



# CLASSROOM



A GIBRALTAR COLLEGE NEWSLETTER WRITTEN BY STUDENTS

## GIBRALTAR COLLEGE FUN DAY 2019 BY KATIE PHILBIN & MRS CANT

**KATIE'S PERSPECTIVE:** Going to the fun day last Tuesday was exciting to say the least. The fun day was actually my first, even as an A2 student. For the past two years I have heard how I missed out on the fun and how great the atmosphere was. This year I had the opportunity to go so I jumped at the chance.

I arrived fairly early and watched the final touches go up, feeling the happy atmosphere already. I walked around the hall and saw all of the stands, smiling at all of the sweet treats, games and trinkets available. However, my favourite thing was yet to come; sponge the teacher.

While yes, the makeup was definitely intriguing and I may have watched the St Mary's students paint their little Christmas trees for a little while, sponge the teacher was my personal highlight. While I didn't take part as my aim is so bad there would hardly be a point, watching the sponges fly at the board and the various teacher's faces was more fun than I expected. There was a unified cheer for every successful hit so it almost felt like a group activity, and I think that is kind of what the fun day is about, unity. Young people, older people, children, different cultures were there and we came together to raise money for a good cause.

So, my first fun day was definitely a great one. While I probably won't be here for the next one I am sure it will be just as good and be part of a long line of fun, fun days.

**MRS CANT'S PERSPECTIVE:** The College Fun Day has become a much anticipated and well received event, amongst our enthusiastic students, dedicated staff and supportive community members. With each passing year, the event expands and gathers pace. This year's event confirmed this positive, festive trend, and was no exception in terms of effort, enjoyment and end results.

A plethora of brightly decorated stalls and seasonal piped music greets the curious onlooker, as they enter. The once dull, grey gym, long associated with gruelling exams and anxious scribbles has now been transformed into a colourful hive of charitable activity and cheerful endeavour. Diligent staff encourage and guide, as excitable students migrate from stall to stall like budding Christmas helpers.

To add further electric energy and youthful exuberance, a throng of adorable St Mary's learners have arrived, and eagerly gathered at our doors. Their twinkling eyes and wide grins await patiently, unsure yet excited about being present and a part of this new experience.

As from 10.30am, the momentum begins to gather a steady, yuletide pace, as students, visitors and guests swarm in, eager to sample the delights, games and activities that lay chirpily awaiting. Stalls buzzed with interest, as delicious cakes and foods from a variety of ethnic cuisines and backgrounds tempted and begged to be tasted. Students manned their stalls like veteran sales folk, proudly persuading their captive audiences to be generous in their purchases.

Thankfully, a charitable spirit filled all, as plants, decorations and treats flew off the stalls, as if whisked by Santa's elves and reindeers themselves. The once fully laden tables grew scanted and scanted, and the charitable coffers grew fuller and fuller.

In other avenues, workshops and classes delivered learning not typical to our college's usual courses. Make-up tutorials, young learners' Christmas tree creations, and to add jolly naughtiness to proceedings, a 'sponge the tutor' event...subscribed to by many students, with a few brave teachers placing their heads in the fierce, firing line...much to the pleasure of all!

Like the three wise men's legendary visit, our wonderful fun day attracted many a distinguished guest, ranging from the Minister to the Director of Education. News of this day had reached important ears, and all were pleased at the efforts and energy they were met with.

But this is not where our story ends, for more events unfolded after a well-deserved lunch break of scrumptious soft rolls and piping hot pizza slices. This spread was soon consumed, and happily filled students prepared for the final Fun Day tradition... The Treasure Hunt!

A crescendo of excited bustling and determined detective work now inspired teams of ambitious learners all eager to claim the prize. Flurries of students scoured, searched and solved a range of linked clues. But only one team could triumph and claim the coveted prize.

In happy summary, this has proven to be a most positive and enjoyable day, which has certainly set off the countdown to Christmas in an epically festive and worthwhile manner. To all our newsletter readers, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Till the next time....



**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**  
 "What if Christmas doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" *Dr Seuss.*

**STAFF SHOUT OUT OF THE MONTH!**  
 Mrs. Saccone  
 FOR HER CONTINUOUS HARD WORK WITH ALL STUDENTS & ESPECIALLY HER SUPPORT IN RUNNING SO MANY STALLS FOR THIS YEAR'S CHARITY FUN DAY

**TOTAL MONEY RAISED:**  
 £562.85

Whats on this month...

**BARCELONA VS R.MADRID:**  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 @8pm

**END OF TERM (NO COLLEGE):**  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:**  
 Christmas Eve - Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 Christmas Day - Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 Boxing Day – Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 New Year's Eve – Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Dec  
 New Year's Day – Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020!

**63<sup>rd</sup> THREE KING'S CAVALCADE**  
 Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 @7:15pm

**START OF THE TERM**  
 Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

**ENGLISH LONDON BOARD EXAM**  
 Tue 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**TRAFFIC FREE TUESDAY:**  
 Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019  
 --Walk, Cycle or Bus--

**Student Of The Month**

**KRISANNE GILBERT**  
 Who has performed outstandingly during the preparation and practice of her English oral. Her hard work, resilience and results are remarkable.