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New school year 2023-2024

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Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Let's start with the basics! What is education?
Indeed when you introspect on this simple
question, you will find there has been a long-

lasting debate from philosophers, educators, the Ministry of Education and indeed society about this. Looking rapidly on Google, we have Socrates that states 'Education means the bringing out of the ideas of universal validity which are latent in the mind of every person'. Wikipedia state that 'education is the transmission of knowledge, skills and character traits'. Oxford Languages tells us that 'education is the process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or university.' **Indeed, here in Green Valley, we have a simple mission statement which is summarised by 'Nurture, Prepare, Challenge'.**

This is shown on our mission statement on the front of the website and is worthwhile to restate: *"At Green Valley School we provide a challenging and inspiring education. We encourage students to develop their positive talents and qualities and aim for both academic and human excellence. We believe that Education in Human Values is the very foundation of learning. Becoming global citizens,*

students can contribute to transforming the world, through intercultural understanding and reinforced positive human attributes. We aim to empower our students to be successful by leading them to become lifelong, inquiring, principled and caring critical thinkers'.

Now, I return to my simple weekly message to you all. The term starts here in Green Valley and our core objective is to **'Nurture, Prepare and Challenge'** your children and our students.

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS



Primary Section

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 12th October: School closed, public holiday
- 21st to 29th October: School closed, half-term holidays

- Tuesday 31st October: Halloween dress-up day
- Wednesday 1st November: School closed, public holiday
- Week beginning 13th November: Maths week
- 6th to 8th December: School closed, public holidays
- Wednesday 20th December: Last day of Autumn term

NumBots & Times Tables Rockstars

Dear Families,

We hope you are all keeping well.

This week we are thrilled to tell you about 2 new platforms we have purchased, Times Table Rockstars and NumBots. These are great fun, and we think the children will really enjoy challenging each other whilst improving their

number addition/subtraction and their multiplication skills. Please see the links below for further information.

Parent Letter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FDCAxo0WF893uYreTj5o7nbJeRyen63E/edit?usp=sharing&oid=107966907886196726560&rt_pof=true&sd=true

NumberBots

Video: <https://youtu.be/24sqqVgwBOg>

Times Tables Rockstars

Video: https://youtu.be/phxP5_OhOtk

During next week, your child will be bringing home their login details and then the fun can really begin!

House System

As you know, in our Primary School, we have a house system, with points given for a wide range

of reasons, some may be academic, for great effort or amazing work, or for beautiful presentation. Others are given for being kind and helpful, for all round effort, for good manners and for general good behaviour around school, just to name a few.

Throughout the year, we do many things in our houses, such as during Friendship Day, or Sports Day. So, this year we have decided to have house captains and vice-captains for each house. Year 6 were given the opportunity to run for House Captains. Each child interested had to prepare a short presentation which they then shared with the other year groups. After which the rest of the children voted for who they wanted to be their house captain or vice-captain. It was a very difficult decision as the presentations were amazing and some children really surprised us with the mature, confident way they put forward their reasoning on why they should be chosen. Firstly, we would like to say, congratulations to all who participated, you should be very proud of yourselves as you were all amazing. We are

pleased to announce the new House Captains and Vice Captains are as follows.

House	Captain	Vice-Captain
Mallorca	Noa	Llara
Menorca	Isabella	Lucas
Formentera	Javier	Jolie
Ibiza	Celeste	Leo

Our thanks as always for your support and cooperation and we wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Ms. Jan Harvey - Head of Primary on behalf of the GVS Leadership Team

Secondary Section



Message from Mr. David Méndez

International Baccalaureate academic year 2023-24

At Green Valley School we have started our 2023-24 academic year with defined objectives for each of our IB Diploma Programme students.

These objectives are different for the two academic years that make up the Diploma Programme.

In the second year of the Diploma Programme our Diploma students (Class 2022-24) are directing their efforts towards obtaining the best possible grade in their final papers and preparing for the official exams. For these students, it is a time of responsibility and dedication to study for the great reward of achieving the highest possible grade in the final Diploma Programme result. In addition, in the coming weeks they have to decide in which university they will start their admission process. On this journey, students are accompanied by their teachers and tutors who guide and inform them about their emotional well-being and the achievement of their academic goals.

On the other hand, students who have started their first year of the Diploma Programme this year (Class 2023-25) are working on the skills of the Diploma Programme learner profile, which aims to develop students who demonstrate the

following attributes: Inquiry, Knowledge, Reasoning, Communication, Integrity, Open-mindedness, Solidarity, Resourcefulness, Balance and Reflection. These students have chosen the subject curriculum with their future university education in mind. The students are currently working together with their teachers on the different components that make up the subjects of the academic programme of the Diploma.

From the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Coordination, my best wishes for this academic year.

Best regards,

Mr. David Méndez

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Coordinator



Message from Mr. Llorenç Mercer

Our Green Valley School community keeps growing and as new families join us every year, a little information concerning special events taking place in and around Mallorca, and mainly in the Palma area could be interesting for those trying to find their place or simply something to do in our island.

I think it is best to send the information out every two weeks or even every month, with some

weekly reminders if the event is highly popular. Summer is coming to an end, at least officially since we are back in school and the calendar says there will be a new season in a week and a half. However, we all know that summer is way longer in Mallorca. Still, summer is out and Fall is in, and kick off could not be more exciting than with the extremely popular “Nit de l’Art” in Palma. The night of the 23rd of September most art galleries and museums open their doors in the evening and people come to enjoy some art. There are a lot of galleries hosting special events. This is a very busy night and the combination of art, food, and drink is very successful in the cooler evening of late September.

Mr. Llorenç Mercer - Head of School Culture

<https://artpalmacontemporani.com>



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