



## School News

## January/February 2013



### Carnaval Celebrations Parade

On Friday 8th February the International School of the Algarve held its annual Carnival Celebrations. The theme was 'Countries and People of the World'.

It was a magnificent, colourful occasion with wonderful costumes. Pupils, teachers and parents had a fantastic time joining in dances of the world and a range of games.





## Understanding Children Pedagogical Lectures

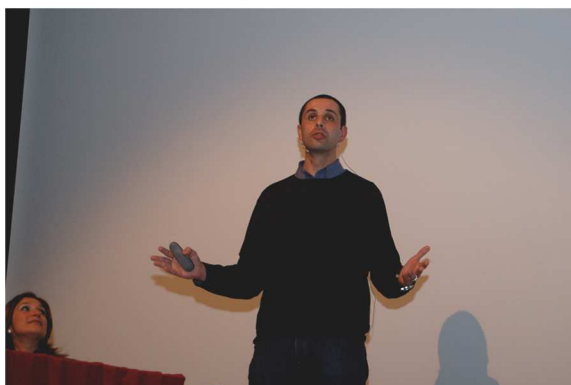
The International School of the Algarve will this year be providing a number of pedagogical lectures given by renowned professionals. The lectures will be monthly, at various venues throughout the Algarve, open to the general public and free of charge.

The theme for the lectures will be 'Schools and their Policies on the Personal, Health, Social and Emotional Development of their Pupils'

The first lecture entitled 'Bullying' was held on Wednesday 30th January at the Municipal Auditorium in Lagoa with the support of the



Câmara Municipal de Lagoa. The lecture was given by psychologist Luís Fernandes, an expert at working with Portuguese schools to develop policies on 'Bullying' and 'Violence'. He is also co-author of the book 'PLANO Bullying: como apagar o bullying da Escola', which was published in October 2012.



The series of conferences of the International School of the Algarve intends to give educators and parents access to current pedagogical practices in order to ensure effective schooling and parenting for all our children.

The second pedagogical lecture will take place on 25th February at the Municipal Theatre in Portimão at 18:00. The lecturer will be Marta Crawford, a renowned expert on 'Sex Education'. The theme will be 'Sex Education within Schools'.





## VI Cup Inter-class

The VI Cup Inter-class of girls basketball and boys football was held in January at the International School of the Algarve. It was made up of class teams from Primary and Secondary classes.

The competition gave Physical Education teachers the opportunity to evaluate talent for the International Schools Sports Festival, at St. Julian's School, from 19th of April to the 21st, in Lisbon.

**Winners (top to bottom)** Girls Basketball: 6ºA, 9ºB and 12º / Boys Football: 6ºB, 9ºA and Year 12

## Cross Country Inter-schools

The International School of the Algarve was represented by 37 athletes at the International Schools Cross Country, held on Saturday 2nd February at Vilamoura. Our athletes competed against schools from all over Portugal.



Our students won seven silver medals and two bronze medals. The races were over several distances and in age groups 'Benjamins' (born 2002/03), 'Infantis' (2000/01), 'Iniciados' (1998/99) and 'Varsity' (1993/97).





## Roller Skating Inter-Schools Sports

The International School of the Algarve won 15 individual and 7 team events at the 1st Roller Skating Meeting of Inter-Schools Sports 2012/2013. The International School of the Algarve was the winning team.

Our athletes won almost all the events at the 'Roller Skating Meeting' which was held on the 29th January at Boliqueime. Students from five schools in the Algarve competed. In the individual events, our students won gold, silver and bronze medals in the age groups boys and girls 'Infantis A', 'Infantis B' and 'Iniciados', with only one exception, the silver medal in girls 'Iniciados'.

In the team events (mixed boys and girls teams) – 'Roller Hockey' and 'Team Relay' – our students formed two teams on each of the two age groups 'Infantis A+B' and 'Iniciados+Juvenis+Juniore'. Our teams won gold and silver in both team events, except for the silver medal in 'Roller Hockey' second age group.

## Five Tennis Medals Inter-Schools Sports

The International School of the Algarve was represented by eight students at the First Tennis Tournament of Inter-Schools Sports 2012/2013. Our students won five medals. The tournament took place in Portimão, on the 15th January.

Four students from class 7A – Catarina Oliveira, Mariana Rodrigues, Henrique Santos and Manuel Oliveira – won the gold and silver girls and boys medals in the age group 'Infantis'. Vincent Ferreira, from Year 11, National Section, won the gold medal in the older age group boys 'Juniore'. Congratulations!



## Happy Christmas



Students and teachers at the International School of the Algarve, from Pre School to Secondary, made Christmas an extraordinary event.



The Christmas Carol Concert at 'Igreja de Lagoa', the National Primary School Christmas Play in Portimão and the Pre School Carol Concert at the school were outstanding performances and a joy to observe.

The Year 10 Drama Group presented a play for Pre-School and the Primary School.



The childrens' play was written, produced and performed by students of the drama group.



James Bond, Timmy and Tinker Bell were the main characters. Our younger students enjoyed themselves greatly.

Also during the festive season, the school was decorated with christmas trees made from recycled materials. The competition was won by Henry Charles, Carlota Matias and Nádia Cruz, from class 6A.



In January to celebrate the 'Day of the Kings', the Pre School children made Bolos Rei to celebrate.



The International School of the Algarve would like to thank all parents, family and friends for helping and participating in all these wonderful Christmas celebrations.

## Classroom Plays Year 6

Students of the National Section Year 6 presented in the classroom theatrical versions of the poems “A Bela Infanta” and “Nau Catrineta”, collected by Almeida Garrett in ‘Romanceiro’.



The two popular Portuguese poems were the subject of study during Term 1 and their theatrical interpretation was “a way for students to learn more about the works”, explained Professor Pedro Lopes. Each class – 6A and 6B made it’s own theatrical adaptation of the poems and presented it in class to all Year 6 colleagues.

Students showed great commitment and creativity in adapting both texts, introducing popular algarvean expressions. All classes are to be congratulated, however the winning class was 6A.



## Reflections Year 9

Year 9 Design & Technology students of the International School of the Algarve designed and made these delightful mirrors which reflect their innovation, dedication and motivation to interact creatively in the world today.

The mirrors were initially designed by students and these designs were developed further until all specification criteria were met within the constraints of time, costs and resources.

The exemplary work was presented by Year 9 students during a ‘Gingerbread Party’, which brought together teachers and pupils in December.

## 'Book Club' Year 10

Year 10 Portuguese subject students of the National Section took part in December in the first 'Book Club' of the academic year. In the Library they discussed five books recommended by Professora Ana Ribeiro for reading during the First Term.



Each student selected the book they wanted to read and at the 'Book Club' each group of readers of the same book presents and discusses the book. This initiative gives a strong stimulus for reading, very important as the Portuguese Year 10 official curriculum does not have any complete literary work for reading.

At the Book Club all students are evaluated on their oral contributions. The five books discussed at the December 'Book Club' were: "O Violino de Auschwitz", by Maria Àngels Anglada; "Nas Tuas Mãos", by Inês Pedrosa; "1984", by George Orwell; "Os Filhos da Droga", by Christiane F. and "As Intermitências da Morte", by José Saramago. The next 'Book Club' will take place at the end of the Second School Term.



## Science Field Trip

Years 10 and 11 of the National Section and Years 9 to 13 of the International Section held a joint Science based field trip to Lisbon, to visit 'Museu da Electricidade' and 'Pavilhão do Conhecimento'. The field trip took place in November.

The pupils experienced and took part in experiments associated with scientific laws and theories. The day highlighted the global energy situation and the need for the rational use of energy.



## Highest Subject Mark Edexcel Award

In the summer 2012 Edexcel examination session at the International School of the Algarve, Luo Chen achieved a level of excellence. Luo Chen got the highest subject mark in Europe for the GCE Chinese exam.

The international examination board Edexcel attributed a High Achiever Award to Luo Chen, one of the 25 students recognised this year for the highest subject mark in Europe. "We congratulate not only the students, but also their teachers and everyone else involved in giving these young people the opportunity to achieve such exceptional results".



## Field Trip to Lagoa Primary

Years 1 and 2 (1º Ciclo) of the National Section and Year 2 of the International Section went to visit the 'Bombeiros Municipais de Lagoa' headquarters and the 'Algarve Resident Newspaper' offices. The trip was held on the 31st January.



The students had great fun looking inside the emergency vehicles and being mini journalists. The International School of the Algarve would like to thank 'Bombeiros Voluntários de Lagoa' and the 'Algarve Resident Newspaper' for the excellent care and attention given to our students.





## Upcoming Events:

- **19th February: Field trip (6th e 11th Year)** – Queluz Palace and Communications Portuguese Foundation, Lisbon
- **21st February: Field trip (10th, 11th and 12th Year and Years 10, 11 and 12)** – Coca-Cola Factory, Azeitão
- **25th February: International School of the Algarve Pedagogical Lecture** – ‘Sex Education within Schools’, by Marta Crawford, Municipal Theatre in Portimão (18:00)
- **27th February: Theatre trip (11th Year)** – ‘Frei Luís de Sousa’, Cultural Center in Lagos
- **28th February: Theatre trip (8th Year)** – ‘Falar Verdade a Mentir’, Cultural Center in Lagos
- **28th February: Second Roller Skating Meeting of Inter-Schools Sports 2012/2013** – International School of the Algarve (09:30)
- **1st March: Theatre trip (9th Year)** – ‘Os Lusíadas, à Conquista do Mar Largo’, Cultural Centre in Lagos
- **8th March: Field trip (11th Year and Year 10)** – ‘Mina de Sal-Gema’, Loulé



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- **11th March: Second Tennis Tournament of Inter-Schools Sports 2012/2013** – Portimão
- **14th and 15th March: Science Fair** – International School of the Algarve
- **12th April: Field trip (7th Year)** – Sea and Atmosphere Portuguese Institute and Civil Protection National Authority, Lisbon
- **18th April: Field trip (6th Year and Year 7)** – Águas de Monchique and Algar (Porto de Lagos)
- **19th April: Field trip (9th Year)** – Sines Sea Port and Wind Farm
- **19th April: Cultural trip (10th, 11th and 12th Year)** – Mafra Convent: 'Memorial do Convento'
- **19th to 21st April: International Schools Sports Festival** – St. Julian's School, Lisbon

