LET'S BECOME A REPORTER!

Una experiència CLIL a l'IES Salvador Espriu

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Strategic Plan:

- improvement of the communicative competence
- use of ICT
Let's become a reporter!

Optional subject

Offered by the Spanish Department

Project implementation:

- 2008-2009: 3rd of ESO (newsitems, radio)
- 2009-2010: 4th of ESO (TV and advertisements)

Aimed at students of 3rd of ESO who are involved in the project Maths in English
• Journalism
• Use of ICT
• Improvement of the communicative competence
To provide a diversity of:

- contexts of use
- resources
- motivating activities

Significative learning
2 teachers

Spanish Department

English Department

Advantages

- Motivation
- Use of specific strategies for the use of the English language
- Participation
- Material design

Organization
What makes a story newsworthy?

- **Timeliness**: Something that just happened tends to be more newsworthy than something that happened some time ago.

- **Impact**: How many people are impacted by the story. This might also be called the "Who Cares?" element.

- **Proximity**: The closer to home a story takes place, the more newsworthy it is. The local politics of a small town in New York probably would not affect or interest our readers, but certainly the local politics of our hometown would.

- **Prominence**: Like it or not, prominent people make more news. If the who of a story is someone well known, you might have a story in the most common place of events.

- **Currency**: News can create itself, too. Currency is similar to timeliness. But currency grows from other news elements. Something maintains newsworthiness over time because it first was deemed newsworthy for some other reason. While the fall of the stock market and its impact on world economy may have been newsworthy for several of the reasons listed above, its effects remain newsworthy over time because now they are current events.

Text from http://academics.smcc.edu/jlynch/definingnews.htm
Cognition

News elements

Match the words in column A with the corresponding definition in column B. Then match the words with the numbered parts of the news item.

a) Body
b) Headline
c) Quotes
d) Photograph and caption
e) By-line
f) Lead

1. usually only four or five words. It tries to attract the interest of the reader by telling them what the story is about, in a short and interesting way.
2. who wrote the article
3. provides more detail about the event. In particular it answers the questions how and why.
4. sometimes articles will include what a person like an eyewitness or an expert has said. These will be in speech marks.
5. sometimes articles have a photograph, and a sentence explaining the photograph.
6. It will set the scene and summarise the main points of the article. who, what, when, where.

Israel builds forces on Gaza border

By Tim Barker

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Peace rally ends in violence

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The story will be continued on page 17.

The coast of India was hit by the biggest hurricane in that country’s history. Hundreds of thousands of people were forced from their homes. The prime minister declared the area a natural disaster and said that cleanup efforts would take months. International aid has arrived bringing much needed food and water.

Let’s become a journalist

There are four headlines and four articles. Work together with your partner to match the correct headline with the article.

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2. Peace rally ends in violence

Police arrested 40 people yesterday after an argument started massive fights during an anti-war rally. Police say the fight started when one man hit another man to stop smoking. Friends soon got involved, and the small fight quickly grew out of control. Twenty people were injured.

3. Family pet saves lives

Mrs. Richard Murphy turned 110 years old today. She guffaws. Born sometime before 1900, Mrs. Murphy has no birth certificate to prove her exact age. Starved to death in 1967, the elderly woman was rescued and lived to be a hundred and ten. She is the oldest person in the world.

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Communication

Vocabulary corner

Linking words

**Narration**
- First (of all)
- At first
- At the beginning
- In the beginning
- Then
- Next
- Before
- After
- After that
- Afterwards
- When
- While
- During
- Soon
- Prior to
- Immediately
- Once
- Suddenly
- As soon as
- On
- Finally
- Eventually
- At the end
- In the end
- At last
- To begin with
- Until

**Adding information**
- And
- As well as
- Besides
- Moreover
- Furthermore
- What is more
- In addition
- Not only
- But also

**Contrasting**
- But
- However
- Although
- Despite
- Nevertheless
- On the contrary
- On the one hand
- On the other hand
- While
- In contrast

**Expressing cause / reason**
- because
- as
- As a result
- For this reason

**Expressing effect / result**
- Therefore
- Consequently

Go to the website and do the exercises:

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VOCABULARY:
1. Match the words with a definition:
   - news item / broadsheet / tabloid / circulation / Fleet Street / a weekly / headline / gutter press / news-stand / quality press /

   large format: ___________________ small format: ___________________

   London street where national headquarters used to be: ________________

   short title or resume of article: ________________

   responsible newspapers: ________________

   outside place where newspapers are sold: ________________

   sensationalist newspapers: ________________

   newspaper printed once a week: ________________

   event recorded in the press: ________________

   number of papers sold: ________________

2. A large number of people are employed in producing and selling newspapers. Match the job titles to their definitions:

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   1 reporter  a) sells newspapers in the street
   2 editor   b) is responsible for the content of the paper
   3 freelance journalist c) comments on theatre, new books, films, TV shows
   4 gossip columnist d) writes about social life of celebrities
   5 newsagent e) is commissioned for certain articles
   6 name vendor f) does humorous drawings
   7 cartoonist g) sells newspapers in a shop
   8 critic h) edits articles sent in by reporters
   9 sub-editor i) sets text to report on events
   10 layout artist j) fits text to the page with photographs, adverts
2- Go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uh5s3cvn5uE, watch the video and write seven important events (political, war, economy, celebrities, civil rights, royal family and sport) that appear in the video.

Form compound nouns with the word ‘machine’

The first commercial vending machines popped up in London, England in the early 1880’s. The first machine dispensed post cards. Then a gentleman by the name of Richard Carlisle, an English publisher and book store owner, invented a vending machine that sold books.

Many English words come from Latin. Can you say what these words mean?  
item, memorandum, agenda, &, etc., a.m., p.m.

You can visit this website to find the front covers of world newspapers. There you will find the links to the newspapers’ homepages:  
http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/
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Latest news!

Here you have seven headlines. In pairs, choose one and write a newsitem. Remember to include the 5 Wh’s and the how. (100-150 words)
You can go to www.wordreference.com to check your vocabulary.
If you want to add a picture, remember you should go to http://search.creativecommons.org/ No copyrighted pictures will be accepted.

Tax chewing gum to pay for clean-up
Happy birthday. We are throwing you out of Britain
4 year olds asked to mark their teachers
Police step up search for body
Ear found on pavement
Television kills, says German professor
Earthquake kills 500

When you finish post it in your blog. Then record it with Audacity, upload it to your Esnips file and embed it to your blog.

Extension and follow up activities

http://espriunews.blogspot.com
Resources

What is esnips?

esNips is a web 2.0 interest-driven social sharing site that allows users to share content, promote and sell their creations and form social niche communities around their specific areas of interest. Members can upload and share content in any file type from one centralized profile, in folders representing their different areas of interest, and can determine the audience for each folder.

Source: http://wikipedia.org

- Go to the [website](#).
- Create an account for your group. Choose an username and a password
- Upload the newsitem your group recorded in class.

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EXCHANGE WITH HOLLAND

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In pairs
The worst Christmas day.

Santa is crazy!

Dear boys and girls that have sent a letter to Santa Claus...

I have to say to you some very bad and terrible news that happened on the 15th of December, 2008.

This year you won’t receive Santa Claus’s presents. That’s because he decided to go on holiday to The Caribbean Sea. And, because it was so hot, he started having a strange behaviour, that’s because he has the ‘sloshkiss’, a strange illness which affects the mind.

The only way to save Santa Claus and our children from a terrible Christmas day with no presents is founding all Santas’s reindeers, because they have a magic power and they can save Santa Claus.
Earthquake kills 500
This is an exercise for our subject ‘Let’s become a journalist’. All the news items you will see are not true.

Last week, there was a big earthquake in the north of California. At the moment there are 500 victims in the streets, but police officers think there are more under the debris. The victims were surprised. It happened while they were sleeping. The earthquake affected houses, schools, markets... Therefore, now people haven’t got jobs and food so, some emergency aid is coming to help them. Now the whole city is helping to look for the 1000 missing people. The most important buildings have been destroyed too.

More news to follow.
photo albums

Students’ blogs
Project 2 (Talking About News)

Talking about News

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