

First Term

Halloween Party 31st October

- P1 to P6 Sing the Halloween song and two children from each class present their Jack O'lantern. Every class makes cone shaped hats to wear to the party. Each class has a designated picture to decorate the hat with. Mayte has the list.
- P1 to P5 Shout encouraging comments (e.g. "Come on Mum and Dad!", "Higher", "More!") to parents for them to bid higher for the Jack O'lanterns.
- P6 Present the Jack O'lanterns and then auction them to the parents.

Bonfire Night 5th November

- Building One K2&K3 colour a rocket and attach to a stick
K4 to P2 make a "sparkler" to take home
- Building Two Learn the first three lines of "Remember, remember..." poem and copy into English notebook. (They could also draw a picture of a bonfire with the poem written out to take home on a piece of card)

Thanksgiving Third Thursday in November

- K2 – P6 Learn the Thanksgiving song to sing on 22nd November. Kindergarten tutors teach their class the song and the music teacher is responsible for Primary.
- Talk to the children about the Indians and the Pilgrims and how the Native America Indians helped the Pilgrims find food and showed them how to hunt turkeys.
- The children draw or colour a picture related to Thanksgiving and make posters to decorate Building One.
- K2 & K3 make Indian headbands to take home
K4 & K5 make wig-wams to take home
P1 & P2 make a Thanksgiving postcard to take home
P3 to P6
- K2 to P6 Sing Thanksgiving song before lunch 22nd November.

Saint Andrew's Day 30th November

- Building One Talk to the pupils about Saint Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland.
K2 to P2 make the Scottish flag to take home.
- Building Two Talk about Scotland and Saint Andrew and that they believed he protected them during battle. The pupils can draw a picture or write about Scotland.

Christmas

- K2 to P6 Learn "Silent Night" in English, Catalan and Castellán. Every child brings in two decorations to decorate the classrooms. Talk to the children about Christmas, Santa Claus (Saint Nicholas), the Three Kings, "the spirit of Christmas" and being good and kind to one another. Also teach the children "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"
- P3 to P6 Talk about the Three Kings with the children and the different festivals celebrated around the world in different countries, cultures and religions.
- K2 to P6 Every class makes a Christmas present and card to take home. Those who are non-celebrators of Christmas take home the gift and a "Happy Holidays" card instead.
- P2 to P6 There is a Christmas Carol Concert one year and the following year the School Play. When it is the school play, every child takes part and a costume is designed and charged to the parents at the end of the month. There are rehearsals in each building during November and December. Everyone rehearses together during the last two weeks of school.

Second Term

Australia Day 24th January

This is to celebrate Australia's Independence from Britain.

Valentine's Day 14th February

Building One Each class learns a song or a poem about love in English and there is an in-school concert. The pupils in Kindergarten take home a card or a "love token" for their parents. P1 & P2 also learn a poem or song in Castellán and/or Catalan (this is usually decided at the previous staff meeting).

Building Two The children last year wrote poems and read them out to one another. There is an in-school recital which may or may not be recorded.

Carnival – Jueves Lardero (Tortilla Thursday)

K2 to P6 We have a week of doing what the "Carnestoltes" Thursday Tortilla Day (the whole school gathers to snack together in Building II) and a grand celebration on the Friday.

K2 to P6 Make a mask to take home on the day before the Carnival Party. All the children come to school in fancy dress on the Friday and there is a procession from Building One to Building Two. In Building Two there is a "Fashion Show" with the parents present and a bar etc.

K2 to P5 Two children from each class are chosen to present their respective classes in English (K2&K3 are presented together).

P6 Write the descriptions of each student/class (depending on what is decided at the staff meeting beforehand) and present the fashion show to the public.

Sardine Day

K2 to P6 After Carnival we have the burial of the sardine on Ash Wednesday. Each class colours or makes a sardine on a cord out of paper to take make a wish tree or take home.

Saint David's Day 1st March

Building One The pupils learn about Saint David, the patron saint of Wales. They learn about the traditional symbols of Wales, the leek and the daffodil. Depending on what is decided at the staff meeting, the children will make a manual work related to the Welsh culture.

Building Two The pupils learn about the Welsh culture and the history of Saint David. The pupils can write about Welsh cultures and traditions or draw a picture.

Saint Patrick's Day 17th March

Building One The pupils learn about leprechauns, four-leaf clovers (the shamrock has three leaves), rainbows and Ireland.

K2 to K5 Each class makes a card or a badge or a manual work to take home on the day (these are decided at the previous staff meeting).

P1 & P2 Make an Irish emblem or flag to take home.

P3 to P6 Talk to the pupils about Ireland and Saint Patrick and Irish traditions/culture.

Third Term

Saint George's Day 23rd April

- K2 to P6 Learn a poem or song to recite at the St. George's Day Festival. The theme is decided previously at the staff meeting. Recent years have been Shakespeare and the Beatles.
- P3 to P6 Every year the pupils in Building Two perform a play in homage to Saint George, the patron saint of England and Cataluña. There is a party and the parents are invited. There is also a bar.

Europe Day 9th May

- K2 to P6 This is a cultural event that the children from Building Two take part in. It celebrates the start of the European Union. We take part in this with other schools in Barcelona. This year the theme is national dances and we will be performing the **May Pole Dance**. Miss Merce is in charge of this as it is a cultural activity. There is an inauguration of the event in the evening that all teachers attend.

Skating and Ballet Festival June

This festival is held out with school hours (17:30 – 19:30) and only children who attend ballet and skating classes attend. Pre-school teachers help Miss Esther, the ballet teacher, with dressing the ballet girls and doing their hair and make-up. The children who do roller-skating have to bring a costume from home, which Mr Claudio the skating teacher, requests in advance from the parents.

Graduation Party 23rd June

- K2 to P6 Learn to sing the school hymn.
- There is a party and graduation ceremony which the whole school attends. Each of the pupils from P6 presents a goodbye speech to their colleagues, friends, families and teachers. There is a graduation ceremony for K5 and form P6. K5 and P6 have to learn "Gaudi Amos Iquitos".
- There is a bar for the parents and the proceeds as with all bars go towards P6's end of year trip to London.