

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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## **Message from the Head of School.**

It has been wonderful to have all students back from their vacation this week. There are a number of students who will have a significant amount of work to catch up due to their prolonged holiday. The parent interviews on Wednesday and Thursday evenings provided an excellent opportunity for teachers to share the outstanding student achievements from Term 1 as well as discuss those areas where children can improve their learning. Thank you to all parents who attended this important school event. The whole school was fortunate to have two visiting authors and performers from the UK, 'The 2 Steves'. All students in Key Stage 1, 2 and 3 were treated to age specific workshops that certainly excited and entertained them, hopefully enough to stimulate a desire to read more. Many students took the opportunity to purchase signed copies of books written by Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore.

Neil McBurney



The 2 Steves provided entertainment for most of the school on Wednesday. Read some of the students' quotes on page two. For more information about the 2 Steves, you can check out their website:

[Www.the2steves.net](http://www.the2steves.net)

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### **TBSC Community Choir**

Join our own *British School Caracas Community Choir*! All parents, children, teachers and staff welcome to sing together every Monday afternoon from 2.45 until 3.45. We will begin our practices in term 2. Sign up for it and be part of this great new experience! If you have any queries please contact Gabriela Núñez. [gnunez@tbscaracas.com](mailto:gnunez@tbscaracas.com)

### **Adult 5-a-side football**

Parents are invited to come and play football on Thursday nights from 7—9pm under flood-lights on the school cancha. If you are interested please contact Doug Allan. [dallan@tbscaracas.com](mailto:dallan@tbscaracas.com)

### **Absences**

The beginning of this term sees one or two absences amongst the staff. Howard Garlick and Michele Manning are both out for health reasons. Howard's class is being covered by Andrina Padrón. Emma Fravigar is in the United Kingdom for personal reasons, and will be returning to school on the 26th January. Neil McBurney and Keith Bailey will be in the United Kingdom recruiting from 23rd—30th January. In their absence, any queries should be directed to Becky Nicholls ([rnicholls@tbscaracas.com](mailto:rnicholls@tbscaracas.com))

### **KS3/4 Exam week**

Beginning on Monday 23rd January, the KS3 and 4 students will be sitting their 'half-year' exams. A letter and timetable is being sent with the students. Please help them to organise their revision and preparation. Also, please check the dismissal times outlined, as students will be available from 1pm to be collected.

### **Dog walker**

Marianne Kelly is still looking for help with walking her dog. Contact her on [mkelly@tbscaracas.com](mailto:mkelly@tbscaracas.com)

### **Student quotes about *The 2 Steves***

"I have learnt lots of wonderful tips to improve my writing." DH

"I enjoyed when you told us the story of the Vikings." JT

"The books were brought to life with drama and special effects." SS

"I liked the part when we made a Hero show." MB

"We really laughed about the *stickies* and slippery, disgusting, revolting camp story." AH

"I liked when they dressed as *Superman*." AFW

"The 2 Steves were very funny." MM

"Amazing writing tips and skills." AB

## **Congratulations**

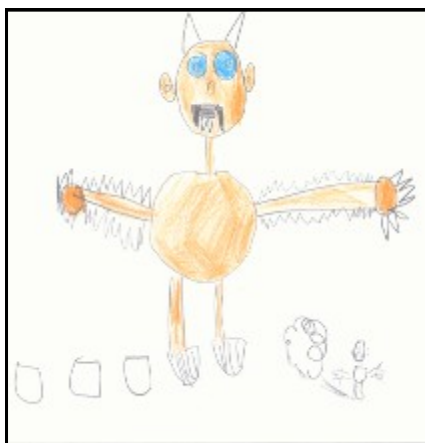


Natasha Kaeller was the recipient of this week's Head Teacher's award for a wonderful poem about a river. Well done.

## **The Thingamabob**

Year 1 drew some pictures of The Thingamabob—a character from one of the 2 Steves' books.

These pictures are by Marcel and Nicolas.



## **Visitor**

The 2 Steves were not the only visitors to school this week. We had the happy experience of welcoming back Catherine Judge. Miss Judge first became a teacher at the school when it moved to its present location in 1954. She was at the school for 30 years (with a hiatus) finishing as the Head in 1987. She was amazed by the changes but pleased to see that the children she met were still polite and kind.

## **Pre-School**

Could parents please start collecting old cardboard boxes (e.g. cereal boxes) for a project in a couple of weeks.

## **Reminders**

Please help your child by ensuring that they have the correct school uniform (including socks and shoes); they arrive on time; they have a school hat and a named water bottle and that lunchboxes also have names on. Many new items were purchased over the holiday and already some (unnamed) items are appearing in Lost Property.

## **School Calendars**

There are some school calendars still available (BsF100 each). Contact Ricardo.

## Upcoming events:

| DATE                         | EVENT                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Week beginning 23rd Jan      | KS3/4 Exam week             |
| Wed 25th Jan                 | Y4 Assembly                 |
| Sat 4th Feb                  | Annual Avila Sponsored Walk |
| Monday 20th/Tuesday 21st Feb | School closed for carnival  |
| Sat 24th March               | Spring Fayre                |

## More photos from The 2 Steves

