

Interview to Martha

How many siblings do you have? I have 4 sisters and 4 brothers.

How many years have you been working in reception? 6 years.

What do you do in a normal day? Help the people in the building, answer the telephone, etc...

What is your hobby? I like to walk with my friends.

What do you like to do in your free time? I like to be with my family.

What is your favorite TV show? I like C.S.I Miami.

In how many jobs did you work in? I cleaned up rubbish from the streets and helped other people in fixing their door bell.



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About us as a school

Last weekend I joined the Global Home Education Conference in Moscow. It is a mundial conference that takes part every two years. I had the lovely opportunity to meet other researchers from the educational field, such as André Stern, Brian Ray, Paula Rothermel and others. As you know, the past two years I have been focusing on how children learn and specially researching alternative learning that occurs in homeschooling families. Those families who choose for their children not to attend School have a very clear and innovation concept of Education.

During these months I have interviewed a sample of homeschool families using a standardized open-ended interview. They all seem to agree:

- Education is a priority for all these families.
- They feel self-sufficient in a wide range of aspects in their lives.
- They don't feel the need for their children to attend regular schooling.
- Learning occurs day to day.
- Most families don't follow the National Curriculum but all of them like learning together.
- Most families don't have any type of Assessment.

After listening carefully to them I asked the million euro question, if you had the chance to improve the School what would you do?

These are their answers:

Children should be mixed by interests and there shouldn't be segregation by age or gender.

By working through projects using cross curricular links, learning should not be compartmentalized in subjects.

Promoting creativity, curiosity, autonomy and initiative.

The child is a protagonist of his/her learning process and development.

Increasing parents involvement in the school.

Learning outside the school, involving the neighborhood community: Work experience, using weekly public resources, library, museums, sport centers.

This is what we are trying to implement in our International Rural School, all those pedagogical contributions from homeschooling and learning every day from the experiences, being flexible and listening to the children and families' demands.

Maria Bellmunt
Principal



Trash island

There are a lot of islands made of trash. There are about some 10-20 in the whole world but every day more rubbish islands are created. Trash islands are created with the sea current, in some point all the currents meet and all the trash that they carry bumps into each other and as plastic floats and the current impulses the rubbish, the rubbish gets stuck together and creates a trash island.



There are 2 different types of trash islands:

- Trash islands that are just a thin layer of trash on which you couldn't walk.
- Trash islands that arrive from the top of the sea to the deep bottom of the sea and you can walk perfectly.



There is now a huge island in the Pacific Ocean which is killing ten thousands and millions of fishes per weeks, months... this island is bigger than Mexico.

Scientists suppose that all this trash comes from the sewers and from the countries like China, Africa...that create a lot of trash but at the same time they don't recycle because they are not that advanced and they don't know what recycling is.

Written by Judit.

Work experience: Catering, Informatic, Kindergarden



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What we have been up this month?





Work Experience

This month I've been to a place that prepares food, named Mediterrani. I really enjoyed it and I had lots of fun. They taught me several ways to cut, peel and mix... I also learned some tricks and skills to make Mediterranean salad, crockets and some sausages with cream and mushrooms. I would really love to repeat this work experience again and the school one, maybe I will also try the hairdresser one.



Sofia, Blanca and Tatiana have been to the Kindergart en Els petits estels from Llinars

A recipe of roman food

This is an easy recipe from roman food

For 1 person

50 grams of thick yogurt

15 ml of honey

Tiny pinch of ground black pepper

Big pinch of ground cinnamon

Oats to sprinkle at the top

Pot the yogurt into a dish and add the pepper and the cinnamon

Pot the honey over it

And sprinkle oats at the top

You don't need to put cinnamon or black pepper, you can put dried apricots and fresh grapes. They are typical roman fruit



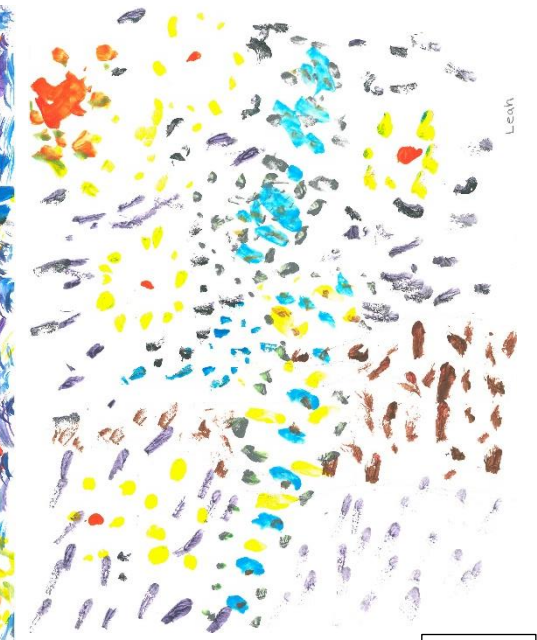
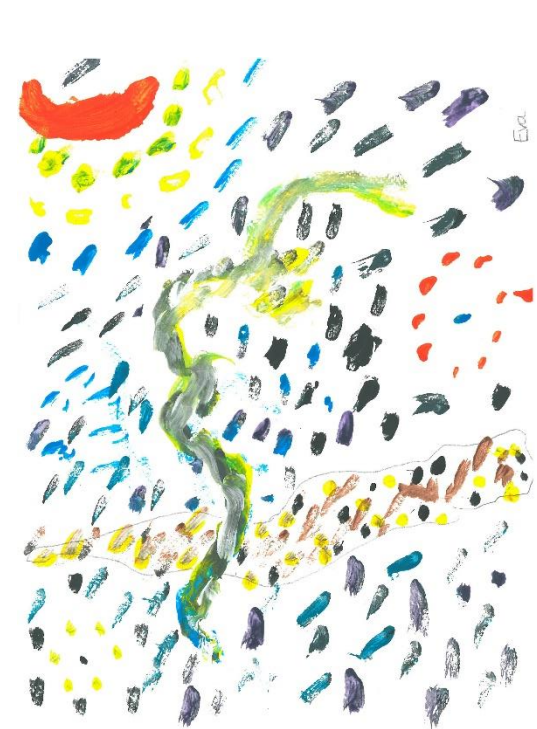
Some of the younger children's work





The activity that me and Sara enjoyed the most was the walk, it was really amazing and beautiful, there was incredible waterfalls and a lovely environment, you could also smell the nature. We also went in a refugee hidden in the hills. I went with my sister Sara and my mum and we all enjoyed it a lot and we even managed to walk down from Vall de Nuria in less time than predicted in the posters!

Written by Judit and Sara.





End of the Year Trip: Vall de Núria

This weekend we have been to Vall de Núria and done some very cool activities and ate in a lovely buffet. Here are some activities we did:

- Going riding
- Playing in the ludic park
- Sailing
- Having a ride at the telecabin
- Having a 8.6 kilometers walk from Nuria to Queralbs
- Playing mini golf
- Going to the marmota club

