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# Keeping up with ISM

Summer 2024

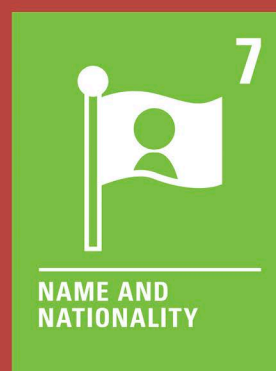


## Reminders

From June 29th to September 4th - Summer Holiday

September 5th - First day of school

## Article 7: NAME AND NATIONALITY



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Children must be registered when they are born and given a name which is officially recognized by the government. Children must have a nationality (belong to a country). Whenever possible, children should know their parents and be looked after by them.



## Headteacher's message

Dear Families,

As the academic year comes to an end, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for the time we have shared together. This year, we have had the pleasure of witnessing the growth, achievements, and resilience of each and every student in our school community.

The bonds we have formed and the memories we have created will forever hold a special place in our hearts. We are immensely proud of the progress shown by our students, and we thank you for your constant support and collaboration. There are many special moments that will remain with us: all the hours spent in the forest exploring and discovering the world and ourselves, all the trips (to Cosmocaixa, the farm, La Molina, El Mercat in Canet, Can Gel, the town library, Colonias in Can Vendrell, Club Vela, among others), the Christmas and summer shows, the fun lessons with the class teachers, the after-school activities, and many other moments that have made this past year extremely special and fun.

As we say goodbye to the academic year 2023-2024, we eagerly look forward to the future and are already planning for exciting opportunities that lie ahead. We are committed to providing a nurturing and enriching environment for our students, and we cannot wait to embark on the journey of the next academic year together.

Wishing you all a restful summer break. Thank you for being a part of our school family!

Warm regards,

Maria Pla and Mònica Llavador



# Early years

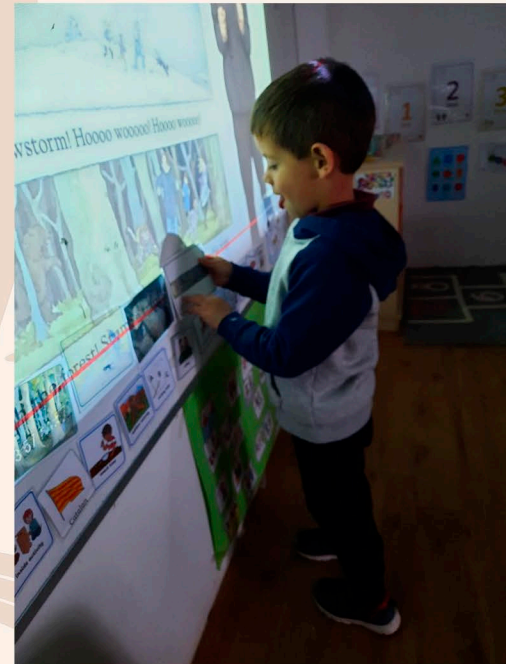
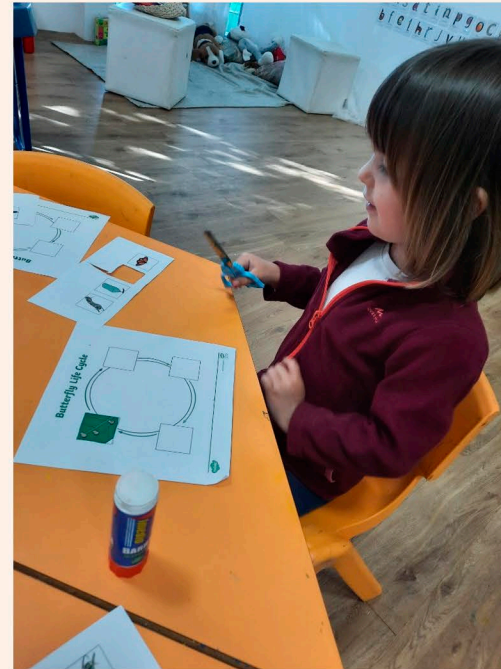
## Nursery

During the past couple of months in the cloud class we have been reading the story 'The bear hunt'. The children have become very familiar with the story; they can order it using pictures and can help tell parts of it using new English vocabulary. They learned important position words through this story such as 'over', 'under' and 'through'. During P.E. they acted out the story using gross motor skills.

The cloud class have spent some weeks observing the life cycle of a butterfly. They have watched the small caterpillars grow in size, make cocoons and they emerge as beautiful butterflies. When they were strong enough we all went down to the forest to set the butterflies free, the children were all quiet and careful respecting the fragility of the butterflies.

During art sessions the cloud class have been experimenting with paints and mixing colours. We looked at the primary colours and the children made predictions about which colour pairs would mix to make which colours. They all observed how the primary colours turn into secondary colours when mixed together.

The topic this term has been weather and the Cloud class spent week looking at rainbows, we learned that rainbows usually come out when it has been raining and then the sun comes out. We hung some prisms in the windows to create our own rainbows which now shine around our class.



# Early years

## Reception

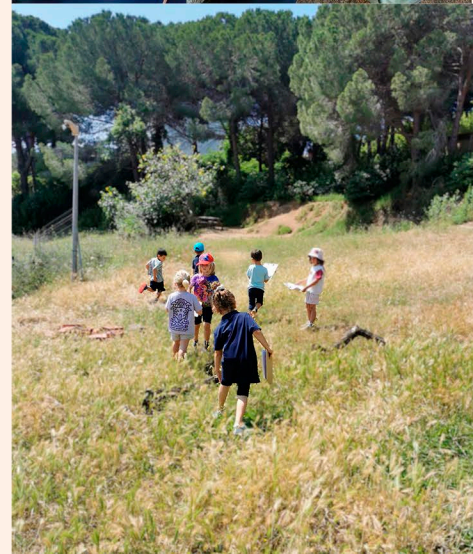
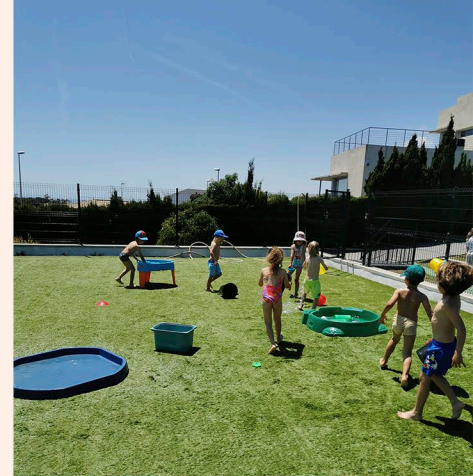


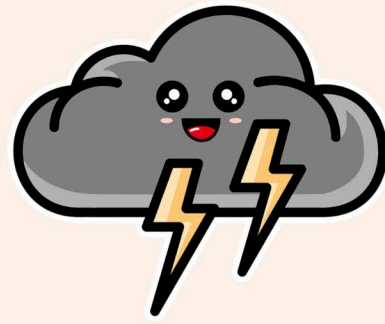
The children in the Rainbow Class have had an exciting summer term, learning about caterpillars and the life cycle of a butterfly. Some caterpillars arrived in our classroom and from these, they developed into cocoons. After a few weeks, the butterflies emerged out of the cocoons and the children in the class helped to feed and look after them. They carefully observed the life cycle process, drew pictures of the cocoons and butterflies and learnt new vocabulary such as “egg,” “cocoon” and “butterfly” to explain the life cycle. The Rainbow class enjoyed watching as the butterflies were released in the forest and fly off into their natural environment.

During our P.E. sessions this term, the children have started putting their P.E. skills into practise, by taking part in and practising different Sports Day activities. They have also been learning the importance of having fun and trying our best, rather than the competitiveness and desire to come first. They are beginning to understand the idea of “good sportsmanship” and continuing their learning about being a successful team member. Well done to all the Rainbow Class for your brilliant efforts competing in Sports Day! I was particularly impressed by all of the children’s enthusiasm when cheering for their friends and displaying good sportsmanship.

With the weather heating up, the children have had fun using the swimming pool and playing water games. The Rainbow class enjoyed socialising with the other children in Key Stage 1 and developing their friendships too!

Well done to all the children in the Rainbow Class for a fantastic year of learning! You have all grown so much and I am very proud of your achievements!





# Key Stage 1

## Year 1

What a fantastic summer term it has been for our Year 1 students! We have packed our days with exciting learning experiences, outdoor adventures, and unforgettable moments.

One of our key learning themes this term was understanding the weather. The children have been fascinated by different weather patterns and their effects on our daily lives. From sunny days to rainy spells, they have enjoyed learning about different types of weather and making and using our daily weather and temperature forecast display.

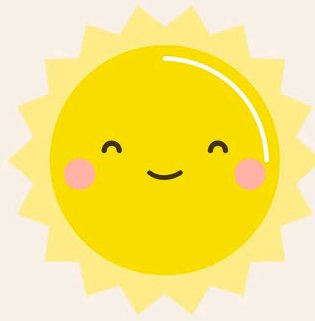
Our weekly forest time has been a highlight for everyone. These sessions allowed the children to immerse themselves in nature, enhancing their observational skills and sparking their curiosity about the natural world. They enjoyed bug hunting, identifying different trees and flowers and participating in natural crafts. These adventures not only supported their learning but also fostered a sense of teamwork and cooperation.

Sports Day was another major success this term! The children demonstrated incredible sportsmanship and enthusiasm as they participated in various races and activities. From the bean bag-and-spoon race to the tug of war, their smiles and cheers filled the air. It was heartwarming to see the support and encouragement they offered each other, making it a memorable day for all. Swimming and water games have also been a significant part of our summer term. They have enjoyed fun water games that not only improved their coordination but also taught them the importance of water safety. Watching their faces light up with joy as they splashed and played was truly rewarding. As the school year comes to an end, we celebrate the growth, learning, and happiness shared by our Year 1 students. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to more adventures next year!



# Key Stage I

## Year 2



We are excited to share some of the wonderful experiences and achievements your children have enjoyed during this amazing term.

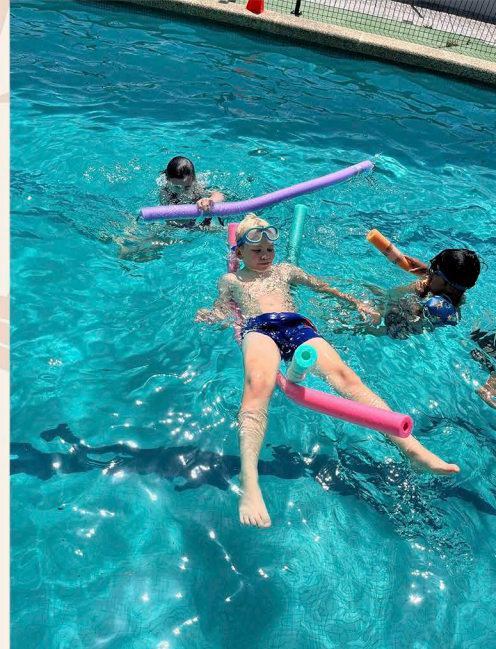
Throughout the term, our students have embarked on various learning adventures. Their enthusiasm has shone brightly, whether it was delighting in the lovely pool day, expressing their creativity through the river art project, or showcasing their talents in the delightful school performance.

In addition, it has been heartwarming to witness our students share their experiences from school clubs. They have shown great engagement and joy in these activities. Hearing them talk about their clubs has been a highlight for their peers and teachers, as they eagerly shared stories and accomplishments.

Our Year 2 students have especially enjoyed listening to the older children read to them, fostering a love for reading and storytelling among the younger pupils. Sports Day was another highlight, where every child enthusiastically participated, earning certificates and medals for their efforts. Their sense of pride was unmistakable.

Moreover, our students enjoyed working on their time-telling skills and crafting informative posters. Their hard work and creativity have been truly commendable.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. It is with great pride that we celebrate the successes and happiness our children have experienced this term.



# Key Stage II

## Year 3

Dear families,

All good things come to an end! It has been a wonderful academic year. As we end this journey, the Rainbow Dazzlers have been reflecting together on their successes, and we celebrate those achievements as a school. When we opened the time box, we found out that they had recorded a million achievements and exceeded their year's expectations!

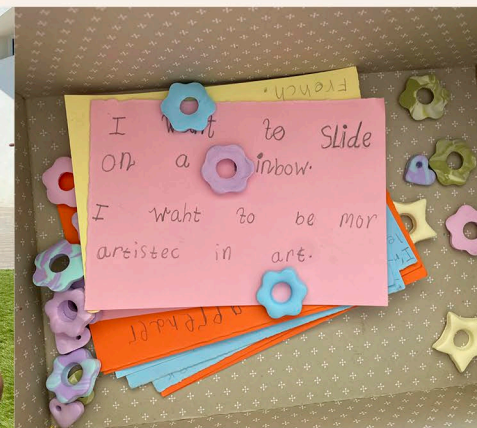
We are very proud of the achievements of Alex, Alissa, Emma, Jan, Lena, Luis, Martina C, Martina P, Néstor, Oliver, and Oleksii. Know that we send them on to their year 4 having had some wonderful, memorable learning experiences, with strong basic skills. We value many things here at ISM, but most importantly, we value the kindness, cooperation, respect, unity, honesty, and responsibility that we all multiply as a team.

This week, we announced all the tutors for next year with a fun-filled assembly. We look forward to the upcoming 2024-2025 school year with warmth, optimism, and much gratitude to our community!

Thank you once again for working with us to ensure our children are safe and happy and encouraged to 'dream, believe, and achieve' as they work towards their goals and ambitions.

May your summer be like the perfect lesson plan: Engaging, enjoyable, and exactly what you need!

Best wishes,  
Ms. Maria Puig



# Key Stage II

## Year 4

Dear Parents,

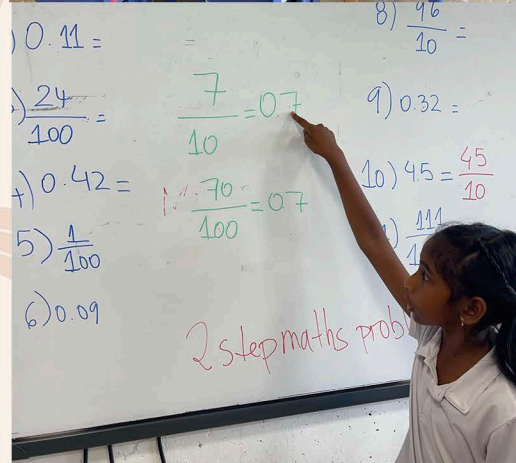
We are delighted to share the wonderful progress of our Year 4 "Tornados"! This term, we continued the One Book a Month challenge, completing our third book, "KID NORMAL," in less than three months. The students have shown remarkable dedication and enthusiasm in their reading journey.

As the academic year drew to a close, we also focused on reviewing Maths, Science, and English. The students engaged in various assessments, tests, and recap tasks to consolidate their learning.

In English, we had lots of fun with word games, blind-drawing activities, and guess-what games, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

The last weeks of the year were packed with excitement. We had a fantastic Sports Day, enjoyed time in the swimming pool, and capped off the year with an unforgettable week at Colonias.

Thank you, everyone, for a fantastic academic year. We look forward to seeing you all in September!





## Key Stage II - Year 5

We have had several memorable moments this year in the Surging Tsunami class. Here are some highlights from the last term. On Friday, 7th June, Key Stage 2 ventured to Club Vela in Canet. It was fortunate that the sun was shining brightly. The wonderful activities that were organized paved the way for many memorable moments! Firstly, we played on the beach. We constructed volcanoes in the sand that we had studied in class. We also designed coastal management strategies that we had become familiar with in topic class. Once we were given permission, we ran as fast as the wind to the paddle board and catamaran. We put on our life jackets and divided ourselves up into groups. As happy as Larry, we set sail and we laughed for the duration of the adventure. As we waited to change from one vessel to another, we dived in and helped each other back on the board. Everyone behaved impeccably well and Pablo, our sports man of the day, assisted us all with his impressive sailing skills. It was a day that will be forever etched in our memories.

On Monday, 10th June, we took our classroom learning into reality by visiting the beach in Canet de Mar. We had been studying natural phenomena and strategies to manage natural disasters, like coastal erosion. We walked the length of the beach, stopping at different intervals to identify and observe the coastal management strategies in place. The children impressed me with their knowledge and understanding of the topic and made meaningful contributions to our discussions. We completed a reading comprehension to enhance our learning further. To conclude, we made sketches of the different management strategies and labelled them accurately. Although it was a cloudy day and the rain gave way, it didn't dampen our spirits as we ran for shelter and ate our snacks. Before our jaunt back to school, we had a chat and a sing song as we got cover from the showers. It was another magical moment!

On Monday, 17th June, we commenced our final week of fun before the holidays! We carried out an experiment related to our science and topic classes. This was no ordinary experiment - an extreme element of fun was injected through the use of two components - chocolate and ice-cream! By doing the experiment, we observed how lava (hot melted chocolate) cools and hardens as it flows down the mountain side (ice-cream)! As well as helping us to visualize how a volcano works, this experiment assisted us to put the theory into practice in relation to the properties of the materials unit that we covered in class. We observed how a solid turned to a liquid through the process of melting (solid bar of chocolate into liquid). We saw the water boiling and the processes of evaporation and condensation at work. Finally, we witnessed the liquid chocolate solidify when it came into contact with the freezing ice-cream. The children had a lot of fun and participated well for the duration of the lesson! As a reward for their diligent work during science and topic classes this term, they were allowed to devour the tasty treat!



# Key Stage II

## Year 6

What a blast Thunder's class has had in our final term. From sunny beach days to a trip to the salt mines in Cardona, it has been non-stop. On May 28th years 5 and 6 set off on an excursion to Cardona to check out the Salt mountain. It was incredible! The Salt Mountain is a unique natural phenomenon in the world and is still growing as the rain erodes it.

As we have been learning about this in our topic sessions this term, we thought it would be a great opportunity for the students to see this phenomenon first hand. We took a guided tour through the Mines and learned all about the history of the Mines. We were given hard hats and allowed to journey into the old mine shafts. The interior of the salt mountain is covered in majestic salt formations jutting up from the ground and hanging down from the ceiling. We really enjoyed exploring the mines. We even got to taste some of the salt. It was an excellent day out!

We also enjoyed some pool days, a couple of trips to the beach and of course, we finished up the term with our epic end of year show. What a fantastic end to primary school we have had, now time to enjoy summer and relax!



# Secondary

## Year 7 pet morning!

Back in the first term, the school leadership team received an email from some students in year 7 where they suggested an idea of an event they wanted to take place in our school.

“We would love to have a pet day at school. We would have a great time, our pets would socialize with each other and we could also have an important responsibility by taking care of our pet, making us more responsible. We also know that there may be inconveniences but they can be solved with some rules: small animals in a cage, dogs on a leash, only being able to bring one pet, picking up the poop ourselves, which is part of the responsibility of taking care of a pet”.

We were delighted with our students' initiative so we had no other choice than to make it happen... It seems like a new tradition has been established at our school.



# Key Stage IV

## iGCSE exams completed!

After five very intense weeks of exams, we are proud to announce that our Year 11 students, along with some of our Year 10 students, have completed their IGCSE assessments. Our students have shown great effort and dedication throughout this period, studying diligently to prepare for their exams.

Now, it is time to be patient as we eagerly await the results, which are expected to arrive in August. We look forward to celebrating their achievements when the time comes.

We would like to commend our students for their hard work and perseverance during this challenging period.

## Year 11 Graduation Ceremony!

We are thrilled to announce that this year, for the first time, we celebrated the graduation ceremony of our Year 11 students at the school. We are incredibly proud of the journey they have undertaken and the effort they have put in. We are confident that they will achieve great things in the future.

Big thanks to all the teachers and families for their continued support in helping our students reach this significant milestone.



## More news!

### Only 1 month left for the ISCB Summer Camp!

The ISCB Summer Camp is **just one month away from starting** on August 5th!



This fantastic **Day Camp**, conducted entirely in English, welcomes **children aged 6 to 12**.

It's the **perfect opportunity for parents to enjoy relaxing mornings during the holidays in Costa Brava**, while children engage in fun, creative, and educational activities.

**Registrations are open**, and we still have spots available! Don't miss out on this wonderful experience, we are waiting for you!



**MORE INFO**

The background features a large, light-colored watermark of the ISM School logo. It consists of a shield with a crest on top, the letters 'ISM' in the center, and 'SCHOOL' below it, flanked by two open books.

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of our school community!**

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