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Cognita Collaboration



Learning Without Borders

Nine colleagues from Brazil and Chile have started the new year with a new learning journey. They've travelled to Cognita schools in the UK, Spain and Singapore as part of our 'Learning Without Borders' programme.

During their three-week trip, they'll absorb as much best practice as possible to take home, and share their own experiences and perspectives with their host schools.

The participants and host schools this time are:

- Camila Yupanqui from Manquecura Ciudad del Este, Chile visiting The British School of Barcelona, Spain
- Susana Pizarro from American British School, Chile visiting The English

Montessori School, Spain

- Evelyn Moraga from Pumahue Chicureo, Chile visiting El Limonar International School, Spain
- Lizette Lacourt from Pumahue Huechuraba, Chile visiting Oakfields Montessori School, UK
- Daniele Peres Rocha and Flávia Augusta Cunha from Instituto GayLussac, Brazil visiting Akeley Wood Junior School, UK and Hydesville Tower School, UK
- Michelle Gomes and Ivaja Brajato from PlayPen Bilingual Education, Brazil visiting Akeley Wood Junior School, UK and Hydesville Tower School, UK
- Leandro Petersen from Instituto GayLussac, Brazil visiting Australian International School, Singapore

We hope you all have an enjoyable and enriching experience.

School Spotlight



Welcoming the British School of Valencia to Cognita

We are proud to announce that the British School of Valencia has joined the Cognita family of schools and becomes our seventh school in Spain.

The British School of Valencia (BSV) is a British teaching institution for 2 to 18-year-olds, located in the centre of the city of Valencia. Founded in 1992, BSV is a widely recognised school with 880 students of more than 35 different nationalities, with 90 teachers and assistants.



TEMS opens Discovery House

Last month, a milestone event took place at The English Montessori School (TEMS) in Spain with the official opening of Discovery House, its new infants' building.

The light-filled, stimulating space provides a child-centric environment that allows students to learn, to experiment and to gain independence.

Hosted by Sarah Ebery, Headmistress of TEMS, the open event was one of celebration, where community members and officials, including the British Ambassador to Spain and the Vice President of the British Chamber of Commerce, had the opportunity to explore the new facilities.



English language provider joins Cognita

We are delighted to welcome [Ardmore Language Schools](#), the largest privately-owned UK operator of English language summer courses for under-18s, to our global family. This brings Ardmore within Cognita's Active Learning Group (ALG).

Based in the UK, ALG supports students' character development and global perspective through its operation of Bushcraft, which provides outdoor learning experiences for schools, and Super Camps, which runs camps for children during UK school holidays.

Stuart Rolland, Chief Executive of Cognita Europe, said Ardmore is a highly complementary organisation for Cognita: *"Its focus on foreign language learning complements all three elements of A Cognita Education – academic excellence, character development and a global mindset. Language acquisition is a key skill young people need for a successful future and we're excited by the positive opportunities that Ardmore can help create in our global family of schools."*

Cognita Faces





Why I Tweet

In this video, Andy Perryer, Cognita's Digital Learning Adviser, shares why, after nine years as a passive 'Twitter listener', he started sharing his own content.

You can find our list of over 350 Cognita colleagues on Twitter, and connect with us on our other social platforms, using the buttons below.



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Twitter



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Become a #CognitaInsider

Would you like to take the reins of our Cognita Schools Twitter account as a 2019 'Cognita Insider'? As Cognita Insider, you'll have the opportunity to give our followers a view into 'your world' and a behind-the-scenes insight into a Cognita education.

Search for the hashtag [#CognitaInsider](#) on Twitter to remind yourself of last year's takeover activities.

To register your interest, please email Rebecca.Hills@cognita.com or tweet us [@CognitaSchools](#).

Thought Leadership

[Why we let our students create their own classrooms](#)

Carole Parker, IB Primary Years Programme Coordinator at St. Andrews International School, Sukhumvit 107 in Thailand explains why, on the first day of term, they invited their primary students to design their own classrooms.

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[Harnessing the power of technology](#)

Recently recognised as an Apple Distinguished School, Southbank International School Hampstead in the UK shares the innovative ways the school uses technology to transform teaching, learning and the school environment.



News



Cognita Chile goes green

We are proud to announce that all our Pumahue Manquecura schools in Chile have obtained an Environmental Certification from the Chilean Environment Ministry.

Congratulations to everyone involved, especially the teachers in the Ecology & Sustainability programmes.



BSB welcomes a special visitor

Towards the end of last year, the British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, visited The British School of Barcelona to witness first-hand the improvements the school has made during its 60 years educating students.

Students led the Ambassador on a tour of the Castelldefels campus and pre-university campus, BSB Nexus. Tweeting after his visit, the Ambassador said: *"Delighted and honoured to visit the truly amazing British School of Barcelona this morning and to meet its impressive students and inspiring staff."*



When Cognita Head Christine McLelland met Meghan Markle...

A chance encounter with a litter of newly born kittens three months ago led to Christine McLelland, Head of North Bridge House Nursery and Pre-Prep in the UK meeting Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, in London this week.

Christine and her students have been getting to know the work of animal welfare charity Mayhew since November 2018, when Christine found a stray mother cat and her five kittens in the garden shed. Christine contacted Mayhew who took the mother cat and her kittens under its care.

Fast forward to the new year and news that Meghan Markle was to become the first royal patron of Mayhew. Upon the announcement of the Duchess of Sussex's first official visit to the charity as patron, Christine was honoured to be invited along with Mayhew staff, volunteers and beneficiaries.

You can learn more about NBH Nursery and Pre-Prep's affinity for animals and Christine's meeting on [Cognita.com](https://www.cognita.com).



Students' enterprising spirit helps the local community

Huddersfield Grammar School (HGS) in the UK set its students a creative challenge: to take £10 and turn it into as much money as possible for a chosen charity.

Robbie and Rahul's idea was to source and sell hooks that allow the user to keep their handbag off the floor by hooking it to the edge of a table.

Their efforts raised an impressive £830 which they generously donated to the Huddersfield Town Foundation.



Southbank students takeover on Twitter

Would you be brave enough to hand your social media account over to your students? The ICT department at Southbank International School Kensington in the UK has done just that.

For the month of January, students have taken control of the department's Twitter account, tweeting original content and sharing photos focused on their learning.

You can keep abreast of the students' continuing activity by following [@ICTKensington](#) on Twitter.

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