



Upcoming Dates

Monday 15th September:	School Closed - National Holiday (Independence Day)
Tuesday 16th September:	Primary Public Speaking Competition
Tuesday 16th September:	NB Talks
Tuesday 16th September:	BSCR Basketball (Y9 to Y12) Vs SEK
Wednesday 17th September:	Girls Football activity
Thursday 18th September:	Year 5 Passion Projects Presentation
Friday 19th September:	Year 6C Service Learning Activity (Animales de Asis)
Friday 19th September:	Last day of Quarter 3
Monday 29th September:	First day of Quarter 4
Monday 29th September:	Start of formal IGCSE Exams

BSCR NEWS - GENERAL



NEASC

Next week we will be welcoming three international education experts to our campus as a part of our NEASC re-accreditation process. NEASC, which stands for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, evaluates and recognizes schools from around the world that meet high standards of quality and effectiveness. To start this year-long re-accreditation process the Visiting Team will spend four days with our Community observing learning at all year levels, holding meetings with representatives from each of our stakeholder groups and reviewing our various policies and procedures. We are hopeful that this will be a very positive and productive experience which will not only result in us renewing our accreditation status, but that will also provide us with valuable feedback, from external experts as we continue with our various school improvement initiatives.

Children's Day - Talent Show

On Tuesday of this week our Learning Community celebrated Children's Day with a range of fun activities throughout the School Day. The day culminated in a fantastic Primary Talent Show where the audience was treated to a range of wonderful performances in a wide range of disciplines from our talented students. Please visit our social media pages for pictures of the event. We would like to thank all of our performers, Teacher Carlos and all of the staff members involved in putting on the show as well as our parents for supporting our students both before and during the event.



Year 2B Assembly

On Monday 8th September, Y2B presented their assembly "Powerful Children!", a celebration of student voice, strength, and potential. The assembly showcased how power comes in many forms: through empathy, courage, creativity, and the ability to make positive change. A huge thank you to all the students, teachers, and families who helped bring this vision to life.



National Gymnastics Championship Success

Congratulations to Sophie Dabdoub (EY3) on finishing 2nd overall at the National Gymnastics Championship on August 30th. Sophie competed in the vault, bars, beam and floor disciplines.



National Sports Games - Chess

Congratulations to Atharv Marwaha (Year 3) on his recent participation in the National Sports Games (Juegos Deportivos Nacionales - Costa Rica). Atharv's team finished 3rd out of 50 teams in the Under 12 Chess category meaning that they have qualified for the finals of the National Games 2026 which will be held in Limón in January.

Congratulations also to Lev Larionov (Year 3) on finishing 6th in the same tournament which was recently held at the National Stadium. Lev won 5 of the 7 games in which he participated.



Taekwondo Festival

Congratulations to Nicolas Alfaro (Year 4) on achieving a silver medal at the Bhan Seok Taekwondo Festival in the 'Breaking' category.



National Parkour Championships

Congratulations to Fabian Sanchez (Year 5) on his recent participation in the Campeonato Nacional de Parkour. Fabian achieved second place in the speed category and third place in both skills and freestyle.

Filakids (Filarmonica Kids)

Congratulations to Antonio Cordero (Year 4) on his recent participation at the Filarmonica Kids event. Please click on the following link to see a video of Antonio in action - [video](#)

Year 6 2026 - Transition Activities

We would like to inform current Year 5 parents that there will be an Induction Meeting and Subject Fair on Tuesday the 21st of October between 8:30am and 10:00am on campus as we support our Year 5 students as they begin their transition into the Secondary school next year. Following this meeting Year 5 students, between the 28th and 30th of October, will have the opportunity to spend a day in Secondary to get to know the Secondary learning spaces, teachers and subjects.

Year 11 National Baccalaureate "NB Talks"

On Tuesday, September 16, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm the Year 11 NB students will deliver what has become an annual tradition in the English Department: the NB Talks. This is a public speaking experience in which our students choose a topic they are passionate about and prepare a speech in the TED Talk format. Not only do students learn a lot about public speaking, but also get to teach us about something that they consider is relevant nowadays, which then becomes their legacy as graduating students, as evident in our NB Talks [website](#).

Parents and relatives are welcome to join us in the Auditorium this time, but we will also have a Facebook livestream available for those who cannot attend.

English Public speaking competition

On Friday, September 5 we had the annual [English Public Speaking Competition](#). The students who participated in this competition were selected as the best in their classrooms and freely chose the topics for their speech. The judges had to decide based on organization, quality of ideas, body language and delivery skills. We would like to congratulate these students for accepting the challenge and offering very entertaining speeches.

Honorable mentions

- Ibrahim Mizhgan - Year 6B
- Scarlett Molly Paradis - Year 6C
- Alessandro D'Arsié - Year 6A

Winners

- 1st place: Luna Kamm - Year 6B
- 2nd place: Isabel Obon - Year 7B
- 3rd place: Elena Casafont - Year 7A



SAT (for Year 11 and 12 students)

This year's next SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) will take place on Saturday, October 4th. The British School of Costa Rica will serve as a test center on this date. The registration deadline is Friday, September 19th. The test fee is \$111, payable online. For more information on 2025 test dates and deadlines, please visit the [International SAT Dates](#).

The SAT is a standardized test administered by The College Board. Many universities worldwide, particularly in the United States, consider it either a requirement or an optional part of the application process. The SAT is now digital, and students are allowed to use their own computers or tablets. For practice and preparation resources, please visit the [SAT Practice and Preparation Information](#). [Khan Academy](#) is an excellent free resource for SAT preparation. We recommend that students registering for the first time, schedule a meeting with Ana Lourdes Baumgartner, University Counselor, to complete the process. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Lourdes at abaumgartner@bscr.ed.cr.

JCT4U! College Tour

On September 5th, we had the pleasure of welcoming the JCT4U! College Tour to our campus. Representatives from Hult University, University of Connecticut, University of South Dakota, Marist University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, and Universitat Internacional de Catalunya set up stands in the Rancho Area.

Our Year 9 to Year 12 students took full advantage of this exciting opportunity—asking questions, learning about academic programs, and exploring study options around the world. It was a valuable experience that encouraged many to keep discovering their paths and future possibilities.

Service Learning Projects - Year 6

This week, Year 6A and Year 6B students had valuable service-learning experiences. The Year 6A group had the opportunity to support the Asociación Animales de Asís, located in Alto del Roble, Heredia. This refuge is home to more than 300 dogs and some cats, many of which are elderly, victims of abuse, or have illnesses that require special care. During their visit, the students toured the facilities, delivered the donations they had collected, and learned firsthand about the challenges and difficulties faced by the team responsible for the protection of these animals. This visit fostered a greater sense of compassion and commitment to animal welfare among our students. It will be Year 6C's turn to have this experience in the coming weeks.

Year 6B focused on supporting vulnerable children with Hogar CUNA, an institution that provides shelter, care, and protection to 18 children aged 0 to 8. During the visit, the students carried out activities they had planned for several weeks, including creating resources and materials for early stimulation, along with games and music. They also delivered a significant donation of essential items such as diapers, infant formula, wet wipes, and clothing. Undoubtedly, their valuable contribution allows organizations like Hogar CUNA to continue their important work of protecting the children of our country.

**Children and Youth Cancer Early Detection and Education Support Campaign**

As part of their Service Learning project, Year 9A students will be leading an information and fundraising campaign to benefit ALCCI (Asociación Lucha contra el Cáncer Infantil) and Fundación Giamala. The event will take place on Thursday, September 18, with a No Uniform Day:

- Early Years and Primary: Color Day (students can come dressed in their favorite color).
- Secondary: Pijama Day.

Year 9A students will be visiting classrooms to share more information and details. Anyone who wishes to support the cause can do so with a contribution of ₡500 or more. We invite you to join this worthy cause.