COURAGE, STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION

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It’s a joy to be a part of
The International School
Where courage and conviction
Will always be the rule

A multitude of changes
New dreams and new emotions
Enrich us for the future
For we are the future

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Courage, Strength with Determination
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Our friends and our companions
Of every kind and creed
Grow daily in this atmosphere
Of magic that we need

Stronger than wind
Bigger than sea
Fighting for my future
I know I will succeed
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Carnival Parade

The International School of the Algarve in Porches opened its doors to parents, family and friends on the 28th February for the traditional Carnival parade. This year, our students paraded and presented masked dances with Disney costumes.

At the site of the International School of the Algarve in Espiche, Lagos, the Carnival parade took to the streets. Appropriately accompanied by the GNR, our students walked through in the village of Espiche filling the streets with colour and joy.
Thirty students from our school competed in the event together with 1600 students from other schools in the Algarve. In their age groups, Jessica Saraiva won gold medal in Mega Jump (long jump) and Yelyzaveta Lemeshko in Mega Sprint (40 m). Yelyzaveta also won a bronze medal in Mega Jump.

Three EIA-ISA students won silver medals in their respective age groups, namely João Miguel (Vortex Throwing), Carlota Simões (Mega Km - 1000 m) and Madalena Severino (Mega Km).

Three other students won bronze medals: André Figueiredo (Mega Km), Bernardo Pina (Mega Km) and Paulus Schelfhout (Weight Throwing).

Yelyzaveta Lemeshko and Jessica Saraiva have qualified directly for the national final of the Megas Festival, which will be held in the same stadium on the 28th and 29th March.
Roller Skating
National Teams in the School

The Portuguese Skating Federation chose the International School of the Algarve for two training sessions in February and March, the first with the Portuguese National Speed Skating Elite Team and the second with the Portuguese National Speed Skating Cadets and Juniors 'B' Team, included in the team were three EIA-ISA students.

The first training session took place from the 12th to 16th February and brought to our school the seven skaters from the Elite Team (right), beginning their preparation for the European and World championships.

The National Cadets and Juniors 'B' Team (pictured above, left) trained at our school’s roller track from 10th to 14th March. This group was made up of 16 athletes, including three EIA-ISA students: the cadets Carolina Ferreira and Laura Nagiller and junior Miguel Bravo, who represented Portugal in the European Championship last year.

Inter-Schools Finals

Thirteen students from the International School of the Algarve have qualified for the Roller Skating Regional Championship of Inter-Schools Sports 2013-2014. The event is the final after the qualifying series held between students from schools of all the Algarve. It will be held in the Secondary School 'Júlio Dantas’, in Lagos, on 24th April.

Our students students will also form hockey teams for the finals in two age groups. The 13 EIA-ISA students who qualified are: Beatriz Parente, Rebeca Lorenzi, Francisco Strouss, Afonso Bitoque, Maia Batista, Carolina Lagos, Bernardo Pina, Tomás Pisco, Carolina Ferreira (pictured during the Second Roller Skating Meeting of Inter-Schools Sports 2013/2014, held in our school on 26th February), Laura Nagiller, Teresa Lamy, Leonardo Bonelli e Miguel Bravo.
Espiche Site
Sports Afternoon

Students from both sites of the International School of the Algarve joined together for a sports afternoon. The children of Year 5 International Section and Year 4 National Section of our Porches site travelled to our Espiche site, in Lagos and joined Year 5 / 6 for a wonderful afternoon of football and basketball.

The meeting was held on February 7th. The children played in combined teams of players from each site. The girls played basketball and the boys played football.

It was an important event developing friendships and bonds between all sites of the school.

Safety Rules

A team from GNR’s ‘Escola Segura’ visited the Espiche site to talk about safety rules to the children of Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. They learnt how to walk along the road, how to cross a road, how to put a seat belt on in a car, what to do when approached by a stranger or when someone knocks on the door and there is no one else at home. It was a very informative morning and the children learnt a lot about safety in a safe and friendly environment.
Pedagogical Lectures
Educational Challenges

Environmental education and the benefits of learning through play were the topics for the two most recent pedagogical lectures of the International School of the Algarve held in Lagoa and Silves. The next conference will be held in the main hall of the Municipality of Albufeira, on March 28th, addressing a very sensitive issue for children and their families: ‘Divorce’.

Former president of the Portuguese environmental group Quercus, university professor, host of daily shows on television and radio, Francisco Ferreira was the guest of the 4th Conference of the International Pedagogical School of the Algarve for the school year 2013-2014 (pictured above). The conference took place at the Convento S. José in Lagoa on February 13th, with the support of the municipality of Lagoa.

An environment specialist, particularly in the field of ‘Energy’, Francisco Ferreira provided important information for us to reduce our environmental footprint and improve our own domestic bills. A very interesting and informative lecture, which showed the need to take on the challenge of environmental education to defend the planet's future.

The third pedagogical lecture filled the multipurpose room of the Public Library of Silves, on January 24th. Parents and educators gathered to discuss the benefits of learning through play, with the teacher and educator Susana Ferreira (pictured right).

"Affections structure us and are not inconsistent with rules. Playing is the synthesis for the discovery of thinking and it is important to maintain the will to discover ... to learn," said Susana Ferreira.

The next conference will be held in Albufeira, on March 28th at 9pm. Bárbara Figueiredo, a professor in the School of Psychology of the University of Minho and researcher in the area of ‘Family’ will talk about divorce, a phenomenon that has tripled from 1990 to 2010 in Portugal and which has a great impact on child development. Admission is free.
Valentine’s Day
Chemistry of Love

The International School of the Algarve celebrated Valentine’s Day in Laboratory 2 with a week of daily practical and fun Science experiments on the theme of Love. The activities involved the whole school community and were greatly enjoyed by the students.

On each day of the week an episode of the story of the relationship of Shrek and Fiona was told, from the day they met until the day of their wedding. Each episode was illustrated with practical activities involving Physics and Chemistry. In the photo above, for example, we illustrate the ‘Burning Love’ activity, which served to explain to students the combustion reaction caused by a mixture of detergent and gas.

'The Liquid of Love' (acide-base indicator / chemical reaction)
'The Little Gift of Love' (persistence of vision animation)
'The Firework' (spectroscopy and emission spectrums)
'A Toast to the Bride and Groom’ (centripetal force / inertia)
Drawing Robots

Students from Physics and Chemistry classes in Year 9 of the National Section built drawing robots with recycled materials (toilet rolls and caps) equipped with pens and a small electric engine. The robots were successfully tested in the classroom. Project ‘Scribbling Machine’ helped students to understand electrical circuits and produced robots capable of drawing perfect circles.

Lab Activities

Students from Year 9 of the National Section, under the guidance of teacher Isabel Poço had practical activities learning how to classify the central nervous and circulatory systems of a mammal. Within the Natural Sciences program students worked with brains and hearts of animals to investigate the systems.

Mind Games

The Science Department organised a practical lesson entitled “Pinochio: illusions and other phenomena” for students of the ‘1º Ciclo’ of the National Section, on February 28th. Students were challenged with optical illusions and physical coordination exercises, having lots of fun.
Individual Pizzas

Year 5 of the International Section as part of their Science / Design Technology curriculum made pizzas based on individual student designs. From the making of the dough to the decoration of their pizzas the children had great fun especially when it came to tasting the pizzas!

French Breakfast

Students from Year 8 and Year 9 of the International Section organized French breakfast with typical foods such as baguettes, croissants and crepes. The activity was devised to promote a greater understanding of the culture of France and to develop French vocabulary.

‘Fun Friday’

The children of the Pre Reception and Reception class at our Espiche site enjoy creative interactive activities on Fun Friday. This is the day when they are able to choose educational activities and learn through experience. In the example pictured right, children are emulating the world of work.
Year 10 Drama Group
A Brilliant Play

Year 10 Drama Group, directed by teacher Ruth Denby presented to all their peers of the International Section their latest production, a children’s play conceived, written and performed by the girls for their IGCSE Drama coursework.

'Pepperoni, Pink and Potions' is an original story about a kingdom, an enchanted forest and a hero with a problem. The play was entirely designed by the three students of the Year 10 Drama Group: Gaïana Crook, Gina Louca and Lynn Wijngaard. The three girls also took on the roles of the various characters on stage: Gaïana played the Cat and Prince Pepperoni, Gina played the Queen and the Witch and Lynn played the role of Princess Pink. The group presented two performances on consecutive days at the International School of the Algarve in Porches. The play was very well received by all who saw it.

Year 4
The Ancient Egyptians

An 'Assembly' can be a great history lesson. That was what the students of Year 4 International Section proved on February 21st, when they gave an authentic history lesson by performing the play 'The Ancient Egyptians', before an audience made up of parents and children from the 'Primary' school.

The play covered the day-to-day habits in the time of Tutankhamun, the boy-pharaoh who ruled Egypt for 9 years (1336-1327 BC) and died at 19 years of age. Year 4 students acted out the mummification process and explained how the explorer Howard Carter discovered the tomb of the pharaoh in 1922.
Year 6
‘Smart’

Year 6 children of the International School of the Algarve performed an assembly for their parents and the Primary School about Internet safety called ‘Smart’. It was a great success and very informative. The play gave advice on how to use all aspects of computers ‘smartly’. A very informative assembly.

Year 10
Internet Hazards

In February, Year 10 of the International Section also gave an assembly related to the hazards of the Internet. In a power point presentation, students opted for a more radical approach, speaking about the danger of suicides due to online harassment. It proved an informative insight into a current international area of concern.

Year 8
Solidarity

Year 8 students from the International Section gave a presentation to their colleagues of the Secondary school about helping people, titled 'Something Special'. Each student presented an example on how to do something special to help others. It was a touching and truly thought provoking assembly.
Show Case
Jessica Alice

Jessica Alice, an up and coming UK singer songwriter visited the International School of the Algarve. She performed her anti-bullying song ‘Stand Up and Say’. All download royalties from the song go to the anti-bullying charity the Cybersmile Foundation, for which Jessica is a school's ambassador.

Year 6 National Section
3D Mascots

'Beco' won the mascots contest of the Year 6 National Section. It was made by Carolina Sousa (6º B) from cardboard for a municipal pool. In second place came 'Cardy', mascot for the Portuguese Society of Cardiology, developed by Vitória Barra (6ºA) with polystyrene. João Tomás Sousa (6ºB) was third with 'Âmago', mascot for an energy certification company.

CDEIA
Karate Exams

Ten Karate students from the Sports Club of the International School of the Algarve (CDEIA) took their next Karate exam on February 14th. The pupils of instructor Marisa Nunes (3rd Dan) were evaluated by 'sensei' Edmundo Reis (5th Dan): 3 rose from white belt to yellow, 5 from yellow to orange, 1 from orange to green and 1 from green to blue.
Literary Contest
Love Letter

In celebration of Valentine's Day, the Department of Languages promoted the 'More Romantic Love Letter Contest'. The winners received mugs, chocolates, pens, diaries and diplomas. Winners: Rebeca Leitão ('2º Ciclo’ – Year 5), Márcio Bravo ('3º Ciclo’ – 7ºA) and Román Carrasco (Year 10 National side). Honorable Mentions: Pedro Mangorrinha (9ºB) and Rita Januário (10ºA).

Hospitality
Higher Education

Pedro Martins, a representative of Laureate Hospitality Education, the biggest university group in the world, visited our school and presented various educational options to our Secondary students from both National and International sections. Travel and Tourism is the second largest employment industry in the world: it is expected to generate 25 million new jobs up to 2023.

Usborne Books
Book Fair

Elsa Francisco conveyed her thanks to EIA-ISA: “Once again the Usborne Book Fair, held over the Christmas Season (in the International School of the Algarve), was a huge success. A big thank-you to the EIA communities’ participation, resulting in the school receiving €470.00 in free books, which are already available at your library. As always, thank-you to the School for providing excellent facilities for holding such an event and special gratitude goes to Isabel Silva for her help in ensuring the success of the book fair”.
Kidzania Altogether

The children of our Porches and Espiche Primary schools along with Year 1 / ‘Sala dos 5 anos’ had a wonderful day out together in Lisbon at Kidzania. This is a mini-world where the children experience the world of work including working in Continente, Pizza Hut and McDonalds. It was a fantastic experience for all of the children.

International School’s Cross Country Eleven Medals

Our school won 11 medals, including 3 team medals in the International School’s Cross Country, on March 22nd. Two gold medals were won in different age groups by Bernardo Pina (7ºA) and Carolina Ferreira (8ºB). Silver: Carolina de Lagos (5ºA), Tomás Bettencourt (6ºB), Madalena Severino (9ºA) and Carlota Simões (11ºA). Bronze: Pedro Virgínia (4ºA) and Constanza Cortinas (12ºA).

Miss & Mister EIA 2013/2014 Gala in Portimão

Marta Bernardo and Vincent Ferreira (12ºA) were elected Miss and Mister EIA 2013/2014 at a gala organised by the students in the Municipal Auditorium of Portimão, on March 22nd. Carlota Simões (11ºA) and Marta Santos (11ºA) were elected 1st and 2nd Miss Runner Ups. Miss Photogenic is Mariana Martins (11ºA) and Miss ‘Público’ is Margarida Raposo (10ºA). Vasco Taschner (12ºA) is 1st Mister Runner Up and Mister ‘Público’. Finn Longmuir was elected 2nd Mister Runner Up and Mister Photogenic.
A Very Happy Father’s Day
Upcoming events:

- **27th; 28th and 29th March: Sports** – Spring Festival – St. Julian’s School (Carcavelos, Lisbon)

- **28th March: Pedagogical Lecture** – ‘Divórcio: Uma Transição Familiar?’ – Albufeira City Hall (21h00). Free admission.

- **28th and 29th March: Inter-Schools Sports** – ‘Mega-Sprinter’, athletics National Finals (Belavista Stadium, Parchal, Lagoa)

- **29th March (saturday): School Event** – ‘Family Olympiads’ of the ‘1º Ciclo’ (EIA-ISA, Porches, 10h00-12h00)

- **1st April: Field Trip (‘1º Ciclo’)** – ‘Corpo de Bombeiros’ / ‘Centro de Ciência Viva’ (Faro)

- **3rd and 4th April: Science Fair** – International School of the Algarve (Porches)

- **5th April: CDEIA / Speed Skating** – International Event ‘Terras do Infante’ (Lagos)

- **12th and 13th April: CDEIA / Speed Skating** – Europe Cup (Geisingen, Germany)

- **19th April: CDEIA / Speed Skating** – International Event ‘3 Pistes’ (France)

- **24th April: Inter-Schools Sports** – Skating regional finals (Júlio Dantas Secondary School, Lagos)

- **26th and 27th April: CDEIA / Speed Skating** – Europe Cup (Gross-Gerau, Germany)

- **6th May: ‘Safety Rules – GNR’ (Years 5 and 6)** – International School of the Algarve (Espiche)

- **30th May: Field Trip (‘1º Ciclo’)** – Kidzania (Lisbon)