

BULLETIN No. 12

The British School of Costa Rica
1st May, 2026



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 4th May:	IGCSE Certificate Ceremony (2:00pm, Auditorium)
Wednesday 6th May:	Financial Literacy Pilot Project - Year 4 & Year 5
Wednesday 6th May:	Year 10 IGCSE Geography visit to Zarcero
Wednesday 6th May:	Year 12 IB Spanish oral exams
Thursday 7th May:	Digital Responsibility Workshop: Part 1 - Year 5
Friday 8th May:	School Closed - Transfer of Powers
Monday 11th May:	Year 3B Primary Assembly
Monday 11th May:	Start of Health Week



BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

BSCR Car Tags/QuickPass

A significant number of parents and caregivers have requested and paid for BSCR Car TAGS but have not collected them, despite several requests and reminders. Therefore, TAGS, which have been requested and paid for, will be sent home with the student, with an email sent to the parent/caregiver notifying them of this. If you have any questions, please contact us via quickpass@bscr.ed.cr

BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY



Book Week

From April 20th to 24th, Early Years and Primary celebrated Book Week in a big way! It was a week full of adventures, quizzes, challenges, reading, writing, art projects, costumes, storytelling, and much more. The week started with a wonderful opening event led by storyteller Monito, who captivated us with imaginative tales and a passion for reading. As part of the week-long celebration, we also enjoyed a fun Literary Rally organized by Adilia, our librarian, along with the PE team, promoting teamwork and a love of books. We

also received many photos for the Photography Contest: thank you so much to all the participants; it was wonderful to see your creativity, enthusiasm, dedication, and effort come together to create such beautiful and unforgettable photos. We will announce the winners very soon, as we are currently in the voting process. Good luck!

You can find a video at the following link that summarizes some of what we did and shared as we celebrated how fortunate we are to have access to information, knowledge, and imagination through books. [Video](#)

BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY



Year 4A Assembly

On Monday 27th, we celebrated Super Hero Day with a special assembly led by Y4A, focusing on real-life superheroes. Primary students took the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the many silent heroes in our school community, those who show kindness, help others, and make a difference every day. It was a meaningful celebration of the everyday actions that make our school a better place.

BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY



Future Leaders Summit

On Friday 24th April a group of Year 11 students attended the Texas Tech Future Leaders Summit. This experience is part of the BSCR commitment to developing leadership skills in our students. During the summit, students listened to speakers from various fields including entrepreneurship and technology, sports and wellness, and social responsibility and sustainability, gaining valuable insights into real-world challenges and future opportunities. Students were inspired by the engaging accounts encouraging them to embrace creativity, learn from failures and to recognise the importance of consistency and collaboration. This experience supported their growth as globally minded learners and strengthened key skills for their future and we hope it has helped sow the seeds for future projects! We extend our sincere thanks to Texas Tech for the invitation and for generously providing tickets to this inspiring event.

Book Week

Spanish - As part of the Book Day celebrations, the Spanish Department's Drama Club presented a production of the famous play *La casa de Bernarda Alba* by Spanish writer Federico García Lorca. The students began their preparations during the second semester of 2025, demonstrating significant growth in their performing arts skills and delighting us with a performance that invites reflection on the consequences of repressive regimes. We will reopen auditions in the second semester for those who wish to join the Drama Club—stay tuned!

French - Students in Y6B and 11 IB French Language B adapted the fable "The Hare and the Tortoise" by French author Jean de La Fontaine. We would like to thank everyone for their collaboration and enthusiasm for this project; we are extremely proud of the result (Mademoiselle M. and Madame C.)

English - For the Book Day presentation, Ms. Baldock's Year 9 students performed a scene from William Shakespeare's *Othello*. All year nine English students study a Shakespeare play as part of their first year of the IGCSE World Literature curriculum, then complete an Emphatic Response where they must write a monologue from the perspective of their favorite character. In order to get into the mindset of characters, Ms. Baldock's class performed a key scene of jealousy and betrayal in which Othello's top generals begin turning on each other in an attempt to gain power for themselves.

BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY

Book Week - Literary Costume Competition Results

The language departments would like to thank everyone for participating in this year's literary costume contest. Congratulations to the following:

Winners:

Years 6 to 8: Alessandro D Arsié and Felipe Hidalgo - Willy Wonka
Years 9 and 10: Julián James - The Stranger
Years 11 and 12: Marco Jop - Bernarda Alba

Honorable Mentions:

Year 7: Tomás Cordero and Antonio Morales - Romeo and Juliet
Year 9: Cristina Zúñiga - Dulcinea del Toboso,
Year 10: Thomas Zawaki - Cocorí, Isabella Jiménez - Hamlet
Year 11: Lucía and Valentina - The Phantom of the Opera, Antonio Trejos - Severus Snape

Generations:

Year 7: The Wizard of Oz
Year 11NB: Willy Wonka
Year 12: Greek Characters

Teachers:

Ms. Sahnou - Nancy Drew
Mr. Quesada - Huntsman



Student Council & NHS Collaboration

The Student Council and the NHS were proud to collaborate on organizing various activities for Book Day last week. Highlights included the book cover drawing contest (in partnership with the Art Department), various literary trivia games, the poster featuring teachers' reading recommendations, and the book drive, in which we collected over 150 books, which will be donated to the Gíamala Foundation, the San Antonio de Padua Senior Citizens Association, and the Rincón Grande School in Pavas. Thank you so much for your support.

BSCR NEWS - Student Development Services (SDS)

Boosting Learning at Home

Academic success doesn't depend on studying more, but on studying better. As parents, you can transform and support your children's learning process with these suggestions:

- 1. A suitable environment:** At home, designate a fixed, tidy, and distraction-free space (without screens or background noise). A dedicated space helps the brain quickly enter "study mode."
- 2. Consistency:** Studying for 15 to 20 minutes daily is much more effective than a two-hour marathon session. Memory is consolidated better with short, frequent reviews rather than large amounts of information.

BSCR NEWS - Student Development Services (SDS)

3. Strategic prioritization: Make a list of tasks and/or subjects according to difficulty or due date. Tackling the most complex tasks when energy levels are high guarantees better results and reduces anxiety.

4. Active breaks: Short breaks during study sessions to stretch, hydrate, or eat a healthy snack allow the brain to process and consolidate information more effectively.

5. Study Techniques: Experiment with different review methods such as: mind maps, recording your own voice and listening to it, taking notes in class with key and specific concepts, creating color-coded summaries, watching videos that explain a specific concept, etc. Finding a method that is effective for the student is a priority.

6. Value the process: Celebrate effort and persistence. An environment where mistakes are seen as learning opportunities reduces anxiety and fosters curiosity.

Routines and positive support help create habits that promote autonomy and organization while studying. With patience and structure, studying can become a less anxiety-inducing and more purposeful process.

