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Storm Filomena Hits Spain

Storm Filomena this month arrived in Spain bringing with it temperatures plunging to -8°C in parts of the country. With these temperatures up to 50cm of snowfall covered the nation's capital Madrid where it was a race against time to clear roads and get covid 19 vaccines and food supplies to areas affected.

At least four people died and thousands of travellers were left stranded. The unusual cold wave on the Iberian peninsula lasted the majority of the month. People had taken the chance to do some very peculiar things such as skiing along the city's main commercial street, Gran Vía, and one man was pictured being pulled through the district of Hortaleza on a sled by five huskies.

On the other hand other responses to the snow had been quite controversial due to concerns about Covid-19. For example a group of young people had a snowball fight in Callao square, and many of them were without facemasks. Although the snowfall had stopped within a few days the low temperatures left snow and ice piled up across parts of the nation particularly in the capital and its surrounding region. Where residents were advised to avoid using their cars and public transport.



Student Life



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MADRE TRINIDAD

Text & Photos by Beatriz Alvarez , Adriana Vieira and Ines Guzman.

Mother Trinidad was born on 28th of January of 1879. In July 1887, her mother died after giving birth. After her mother's death her father and grandmother sent her and her Little sister Pepita to Saint Inés school. This was predominantly for educational purposes and it had a big influence on her life. She stayed there until she was fourteen, and in those years, she made the decision to dedicate her life to god. So she decided to become a Religious Capuchin in S. Anton de Granada convent. On 21st of November of 1896, on the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, she took the religious habit and received the name Sor Trinidad of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.

Celebrations at Colegio Miraflores.

At Colegio Miraflores we always try and make Mother Trinidad's birthday a special day for everyone. Each year we celebrate it in a different way, for example this year due to Covid-19 we have opted for a commemorative video where the students congratulate Mother Trinidad through a video created by our very own Padre Emmanuel. This can be viewed and enjoyed by the public on the Colegio Miraflores YouTube Page right now.



Featured Sport



HORSE RIDING

Text & Photos by Antia Alvarez, Sofia Molinari and Gina Tarrago

Horse Riding Equipment

This is a sport in which you ride a horse. This is responsibly obvious but as you may not know there are many different breeds of horses. Some of which are more popular to use in horse riding. These are breeds such as Arabian Horse, Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Appaloosa Horse, Clydesdale Horse, Paint horse, Friesian, Shire, Morgan and many more. You will need special equipment in order to ride safely and these consists of: Boots, high or ankle boots with leggings. Seamless pants, vest, gloves, and most importantly, a HELMET.



Horse Cleaning.

One of the most important parts of Horse Riding is looking after and maintaining your horse. And a big aspect of this is cleaning your horse, so it's always looking its best especially in competitions. In order to do this properly you will need: a brush, a scraper, and a special horse shampoo. Additionally there are also specific types of cleaning products and tools for horseshoes. To clean horseshoes, you must use a specialised brush always using it in a triangular motion, it's best to be taught properly how to do so from an experienced person because you could end up hurting the animal if it's not done correctly.

Equestrianism.

Equestrianism or competitive horse riding is an Olympic sport where competitors and their horses compete in a number of different disciplines.

These disciplines consist of Dressage which involves horse and rider performing from memory a series of predetermined movements, it requires a high level of impulsion, collection and obedience. Show jumping is another discipline in equestrianism. This is a timed event judged on the ability of the horse and rider to jump over a series of obstacles, in a given order and with the fewest mistakes or knockdowns the better the end result. Lastly Eventing this puts together the obedience of dressage, the athletic ability of show jumping and the physical stamina of cross country in one event.



Spotlight Interview

TEACHER RICARDO

Text and Photos by Nico Figueiredo,
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1: Do you like being a teacher?

Yes I love teaching its something I have always wanted to do.

2: Is it difficult to teach so many students?

Not particularly , I don't have a problem with it.

3: Do You like to teach natural and social science or do you prefer other subjects?

Yes I would say those are my favourite classes to teach.

4:Which class behaves the best?

The 6th graders of course.

5: Do you have any pets?

Yes I have a dog and his name is Billy.

6: Do you like social networks such as Instagram and TikTok?

Yes I have social media accounts but I don't use them too much.

7: Do you have any hobbies?

Sports and Reading are my hobbies.

8: Do you practice any sports?

Yes I practice and play Football, Padel and Tennis

9: What is the afternoon class you enjoy teaching the most?

I definitely enjoy Robotics

10: Do you know any languages other than English and Spanish?

I speak Galician and a little bit of Portuguese, Catalan and French