



Orchard Manor School News

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"The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain..."

In Hertford, Hereford, and Hampshire, hurricanes hardly happen."—Eliza Doolittle—My Fair Lady

Hello Everyone!

The week before last we sent our Post16 students out to Gran Canaria on a trip with Eat That Frog and the Turin School Programme. Eat That Frog is a beneficiary of the Turing Scheme Grant and the cost of the trip (travel, food, drinks, activities, etc.) is all covered by the grant. It's a fantastic opportunity for our students to see a different country, immerse themselves in their culture and learn valuable life skills in the process. We are extremely proud of what they have achieved in the time they were away—and a big thank you goes to the Turin Scheme and Eat that Frog for making the trips possible. Below are some photos and a diary of how our students spent their time in Gran Canaria. Everyone had an amazing time as you can see from the photos— and behaved beautifully. A really big thank you to all the staff that made the trip possible! **Nicola Jones—Headteacher**

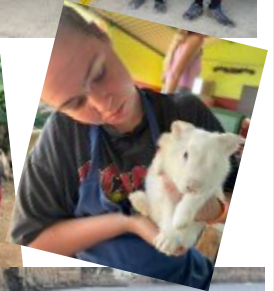
Thursday—Jueves

We gathered at school to get onto the bus to drive to the airport to catch plane to Gran Canaria from Bristol. Everyone was very excited for the trip. We had a good flight and arrived safe and well at the villa. Its got a pool!!



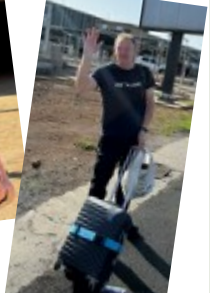
Friday—Viernes

Today all started with Spanish Chocolate con Churros for breakfast. A Spanish lesson of basics was followed by a minibus ride to the south of the island to Sioux City Park—a Cowboy and Indian western style park with shows and sets with interactive animal shows. Obviously some of the animal lovers on this trip were totally in their element. Others a little more reserved and preferred spectating. We went back to the villa and made packed lunches ready for tomorrow. Had evening meal and then relaxed and played games.



Saturday—Sabado

All day spent at the Aqualand Waterpark. We left after breakfast and came back sun kissed and tired, ready for a BBQ in the evening. A great day!



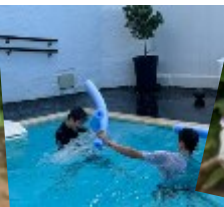
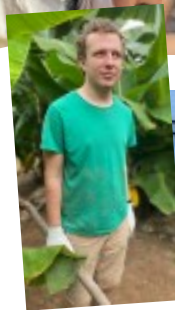
Sunday—Domingo

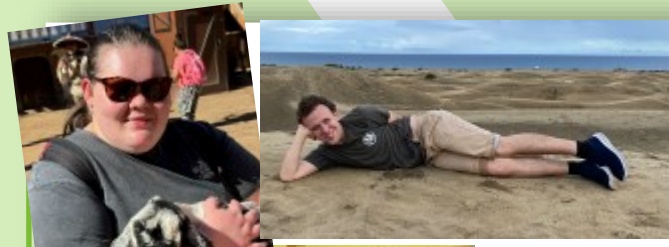
Started today off a little lazy, with a lie in and a lounge around morning. We had a lovely cooked roast lunch before setting off to the sand dunes and after this we went on to the Holiday World amusement park. The dunes were amazing and the park was good fun—everyone enjoyed. Came back in the evening and made packed lunches ready for tomorrow.



Monday—Lunes

Started with a visit to a care home and made Christmas decorations and played bingo with the residents. We went to Bandama Crater for lunch. The views were amazing across the island. Then we visited a coffee plantation, learnt how coffee is grown and how the climate works for and against it, and why other fruit trees are planted to combat this. We headed to the beach at Ageate and Sardinia Del Norte afterwards. Some of us had fun swimming in the salt rock pools created by





the sea and surrounding land. Afterwards, we went back to the villa to relax and get ready for more adventures the next day.

Tuesday—Martes

Started the day on a sad note as Bryan left to go back to England due to work commitments. We said goodbye and headed to Las Palmas for a surfing lesson. A few were not keen, so they had a wander around and a stop off in a café. Later, everyone had a little time to look around shops and then we went to Santa Ana, to the Canarian museum. Everyone was slowly burning out and exhausted, but still doing as much as they could.



Wednesday— Miercoles

Early morning we were off to the banana plantation. The morning was spent weeding under all the plants and raking the foliage, removing plant supports and pulling bananas to reach. Following the work we had a guided tour explaining the growth process and the work needed to nurture the plants to maximum growth capacity. We tasted different varieties of banana before heading to Pizzeria Adio Mare for an Italian themed lunch. Once we were all stuffed to the max we headed off Go-karting—everyone was a future formula one driver!! To top it all off, we organised a FaceTime call to everyone left in Post 16 and this went down a storm!!



Thursday—Jueves

We spent the whole day at Playa De Amadores, an artificial beach with large sea inflatable. Everyone had fun. Temperatures were very hot peaking at 30 degrees for most of the day. Lots of water to drink and lots of sunscreen. Unfortunately, we had a two hour drive back to the villa due to an accident on the GC3 motorway, but made up for the long drive with a BBQ for supper then bed!



Friday—Viernes

Went to a cheese farm on the top of a mountain! Everyone walked around looking at and petting the farm animals and then we actually made some goats cheese. Unfortunately, it needed to sit for 24 hours before it was ready to eat. We headed into the mountains and ate lunch in a cave restaurant called Restaurante Vega. The food was tapas style, and multiple plates were bought out for tasting the variety of flavours of the island. It wasn't liked by everyone, but most gave it a try. Afterwards, we went to the top of the highest mountain on the island and soaked up the views and the sunset - Beautiful! Slow winding roads back down to the villa and then time for a swim before we had a BBQ.



Saturday—Sabado

Today we started slow and had a full cooked breakfast then left to spend the day in Mogán. It's a small picturesque town that has its own beach, little fishing harbour and small town shops. Half the group wanted to wander around the shops and spend the last of their money, others wanted to catch the last bit of sun on the beach and rent pedalo boats. Later on, we headed back to the villa to eat, pack and spend our last night in Gran Canaria.



Sunday—Domingo

We finished packing, and got the bus to the airport. After we checked in we had a quick snack at Burger King before boarding the flight home. We had another excellent flight - am so proud of our group. Everyone loved the trip, but we were glad to get home. Well done team! What an experience! **Kelly - Post 16**

