



School News

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Sex Education and Dyslexia Pedagogical Lectures

The series of lectures organized by the International School of the Algarve were in February and March held in the towns of Portimão and Lagos. The school promoted on the 25th of February in Portimão a lecture about Sex Education with Dra. Marta Crawford (top right). Dra. Paula Teles was invited to talk about Dyslexia on March 15th in Lagos, with the presence of the mayor Júlio Barroso (top left). The pedagogical lectures were organized for the the communites, open to the public and free of charge, with the support the municipalities.



Marta Crawford (left) spoke at the Portimão municipal theatre about the awakening of sexuality and gave advice to parents and educators on how to approach the topic with the children. In the Auditorium of the Lagos Town Hall, Paula Teles (below) explained the origins and signs of Dyslexia and presented her method for reading rehabilitation that she applies to children in Portugal at her clinic in Lisbon.



The pedagogical lectures of the International School of the Algarve will continue to take place in cities in the Algarve, with different themes. Concluding in June, at the University of Algarve in Faro, with a discussion on hyperactivity and attention deficit disorder.



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Fun Experiments Science Fair

The Science Fair at the International School of the Algarve was held on the last two days before the Easter Holidays. The fair consisted of students being responsible for demonstrating and explaining a range of scientific experiments.



The Science Fair is held every year at the International School of the Algarve. This event was organised by Rute Oliveira (the Physics and Chemistry teacher - National Section) and Andreia Rodrigues (the Physics teacher - International Section). "The aim is to show that Science is fun," said Professora Rute Oliveira.

The fair had a total of eleven areas in which to carry out experiments. It took place over two days and was visited by all the students, teachers and staff. It was an opportunity for the students responsible for the fair to perform and explain all experiments and also a chance to develop knowledge and communication skills.

The experiments involved investigating colour, Chemistry, sound, optics, electricity and density. They fascinated all the children especially the younger ones. The pupils had the opportunity to observe how it is possible to pierce a balloon without bursting it, amongst many other wonderful experiments.



Perfect Score Physics examination

The International School of the Algarve would like to congratulate Year 12 students **Johan Crook** and **Claudia van den Berg** on their January 2013 Physics examination results.

We are proud to report that Johan obtained an outstanding 100% on his A-Level Physics examination and Claudia an excellent A grade. These marks are the result of a lot of hard work and dedication from our students in one of the most challenging subjects offered in Year 12.

The school would also like to congratulate and thank Miss Rodrigues for all her hard work and commitment to the success of her students.

Scholarship for Excellence Marta Cipriano Pedroso

Marta Cipriano Pedroso who completed her schooling at the International School of the Algarve in 2012 has been awarded one of 31 Scholarships of Excellence given by the 'Universidade do Algarve'



The 'Universidade do Algarve' gives Scholarships of Excellence to the best students in the Algarve that enter university for the first time. Marta was the only student from a private school in the Algarve to be awarded this scholarship. She had the highest university application in the Algarve for Visual Arts. Well done!





Choosing a Profession 'Careers Fair'

by Johnny Cartucho & Antony Moore
(Year 13 Head Boys)

On Wednesday the 20th of February, students from all over the Algarve met at the Sheraton Pine Cliffs hotel in Albufeira to attend a Careers Fair event.



Over 50 careers and opportunities were represented by over 80 delegates and close to 220 students attended accompanied by staff and parents.

The room was packed full of professionals from a variety of backgrounds inspiring young minds to find the fields that they would each excel in. Ranging from Beauty, Sports, Construction, Media, Business and Science, there was a topic for every individual student to learn about. Professionals from their fields discussed what had driven them to pursue their chosen career, all the while highlighting aspects from their jobs such as salary, training and personal satisfaction.

We felt this event cleared a few questions regarding career paths, ultimately helping us make better decisions for our future professions.

Community Service Rustic Pathways

by Johnny Cartucho (Year 13 Head Boy)



On Tuesday, 26th February, Oliver Pearson from Rustic Pathways visited our school and spoke to both national and international senior students about making life choices, developing as a person, discovering their passions and becoming global citizens ready to participate in the the real world.

Rustic Pathways are a company that specialise in providing quality community service, language immersion and life skills programmes for high school students. Students were made aware of the real possibilities they had to volunteer in beautiful countries such as Thailand, Burma, Tanzania, Mongolia and Vietnam among others. Oliver discussed how building cultural bridges leads to a greater global understanding and cooperation. Many students asked questions regarding past experiences with the programme and Oliver discussed how students returned from the trip enriched with memories and a broader cultural understanding.



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Drama in the Classroom 'Robinson Crusoe'

Year 6 students of the National Section of the International School of the Algarve studied Daniel Defoe's 'Robinson Crusoe' through the use of drama.

The students of both Year 6 classes presented theatrical interpretations of the book in their classrooms. The students were divided into groups, each one responsible for one chapter of the book together retelling the whole story.

Easter Surprise Design Technology

Students from the International Section Years 7, 8 and 9 brought homemade cakes to the Design Technology class on the 12th, 13th and 14th of March.



Food is part of the Design Technology course, where students learn about nutrition, food values and production.

On March students gave an Easter Surprise and offered their work, cakes and buns, during their Design Technology lesson.





Brilliant Skating Inter-Schools Sports

The International School of the Algarve won 29 individual and 5 team events at the Second Roller Skating Meeting of Inter-Schools Sports 2012/2013.



The Meeting was held at the International School of the Algarve Roller Rink on the 28th of February. A total of 80 students representing 5 schools participated in the event.

Our students won all the events, with the exception of Boys 'Infantis A – Masculinos'. Well done everyone.





Two Champions Mega Sprinter

Two students of the International School of the Algarve are now regional champions in athletics. Having won their competitions at the Mega Sprinter Festival, which was held at the 'Estádio da Belavista', Parchal, on the 14th of March.

Students from all schools / school groups of the Algarve were present in the Regional Mega Sprinter. Louis Maurício (Year 5) and Catarina Duarte (9ºB) won in Mega Sprint (40m) age group Boys 'Benjamins Masculinos' and Mega Jump (long jump) age group Girls 'Iniciados Femininos' and qualified for the national Mega Sprinter, to be held in Vila Nova de Gaia, on the 5th and 6th of April.

A total of 33 students from the International School of the Algarve competed in the Regional Mega Sprinter. Yelyzaveta Lemeshko (9ºB) finished 3rd in Mega Sprint (40m) age group Girls 'Iniciados Femininos' and has qualified for the national tournament. Another two students from the International School of the Algarve finished 3rd in their competitions: Carolina Ferreira (7ºB) in Mega KM (1000m) age group Girls 'Infantis Femininos' and Bernardo Pina (6ºA) in Mega KM (1000m) age group Boys 'Infantis Masculinos'.

Catarina and Henrique Win Again! Inter-Schools Tennis

The International School of the Algarve won in 3 out of 4 age group competitions in which our students competed in the Second Tennis Tournament of Inter-School Sports, held on Monday 11th March at the 'Clube de Ténis de Portimão'.

Catarina Oliveira (7ºA) and Henrique Santos (7ºA) repeated their First Tournament victories in the age groups 'Infantis' (Girls and Boys). Mariana Rodrigues (7ºA) and Miguel Ferreira (7ºA) finished second in the same age groups. Manuel Oliveira (7ºA) was third in the age group Boys 'Infantis Masculinos' and Mariana Fernandes (5ºAno) finished third in the age group Girls 'Benjamins Femininos'.





Miss and Mister EIA National Section

The International School of the Algarve elected Miss and Mister EIA 2013 on 15th March. Organised by Year 12 of the National Section, the show included a Talent Contest and the election of Mini Miss and Mini Mister EIA 2013.



The show was presented by Professor Daniel Pinto and Francisca Machado (12º) including students from all school years. The jury was made up of teachers Lílíana Valente and José Nascimento and students Ângelo Leal (12º) and Teresa Fernandes (11º). They elected Pietá Leis and João Gil Miss and Mister EIA 2013.



Catarina Angélico and João Poupado won the category of Minis. João Tomás won the Talent Contest, with a piano interpretation of a song from the movie 'Amélie'.





Upcoming Events:

- **5th April: Field Trip (3rd and 4th Years)** – Sagres Fortress
- **9th April: Field Trip (1º Ciclo)** – Portimão Museum
- **12th April: Field Trip (Year 7 and 8th Year)** – Sea and Atmosphere Portuguese Institute (Lisbon)
- **18th April: Field Trip (6th Year)** – Águas de Monchique and Algar (Porto de Lagos)
- **19th April: Field Trip (10th, 11th and 12th Years)** – Pavillion of Knowledge and Science and Natural History National Museum (Lisbon)
- **19th April: Field Trip (9th Year and Year 8)** – Sines Sea Port and Wind Farm
- **19th April: Theatre Trip (11th and 12th Years)** – ‘Memorial do Convento’ (José Saramago), Mafra National Palace
- **23th April: Urban Field Trip (Years 11 and 12)** – City of Lagos (Geography and History)
- **24th April: Field Trip (Years 11 and 12)** – Meia Praia dunes, Lagos (Sciences and Geography)
- **29th April: Theatre Trip (10th and 11th Years)** – Pena Palace .- Eça de Queiroz Route (Sintra)
- **2nd May: Field Trip (8th Year and Year 9)** – Coca-Cola Factory (Azeitão), Sesimbra Castle and Oceanographic Museum (Portinho da Arrábida)





- **15th May: Field Trip (3rd and 4th Years)** – Pavillion of Knowledge , Planetarium and Vasco da Gama Aquarium (Lisbon)
- **15th to 19th May: Cazorla Trip** – Spain
- **17th May: Field Trip (1st and 2nd Years)** – Lagos Zoo
- **17th May: Field Trip (Years 1 to 5)** – Badoca Safari Park (Santiago do Cacém)
- **3rd June: Field Trip (1º Ciclo)** – Badoca Safari Park (Santiago do Cacém)
- **25th, 26th and 27th June: Senior 1º Ciclo Trip** – Quinta da Broeira (Cartaxo)

