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Football Super League

On the 18th April 2021, 12 of Europe's biggest, most successful and financially powerful clubs announced their intention to break away from the current UEFA competition format and create their very own Super League.

This was shocking news that broke around the world and it didn't take long for football fans to criticise the move as it was one fuelled by greed and power. In the fans eyes, the Super League's structure went against the very essence of what makes European football so compelling.

It was going to consist of between 18 to 20 teams, with 15 who were permanent and in the much favoured position of being unable to get relegated no matter how they performed throughout the season.

This gave them an obvious unfair advantage and also prohibited other teams further down the football pyramid to hope that one day, they might well be able to compete against the very best from Europe.

In the end the proposal of a football Super league was simply just that, a proposal.

The continued backlash predominantly in the form of fan protests through social media and demonstrations outside certain football club stadiums gained traction and put overwhelming pressure on the participating clubs. This forced them to withdraw from the league and following that it was announced that the Super League was suspending its operations.



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Student Life



SEMANA SANTA/ EASTER

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Semana Santa/ Easter Celebrations

Semana Santa, or also referred to as Easter is a celebration in which Christians celebrate the passing of Jesus from death to life. It is an eight day period that begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday. Although, there is no strict tradition about food, Christian families usually dine together on Sunday and participate in Mass to commemorate the day that Jesus rose. In many parts of the world, it is also celebrated with the sharing of Easter eggs and bunnies. This is because rabbits usually give birth to a big litter of babies called kittens, so they became a symbol of new life. Legend has it that the Easter Bunny lays, decorates and hides eggs as they are also a symbol of new life. This is why some children might enjoy Easter egg hunts as part of the festival.



Celebrations in Colegio Miraflores

In our school, Colegio Miraflores we celebrated Easter period by listening to Father Emmanuel every morning, for our morning prayer over the public address system. We also participated in lent where every Friday for lunch at our dinning room we ate fish instead of eating meat. On the days leading up to Semana Santa's holiday each class participated in activities related to Easter whether it was in our normal morning classes or our afternoon workshops.

Featured Sport



BASKETBALL

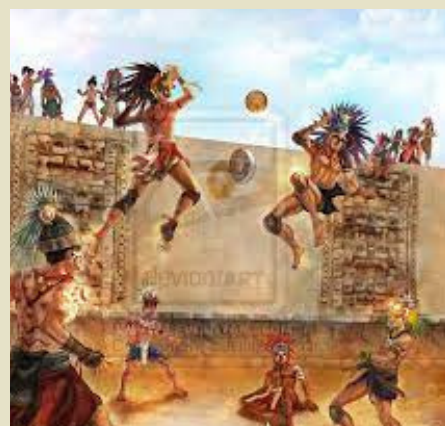
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Basketball is a team sport, played between two groups of five players, during four periods or quarters of ten or twelve minutes each. The sport is played on a rectangular court, where each team tries to score by shooting the ball into the opponents goal, an elevated horizontal hoop and net called a basket. Players are able to pass between each other and advance with the ball only when bouncing it off the ground as they are moving this is called dribbling.

The modern version of the sport was invented in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts by Canadian physical education instructor James Naismith, as a sport less prone to injury than football. Basketball grew in popularity throughout the 20th century, first in America and then in other parts of the world. But before Naismith invented what we know as basketball today, there were also other accounts of similar games, one of those preceding 1891 by many years. The Mesoamerican people played a type of game where the point was to get a ball into a hoop, this had its origins dated back as far as one thousand years before the common era. The game went by different names such as Pitz in classical Mayan or Ullamaliztli in Nahuatl and was played generally throughout the Central American region.

The most popular and recognisable basketball competition in the sporting world is the NBA, which is the National basketball association of North America. Spain has its own National league as well which is called Liga Endesa or more commonly known as Liga ACB, whose recent champions are Saski Baskonia from Vitoria-Gasteiz.

Here in Colegio Miraflores we have amazing facilities for us students and visitors of the school to practice basketball. There is the indoor Pavilion with numerous basketball hoops and we also have an outdoor court where we play basketball with our friends at recess and lunch time break. These facilities are also used after school hours by our Minibasket team which is a part of the Miraflores sporting club.





Spotlight Interview

TEACHER JASON

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Adriana Vieira González.

1: Do you like being a teacher?

I enjoy being a teacher very much.

2: When did you start teaching English?

I started teaching English when I moved here to Spain in 2016.

3: What's your favourite class? (Definitely not a threat).

I am a teacher in ESO mostly, but my favourite class in primary is 6th grade (haha).

4: Why did you want to become a teacher?

I have always wanted to be a teacher since I was a child.

5: Which University did you study teaching?

I studied at Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand.

6: When did you start playing rugby?

I started playing rugby when I was 4 years old.

7: What is your favourite rugby team?

My favourite rugby team is the national team of New Zealand, they are called the All Blacks.

8: How many teams have you played rugby for?

I have played in 7 club rugby teams in different parts of the world.

9: Do you have any pets?

Yes, I have a dog back in New Zealand his name is George and a cat here in Spain, her name is Broomhilda von Shaft.

10: What's your favourite animal?

I'm a big fan of all animals, except if the animal is a snake.

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