

IES JOAN FUSTER, SOLLANA

In this magazine done by our students of 3rd course, you will find information concerning our college and some news of what we do, please have a look!!

Our college has been open since 2003 and was named after Joan Fuster, a Valencian writer who used to write in the Valencian language, and became a leading figure of Valencian nationalism.



He wrote many books, most of them of high interest, and especially essays, although he also wrote some opinion and grammar books. All this material can be found in the museum placed in his birth home, in the village of Sueca, which is just 10 km from our college and which surely deserves a visit.

INFORMATION

In our college, most students attend their classes from 9 am to 3 pm, but 3rd and 4th courses start at 8 am twice a week.

The centre accounts for 167 students and around 30 teachers. In the course 2019-2020 the college decided to promote reading by having a reading class of thirty minutes per day. In order to do so, the rest of classes last 50 minutes, instead of 55 minutes, and students have 30 minutes in which they can read their own books, lent from college or brought by themselves or read a common book in the class.

CLASSES

The college has two computer rooms, named Ada Byron and Alan Turing, and a very big gym where students can play Valencian traditional sports.



These include *galotxa*, *pilota valenciana*, *escala i corda* or *raspall*, or other well-known sports, like table tennis, badminton, etc. Outside in the patio, students can play with the Frisbee, lawn bowling and other outdoor sports, as well as basket, football or handball.

SUBJECTS

Apart from core subjects, in the latter years, students can choose optative subjects, these being: economy, Latin language, arts, music, French, technology, ICT and classic culture.

FURTHER STUDIES

After the 4 years of compulsory secondary education, our students cannot study for longer in this college. Those interested in further studies, which can be either preparing for university entrance or vocational studies, must go to the section of our school in Sueca, 10 km from our town, which is connected to our village by train.



EPHEMERIS ALONG THE YEAR

All along the year, we commemorate different dates in which we remember some past events in which injustices were committed. These need to be remembered in order not to be repeated. Our students do activities in some of these dates, either reading interesting books focusing on these events or decorating the college on special dates as these ones below, which represent some of the ephemeris along the year.

JANUARY 30th Peace day

The death of Mahatma Gandhi, who organized non-violent resistance against English colonialism, is commemorated on this date. He was capable of mobilising millions of Indians with his movement.

MARCH 8th Women's day

It is celebrated for the fight for the rights and equality of women. In 1908, 120 women died in a textile factory because the owners started a fire, in response to the fight they had been conducting to achieve their rights.



MARCH 21st Day for the elimination of Racial discrimination

The anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre is commemorated. On this date in 1960, dozens of peaceful protesters against the law were killed at the hands of South African police forces.

APRIL 23rd Day of the book

It was on April 23rd when both, Miguel de Cervantes, and William Shakespeare died, they were 2 of the main writers worldwide of all times. In Catalonia this date is celebrated as the day of Sant Jordi (St. George's), where it is traditional to exchange roses and books. Friends, relatives and loved ones exchange a rose and a book.

OCTOBER 17th Poverty Eradication Day

It is celebrated to indicate and recognize the effort and struggle of people living in poverty. The first celebration was in 1987 in Paris. More than 1,000,000 came out to demonstrate.

JUNE 5th Environment Day

The purposes of this annual event that began to be held in 1974 are to increase environmental awareness and promote global action in the protection of the environment.

NOVEMBER 5th Day of the elimination of gender violence

It is commemorated annually to denounce the violence that is exercised against women and demand policies in all countries for its eradication. It was the date the three Mirabal sisters were assassinated (1960) in the Dominican Republic.



DECEMBER 3rd Day of Disabled People

It is intended to constantly improve the situation of people with disabilities and to achieve equal opportunities for them and thus promote greater integration into society.

DECEMBER 10th Human Rights

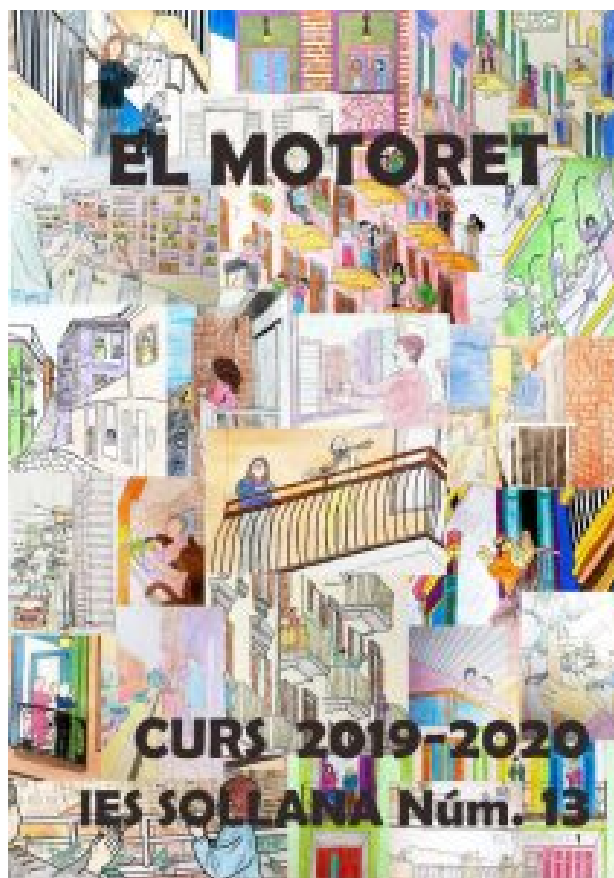
It is dedicated to the launch of a year-long campaign to commemorate the two international covenants on human rights that were adopted on December 16, 1966.

THE LIBRARY

In our college there is a library, which is used for two things. One of these is to do homework or study before having an exam.

This course, 2020/2021, because of the covid the library is being used as a normal classroom, since classes have fewer students, these being apart from each other at least 1.5 metres.

The library contains many books on different topics as well as magazines, which are made by our students. This one you are reading is the first one done by students of English in this language, but students have been doing for several years and normally at the end of the course a magazine called “El Motoret”.



THE COMPUTER ROOMS

As we mentioned before, our college has different computer classrooms, equipped with desktops for each student.

These rooms are used to study the technology subject as well as for other classes in which work by computer is required.

Apart from this, students can go to these classrooms anytime, as long as they are not being occupied by others and if they have asked the teachers to do so previously.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

This year the fourth-year students have been preparing an activity that consists of planting a few vegetable plants in the garden of the patio.

This activity has been carried out together with some teachers, not only from science subjects but also others like geography teacher who's been helping in the project.

From the English department we made a video showing the garden and its plants, all explained in English.

The plants include both vegetables and fruits, such as:

Garlic	Onions	Strawberries	Cauliflower	Beans
Lettuce	Pepper	Potatoes	Endives	Parsley

INFORMATION ABOUT SOLLANA

In this section, we will give some information of our village, Sollana, which can be of your interest

Annual temperature: varies between 7 and 30 degrees.

- Town Hall (Main Square)
- Magdalena (Main Square)
- Municipal Market (Fermín Gonzalo Morón Square)
- Pou pudent (López Ibor street)
- Raval church (Convent Square)
- The scrubber (Almussafes avenue)
- Calvary fountain (Calvary Square)
- Jupiter by Sollana (Convent Square)
- Cultural Centre (Rei en Jaume street)



The Albufera Natural Park is a Spanish protected natural area located in the province of Valencia, Valencian Community. It was also known by the Romans as Nacarum Stagnum and in some Arabic poems it is called Mirror of the Sun.

This place was declared a natural park by the Generalitat Valenciana on July 8th 1986; it is located about 10 km south of the city of Valencia. It includes the Albufera, its humid environment and the coastal cord adjacent to both.

The Albufera is surrounded by fields of rice. Our college is right next to one of its borders.

On October 23rd, 1990, the document for the Special Plan for the Protection of the Natural Park and Decree 96/1995, of May 16th approved

the Natural Resources Management Plan of the Albufera Hydrographical Basin.

On November 19th 2004, the decree 259/2004 was approved by the Council of the Generalitat Valenciana, which establishes the Master Plan for Use and Management of the Albufera.

Please, if you ever go to Valencia, taste our internationally well-known paella with rice that is grown in this area and don't forget to visit the Albufera, and have a small boat ride driven by one of the locals, you won't forget it! ;)



COLLEGE NEWS

At the beginning of the current year, course 2020-2021, we were locked down because in Sollana there were many cases of Covid 19, At first the perimeter confinement was until January 2021 but as the cases did not go down, they extended the lockdown to 30.

Last 27th October 2020, a boy from Bilbao, Mikel, uploaded a video on TikTok, telling that he decided that day to go to school wearing a skirt "because I felt like it", in his own words.

The problem was that one of his teachers told him to leave the classroom, and sent him to the school counsellor.

His video went viral and in many colleges and schools all around Spain boys decided to go one day wearing a skirt as a response.

Our college could not miss this opportunity, since we are open-minded and always step towards freedom. So, students from 3rd course decided to announce to all students class by class that those who would like to join the initiative could wear a skirt on the 4th of December to make it visible that boys can also wear a skirt if they want to. You can read more information on this issue on many online newspapers, we leave a link for you.



<https://www.euroweeklynews.com/2020/11/10/boys-wear-skirts-to-school/>

We hope you've found interesting all these news about our college. This magazine has been done during the second trimester of the course 2020-2021, by students of 3rd course. They are:

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Thank you all for your job!!