and investigated uses for magnets. With regards to the science topic "How plants grow" we described functions of flowering plants, explored how water is transported

within plants, looked at the life cycle of flowering plants, how plants disperse their seeds and the importance of seeds as a food source.

Mr Doherty & Mr Fisher.

## Year 2

**Year 2 have had a wonderful final term.**

**We would firstly like to congratulate the children on their brilliant SATs results, they worked very hard – well done!!**

**The children have particularly enjoyed becoming “Super Scientists” and have developed their scientific skills by carrying out a range of experiments such as making weighted spinners and simple telephones.**

**In Geography, this term, we have learnt all about Kenya: the children were very interested in finding out about the animals that live there and enjoyed our “virtual” safari. They also explored the way of life of the Masai tribe and made their own jewellery and patterned designs.**



**For our “Castles” History topic we had a fantastic day out at the castle in Manzanares. The children had the opportunity to see our guides dressed in period costumes and hear all about what life was like in a castle hundreds of years ago.**



**The children have designed and made sock puppets using a range of materials and techniques. Here are some of our fabulous results.**



**We really hope you have a wonderful summer. Rest, relax and come back to school with your batteries recharged in September**

**Mrs Laura & Ms Gray**

## **Year 1**

Summer fun has certainly been had in Year 1 throughout this last term. We started off with a trip to Insect Park where we got to see creepy-crawlies up close, handle some and learn about how they contribute to the ecosystem. We also got really hands-on with practical maths lessons learning about weights, measures and capacity.



We felt the heat of the summer sun as we learned about life down under in Australia, and even got to try making some Aboriginal art of our own. Year 1 you have worked so hard over the course of the year. We are so proud of all you have achieved. Have a wonderful summer and come back ready to shine like the stars that you are for your Year 2 teachers.

**Ms Franchesca & Ms Cindy**

## **RECEPTION**

What an exciting Summer Term we have enjoyed in Reception! We have learnt about land, sea and air transport and zoomed even further into the sky, also looking at space travel. We took a brief look at the planets that make up our solar system, learning some of planet names! Looking at life in the ocean, we discovered some amazing facts about sea creatures! Back on solid ground, along with the rest of Foundation Stage, we enjoyed an adventure filled trip to the Safari Park, where we got up close to real life lions, rhinos, giraffes and even snakes (well from behind glass of course;). The children loved helping to 'rescue' Pirate Tom, writing a description to help find him!



We loved practising the many songs for our final assembly and we even learnt how to count in 10's with a summer themed tune!



All the children have worked so hard throughout the year, so let's say a big WELL DONE and we wish you all a lovely summer holiday and be ready for KS1 in September!

Miss Katie

## Nursery

This term in Nursery we have been looking at the topics "Transport", "Under the Sea" and "Summer".



We went on an excursion to the railway museum where the children learnt about different types of trains and they had a ride on a miniature train. They also did a workshop where they got to decorate their own train to take home.



Nursery also enjoyed a trip to the Safari, where they got to see and learn about a range of wild animals and how they live. It was a really enjoyable trip and the children had lots of fun.



We also had a fun day out in Parque Juan Carlos I where we went for a ride on the train and had a picnic.

The children put on an amazing performance for their parents in our Summer term assembly. They told the story of "The Rainbow Fish" and sang a variety of songs about the animals that live under the sea.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very pleasant and relaxing Summer break.

Mrs Majella

#### EX-STUDENT NEWS

We are proud to say that one of our ex-Numont boys who is now in Year 10 in King's College has been made Head Boy. Rodrigo López Suárez left Numont in Year 6 and has an outstanding academic record as well as being a wonderfully well-behaved and extremely nice boy.



## STAFF NEWS



### Farewells

This year we will say goodbye to the following members of staff. Mrs Alexiou is going back to London, after 30 years in Madrid, to become a full-time “Yiayia”, Mr Burr is going to Norwich to work in the university there and Ms McMahon is off to Myanmar to work in a school. We would all like to thank them for their hard work and wish them all every success and happiness.

We wish all parents, teachers and children happy holidays and look forward to seeing you all on September.