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Joseph Robinette Biden Jr, the former Vice President, now the new President Elect of the United States of America, says he can build on Obama's legacy and unite America at a challenging time.

The 77 year old who was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania; lives in Wilmington, Delaware.

The leader of the democratic party is the winner with 306 electoral votes and 81,255,933 normal votes, Compared to Trumps 232 electoral votes and 74,196,153 normal votes.

What this means for the pandemic situation.

Days after the election Biden created a COVID-19 task force, he pledged a larger government response to the pandemic than Trump's, including increased testing, a steady supply of personal protective equipment, distributing a vaccine, and funds for schools and hospitals. Biden also pledged to use the Defence Production Act more aggressively than Trump in order to build up supplies, as well as employ 100,000 contact tracers to track and limit outbreaks.

BIDEN PRESIDENT ELECT.

The United States Presidential Elections.

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Student Life



MAGOSTO

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School Celebrations

What is Magosto and how is it celebrated.

Magosto is a festival that is celebrated in Galicia, on November 12, the food that is eaten is usually chestnuts, chorizo, sandwiches and the tradition is that chestnuts are usually roasted over a bonfire. It is common to smudge the face and body with the remains of the bonfire and jump the bonfires as well as perform different traditional games, tell stories, sing popular songs and jokes. In the case of Ourense, the festival is celebrated coinciding with the festivity of its patron, San Martín de Tours, on November 11. It is a widespread custom to go to a nearby mountain to celebrate the festival.

There are several theories about the origin of the term Magosto: Magnus Ustus (great fire) or Magum Ustum (highlighting the magical character of fire).

Why Chestnuts?

Since the Paleolithic period or the Stone Age, human beings have fed on chestnuts. With the expansion of chestnut cultivation by the Romans, its fruit became the basis of the diet here in Galicia. But since the end of the 18th century, the use of corn and potatoes has replaced chestnuts in popularity.

Traditionally this festival was carried out with the collection of this fruit and also served as gratitude for the harvest received.

How we Celebrated Magosto in Colegio Miraflores.

In the school this year we celebrated Magosto a little different. We had a longer playground and later we did a presentation of Magosto. Then we partook in activities related to Magosto such as fun games and competitions. We then ate Chorizo sandwiches and meat pies.

After our meal came the biggest competition of the day the running race, which was competed with in each class. Cristóbal was the winner of the 6th of primary race he ran very fast.



School Sports



WHAT IS COMPETITIVE GYMNASTICS

Text & Photos by Ines Guzman, Matias Dominguez and Beatriz Alvarez

Gymnastics is a sport that requires flexibility, concentration and discipline.

Here at school we have a Gymnastics Club and on Thursday 26 of November they will perform a Christmas exhibition.

The training's are every Tuesdays and Thursdays unless the training matches with a holiday.

Our head coach is Loreto and on Thursdays Carla comes to the training's to help her.

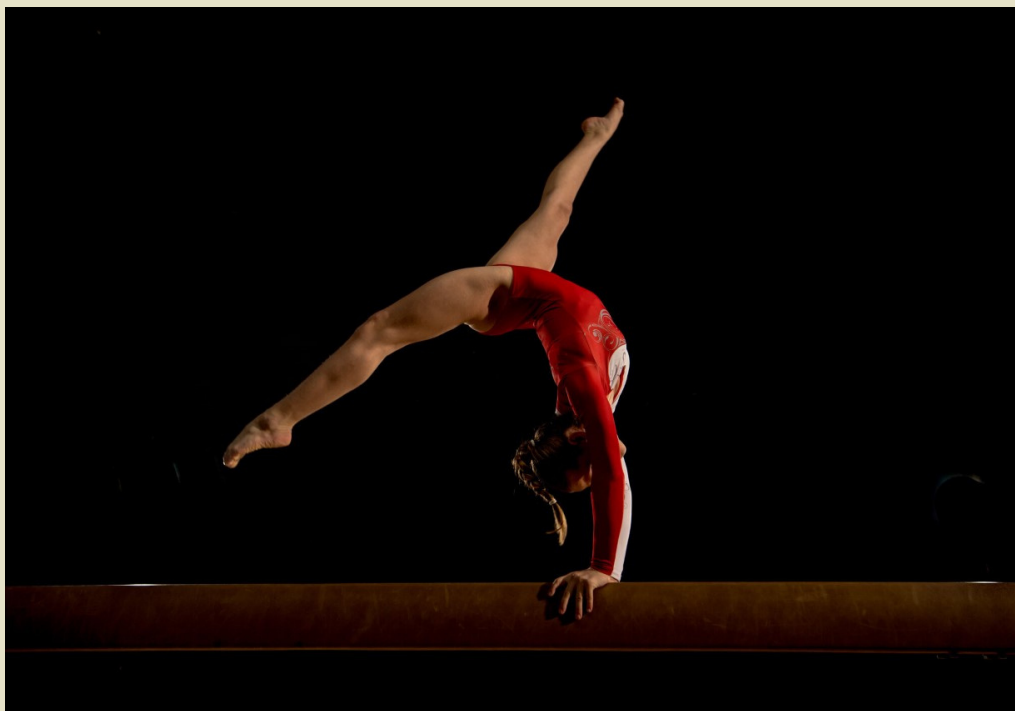
We warm up, prepare the montages and learn new things such as new sequences, jumps and turns.

The montages are like dances that are performed on gymnastics carpets.

When training and competing gymnastics performers will wear leotards, a leotard is similar to a swimsuit, but they are made of different fabric and they sometimes have long sleeves or and a skirt.

There are several types of gymnastics such as Artistic gymnastics, Acrobatic gymnastics, Rhythmic gymnastics, Trampolining, Aerobic gymnastics and Parkour. Basically all the types of gymnastics are competed in the Olympic games.

The best countries are USA, Japan, Germany and The Russian Federation. One of the most famous gymnastics athlete is Simone Biles from USA.





Spotlight Interview

TEACHER ANTIA

Text and Photos by Sofia Molinari, Antia Alvarez and Adriana Vieira.

1. What do you do in your free time?

I like to read and listen to pop music.

2. For how many years have you been working at the school?

I have been a teacher here at Colegio Miraflores for four years.

3. Do you like working as a school teacher?

Yes because I love English and kids.

4. In what university did you study?

I studied to become a teacher in three different Universities, Vigo, in Bologna and in La Coruña.

5. What is your favourite sport?

My favourite sport is basketball.

6. What are your plans for the future?

I want to continue being a teacher and have a family.

7. Do you like being a tutor of first of primary?

Yes they are all fantastic.

8. Do you like travelling?

Of course I love it!