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# **UPCOMING DATES**

Wednesday 3rd December: Year 11NB Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday 21st January, 2026: First day of classes for EY students

Thursday 22nd January, 2026: First day of classes for all other year levels



# **BSCR NEWS - GENERAL**

### **End of Year Thanks**

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all members of our learning community that have made this such a successful year at The British School. In addition to our wonderful students and parents, we would particularly like to thank our staff members for their hard work and professionalism in consistently providing our students with high-quality learning experiences on a daily basis. We wish all members of our learning community a happy, healthy and enjoyable vacation period and we look forward to the start of the 2026 academic year.

### **Departing Staff Members**

As the 2025 academic year draws to a close we will be saying a sad goodbye to a number of treasured staff members; Hazel Vargas (who joined the BSCR in 1991), Lorena Umaña (who joined the BSCR in 1992), Monica Vargas (who first joined the BSCR in 2006) and Gaby Salazar (who joined the BSCR in 2009). We would like to express our deep appreciation to each of our departing staff members for their many years of commitment to our students and we wish them the very best with the next stages in their lives.

### Clubs and Sports - Participation 2025

#### Art

### EY1-Y3

- Art Exhibition in the Reception Area First Semester
- Art Exhibition in the Reception Area Second Semester

#### **Athletics**

- Cat. Y3-Y5: Lindora Run
- Cat. Y1-Y3: JDE Circuit Heats Kids Athletics (Second place)
- Cat. Y4-Y5 / Cat. Y3: JDE Heats Circuit and Regional Cross-Country
- Cat. Y4-Y5 / Cat. Y1-Y3: Cross-Country Event St Jude School
- Cat. Y1-Y3: Kids Athletics Event vs St Jude
- Cat. Y4-Y5: Track and Field Tournament Humboldt

#### Basketball

- Boys' Category: School and Collegiate Festival Saint Gregory
- Boys' / Girls' Categories: Sports Festival Claretiano (girls)
- Boys' / Girls' Categories: Sports Festival Samuel Sáenz (girls and boys)
- Boys' Category: School Sports Festival Colegio Campestre
- Boys' Category: School Sports Festival Humboldt
- Boys' Category: School and Collegiate Festival Anglo American School
- Boys' / Girls' Categories: Slam Jam (collegiate)
- Boys' / Girls' Categories: East Tournament School and Collegiate (girls)

# **BSCR NEWS - GENERAL**

#### Football

- Y5-Y6: Minnesota 2025 Semi-finalists
- Primary Girls: Torneo Amistad Platinum Runners-up
- Senior Girls: Torneo Amistad Semi-finalists
- Y1-Y2: Torneo Amistad Bronze Division Champions
- Y7-Y8: Torneo Amistad Quarter-finalists
- Y10-Y12: Torneo Amistad Quarter-finalists
- Y5-Y6: Torneo Amistad Diamond Division Champions
- Y9-Y10: Torneo Amistad Semi-finalists
- Y3-Y4: Torneo Amistad Platinum Division Runners-up

### Other football events:

- Senior Girls: Torneo Rexona Quarter-finalists
- Primary Girls: Torneo Trojans Runners-up
- Primary Girls: Torneo Trojans (First Semester) Champions
- Y1-Y2: Torneo Trojans (First Semester) Semi-finalists
- Y3-Y4: Torneo Trojans (First Semester) Semi-finalists
- Y5-Y6: Torneo Trojans (First Semester) Semi-finalists
- Y7-Y9: Torneo Trojans (Second Semester) Champions
- Y1-Y2: Torneo Trojans (Second Semester) Regular Season
- Y3-Y4: Torneo Trojans (Second Semester) Regular Season
- Y5-Y6: Torneo Trojans (Second Semester) Regular Season

### Cheerleading

• Y1-Y3 / EY2-EY3: Participation in Elites del Porrismo - Parque de Diversiones

#### Taekwondo

- EY1-Y5: Taekwondo Ceremony First Semester
- EY1-Y5: Taekwondo Ceremony Second Semester
- EY1-Y5: Taekwondo Sparring Festival

# **BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY**

### Year 3 Service Learning Visit

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic end to the academic year by visiting the Costa Rica Animal Rescue Centre in Cebadilla last week. Accompanied by their teachers, Mr Mallon and parent volunteers, the whole generation got to see close-up a wide range of animals being cared for at the centre as part of an organised tour. They also had an opportunity to actively contribute to the upkeep of the gardens via a clean up activity. The trip culminated in the presentation of certificates and the donations earned by the students' Bake Sale and Artisan Sale in school. A total just over 1 million colones was raised by the students which was gratefully received by the centre owner, Don Bernal Lizano.







# **BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY**

### Julian Barquero (3B)

Huge congratulations to Julian Barquero (3B) who on Wednesday morning, attended the awards ceremony for OLCOMEP held at Colegio Humboldt. Julian was accompanied by his family, as well as Teacher Bertha and Mr.Mallon who witnessed him receiving his finalist medal for his outstanding performance in this year's MEP Maths Olympiad competition in the Year 3 category.

It is important to note that over 17,000 students from a total of 27 regions participated in this year's event. We are incredibly proud of your outstanding achievement Julian!









### Head Boy & Head Girl 2026

In Monday's final assembly led by Year 5 we were delighted to announce that Emiliano Salgado (Year 4C) and Valeria Halloran (Year 4B) will assume the responsibility of Head Boy and Head Girl respectively for the 2026 academic year. Both students are consistent advocates of the school values and we are confident that they will be great role models for their Primary peers in their new roles. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Luca Laitano and Valeria Shuster ( current Head Boy & Head Girl respectively ) for all their help and support this year and wish them the best of luck in Year 6.



### **Primary Transition Morning**

On Monday morning during periods 3 and 4, Primary students were given the opportunity to move classrooms to the year group above where they were able to spend time learning about curriculum and behaviour expectations for the 2026 academic year. Please see a selection of photos from this activity.



#### Cheerleading Elites 2025

Congratulations to the following girls who participated in the recent cheerleading competition at Parque de Diversiones. We are very proud of your achievement:

**Early Years:** Sophie Dabdoub, Ema Narváez, Ma. José Santamaría, Aurora Escalante, María Clara Álvarez

Year 1 to 3: Elena Chaverri, Kate Torres, Irene Quirós, Marianela Coen, Miranda Ballar, Miranda Berridge, Sara Sánchez, Constanza Linares, Sol de Mezerville, Catalina Gamboa, Elena Bulgarelli, Camila Bejarano, Débora Soto, Fabiola Villalobos, Luciana Berridge, Mariana Hernández, Arissa Mora, Alegra Crespo, Ma. Belén Cordero.

# **BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY**

### Year 5 Graduation

Tuesday morning saw the Year 5 students enter the auditorium for the final time as Primary students and leave as the new 2026 Year 6 generation. The ceremony was incredibly well attended with those present enjoying a mix of speeches by senior academic leaders, Year 5 students, as well as listening to a wide range of musical performances by each of the three classes. Goodbye Year 5 and best of luck in Secondary School, we will miss you all!

### Sun Safety

This week, in Early Years 1, we launched our Sun Safety campaign, in which the children actively participated by sharing their knowledge about skin care and working with their teachers to make creative hats that promoted healthy outdoor practices. The experience not only strengthened their learning but also inspired an ongoing commitment to sun protection. We are therefore pleased to announce that starting next year, these hats will be part of the Early Years 2 school uniform, reaffirming our dedication to the well-being and safety of all students.



### **Primary Choir Presentation**

We are proud to share with our Learning Community our Primary Choir's rendition of The First Noel <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Ykmpl-WcC\_0kh-MfDFOAs5HXGA0E1Hw/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/10Ykmpl-WcC\_0kh-MfDFOAs5HXGA0E1Hw/view?usp=sharing</a>

## **BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY**

#### **NB** Graduation

We would like to congratulate each of our Year 11NB students on successfully achieving their National Baccalaureate qualification. The formal graduation ceremony for this generation will take place on Wednesday the 3rd of December at 6:30pm in our Auditorium.

### House Competition

Congratulations to House Barva on winning the Secondary House Competition, with Irazu finishing 2nd, Poas finishing 3rd and Arenal finishing in 4th place. Congratulations also to each of the following students for representing their house so well throughout the year:

Irazú: Namia Alvarez, Camilo Shuster, Marcela Patel

Barva: Luck Tang, Nina Brohl, Matía Rojas, Juan Carlos Ruiz

Poás: Maria Fernanda Murillo Torre, Ignacio Ceciliano, Sally Fung

Arenal: Mariana Cordero, Cristina Zúñiga, Roberto Zúñiga