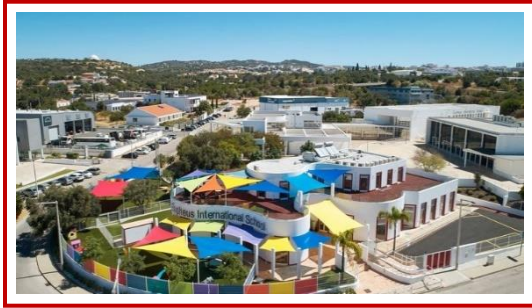




## Eupheus International School – Loulè



### Autumn Half Term Newsletter 2021 / 2022

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and Eupheus school life is certainly now in full swing. All of our students and teachers, both old and new, have settled into their new classes seamlessly, and we have all shared an action-packed start to the Autumn half term.

#### Our Induction Week

Our unique start to the school year began with our student inspired Eupheus Induction Week. It provided all of our students with a range of opportunities to develop their free-thinking skills, experience diverse learning strategies and explore each area of the curriculum in a creative way. All students greatly enjoyed the range of learning activities prepared for them by our inspirational teaching faculty.



A new school mural featuring a parliament of owls was created and is a vibrant and much remarked upon addition to our school.

Induction week concluded with our whole school excursion to Quinta Do Lago Lake. This was a truly memorable day for our students and teachers. Under the guidance of fully qualified sailing instructors, everyone enjoyed a wide range of sailing activities at Artur's Water sports. These included kayaking, electric boats, pedalos, catamarans, paddle boarding, inflatables and one to one sailing tuition. Our day culminated in a whole school swim and ice cream! Our students and teachers clearly enjoyed the day and amazing memories were made.



#### House Teams

House Teams encourage the students to work together and collaborate as a team to collect house points. This system aims to encourage a sense of pride, achievement and fosters community spirit. House points are awarded for academic achievement, model behaviour at school and acts of kindness. House points will be collected by the House Captains, and a weekly winner will be announced during Friday's celebration assembly.





In keeping with the spirit of the ancient Greek origin of our school's name, our House Teams are represented by eminent Greek Gods and Goddesses:

- **Athena** – Goddess of Wisdom and Courage represents Red House.
- **Zeus** – King of the Gods and God of the Sky is the Yellow House God.
- **Gaia** – Mother of the Earth depicts our Green House.
- **Poseidon** – God of the Sea symbolises our Blue House God.

Aided by our Eupheus sorting owl, the students' teams were announced, and judging by the smiles on the students faces, the correct choices had been made.



Challenge assemblies this half term have included: designing and making a bird feeder from upcycled materials, creating a bivouac to shade an entire House team, team scavenger hunt, creating skeletons and even designing a House photo frame for Team selfies!!

## Eupheus School Projects

At Eupheus, within the school curriculum, we have three integral ongoing school projects that promote the importance of the social and environmental issues facing the world today. These projects enforce the educational and social values at Eupheus, allowing for the reinforcement of the values and attitudes that are part of an education perspective for personal and social development, and for the exercise of a free, democratic, and responsible citizenship. These projects aim to foster the learning of, and development of, responsible attitudes and commitments, at school, at home and in the community in general. All projects are skilfully incorporated within ongoing Eupheus daily life.



As an introduction to the concept of what it means to be **Custodians of the Community**, linking with the local community, all of our students took part in a group discussion and very carefully considered how, as a school, we could combine to help the local community through the charity, Existir. Our students generously filled a van of much needed essential items for the local Food Bank. Our

ethos of developing Community Spirit is strong at Eupheus.



Our **Guardians of the Planet** activities have involved the promotion of environmental awareness and the implications on the environment of our daily actions. From Year 6 upwards this has been a focus with Global Perspective lessons. As a whole school the students have designed and created their own upcycled bird feeders, individual classes have sewn and grown a range of plants and Pre-School have grown their own magic beans !!!!



As an international school encompassing a wide range of nationalities, multiculturalism is an important aspect of our school curriculum, both intrinsically and as a component of our school philosophy. Ongoing **Friends of the World** activities have involved investigating and celebrating a wide range of festivals. These included MS Patel holding a Diwali story session for the whole Primary School.



## Pre-School

It has been extremely exciting to start the school year with our new Pre-School teachers and children under the guidance of Educadora Patricia Cardoso.



Our youngest learners have transitioned extremely well into school life and have all made a wonderful start to their learning journeys.



Active learning is the key with our youngest children, and their latest project about expressing our feelings inspired by 'The Colour Monster' book is highly engaging, involving the talking about and recording of daily emotions.



## Parent's Afternoon

We held our first parent's afternoon of the school year via Zoom on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October for Primary and Lower Secondary parents. Very encouragingly all of our teachers commented how rewarding it was to hear the degree of positive feedback from our parents. Pre-School will have their Parents Afternoon after the half term holidays.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Our after school one to one Music programme continues apace, led by Mrs Francis, and accompanied by Dr. Francis. This year we have a record number of children enjoying learning a wide range of instruments including drums, violin, piano and electric guitar. There are even a number of school bands being formed. Please message Mrs Francis via ClassDojo if you would like to find out more about extra-curricular music lessons.

After school Karate lessons will begin the week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, and will be run by Pedro and Daniel Coelho, who are both fully qualified professional 5 and 6 Dan Karate instructors.

They gave an exemplary taster lesson to the whole school in which all of our students from Pre-School to Year 9 joined in with great determination.

These are the first of a range of after school activities that we plan to host at Eupheus.

## A Spooky Day at Eupheus!

On the last day of our half term, Eupheus welcomed an array of scary characters as students and teachers arrived dressed as witches, wizards, ghosts, and all manner of Halloween characters!!!!

A spooktastic day included an afternoon of Halloween fun and games culminating in a whole school Halloween dance and trick or treats!!!



All of our students have made and enjoyed a truly innovative and inspired start to the new school year at Eupheus. We all look forward to our student's flourishing throughout the year in all aspects of school life.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their support and help in ensuring such a smooth and successful start to what promises to be a truly memorable year.

We look forward to an incredibly successful Eupheus future together.

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