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# Hola from Spain

During the half-term holidays, Mr. Cole went to Spain and worked in a Spanish school. Here's what happened. On Thursday I flew to Madrid in Spain and met up with 15 other teachers from schools from Barnet and Enfield. We got on a coach and went to Salamanca. Here I am at the coach



We stayed with the students at the University of Salamanca. It was a bit noisy but good fun and I could talk with lots of people to practise my Spanish. Here's the canteen.



On Friday I went to lessons for 6 hours learning Spanish. It was hard work and it was funny to sit in a desk and be a student and have to listen to the teacher and do my work. I was very tired at the end. Here's the university.



## From the Head Teacher

pp4danBarnet and YASS have organised a number of events that will be taking place in November.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November the film 'Paranorman' is being shown at the Phoenix Theatre in East Finchley at 11.00am . Places are limited so contact YASS on 0208 449 5251 or email the address below.

There is also a special swimming session at Archway Swimming Pool on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November between 4.30-6pm . For more information contact Christine on 0208 449 5251 or email [yassgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:yassgroup@btinternet.com)

Copthall Swimming Pool also have swimming sessions between 3.30-4.30 every Sunday – for general information contact 0208 457 9900.

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10am -12 am. there is a meeting for Barnet Family Carers to discuss their concerns and issues with Barnet Council Officers. Dawn Wakeling - Deputy Director for Adult Social Care and Health and Jasvinder Perihar, Carers Strategy and Commissioning Lead will be hosting the meeting at the North London Business Park, Building 4. Places must be booked in advance and any questions ideally forward by 10<sup>th</sup> November by emailing [lisarobbinslink@communitybarnet.org.uk](mailto:lisarobbinslink@communitybarnet.org.uk)

Next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November is Non Uniform day in aid of Children in Need - we would ask that all children donate a £1. There will be a theme of Pop stars, so students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite singer.

### Christmas Raffle

If you are able to donate a prize for our Christmas Raffle we would be very grateful. The raffle is our major fundraising event for our Hearts of Oak Charity and we will be sending home books of tickets shortly. Thank you for your support.

Lynda Walker



### Who fancies a night out for charity on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012?

Please come along and join us and have a great time supporting The National Autistic Society in Barnet as we fundraise for activities next summer. Live music from the fabulous Paul Lillie, dancing, food and raffle prizes. Tickets cost £12.50 to include light buffet and it's all taking place at The Power League, Bobby Moore Way, Friern Barnet, N10 1ST

For more information or to purchase tickets please get in touch with Maria Boston on 07946706626, Deborah Packenham on 07826537531 or email us at [barnet@nas.org.uk](mailto:barnet@nas.org.uk)

**Can't wait to see you there!**

## From the Classes

Well done P2! We had a 'Tourism' trip to Westminster Abbey yesterday. We had a tour of The Abbey and you can see here in the photograph, we met Anne of Cleves. We ate lunch in the cloisters, it was a wonderful trip and I was very proud of P2! All staff agreed that P2 were a real pleasure to show around as they showed lots of interest and asked lots of interesting questions.

Miss Adams

On Thursday P5 split into two groups to make pizza. The first group made pizzas on pitta bread and they were delicious!  
We also ate grapes, bananas and oranges for a fruit salad. We set the table as a class and ate as a family.  
We do art every Tuesday with Charlotte, we are making super heroes using old magazines. Our work is wonderful! On Wednesday Steven and Siobhan started their work experience at Freshfields Cafe with Neal and Julio. It was brilliant! By P5

Well done Alicia of L1 who did brilliantly while working with Roger in the local area. Alicia is learning the skills of becoming a safe pedestrian!



Scholastic Book Fair is still taking orders So if you have seen anything in the catalogue you want please send in your order as soon as possible.



It was a pleasure to take P3 out on a 'nature' walk in the local area on a very sunny autumn day! We looked at fir trees and their fir cones. We found some holly with berries and we looked at other types of trees. Most pupils liked best the Oak trees because they were a beautiful colour in the sunshine!  
Well done P3!

Miss Adams

On Saturday we went to a town called Avila which is very old. It has great big walls all around it. In the olden days the walls kept the people safe inside. Here are the walls.



On Sunday we all went exploring in Salamanca. We saw some people doing a special dance called a Charrada. It was very exciting because they danced so fast.



On Monday I had to go to classes again. After another 6 hours of lessons I got a certificate from my teacher. She's called Marta.



On Tuesday we all went to different schools. I went to a school called José Herrero. The school is very big but there are only 100 children. Half of the children have Special Needs. They do most of their lessons in English so they can learn to speak our language. Here they are making croissants in a Food Technology lesson.

On Wednesday there was a Halloween party. I showed them our Newsletter with our Halloween costumes in it. They liked them. They had Halloween games at break time. Some of the children are wearing their Halloween costumes





When school finished we said goodbye and I went back to Madrid with the other teachers. It was a long way and we had to stay on the coach for nearly 3 hours and there wasn't a toilet.

In Madrid there were more Halloween parties. Everybody was out at night "trick or treating". Here are some people wearing a Minnie Mouse witch costume and a Mickey Mouse vampire costume. The boy has a skeleton costume.



On Thursday morning I went to an art gallery. There were lots of pictures. My favourite was a painting of a man called Hugo with his dog. I don't know what the dog's name is.



On Thursday evening I came back to London in a plane. I had a great adventure in Spain and met lots of kind people and did lots of interesting things. I can speak Spanish a lot better now.