

# **PROJECTE DE LENGÜES ESTRANGERES**

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## **1- INTRODUCTION**

The Project called "BERNAT THE BLACKSMITH" basically consists on teaching the subject "Arts and Crafts in English. This subject has been implemented in 2<sup>nd</sup> of E.S.O.

In September 2007, families were informed about the possibility that their children could attend Art and Crafts in English or in Catalan. For the first time at Bernat el Ferrer students have chosen the language they wanted to be taught since the book used in class is the same for both groups- Catalan and English.

The philosophy of this project is that no matter in which language you learn as the content and the timing is the same for both groups.

About 30% of the students accepted the English choice and they committed to attend the subject till the end of the course. Only one or two students have rejected this option due to the impossibility of following the class.

The teacher who is in charge of this English class is M<sup>a</sup> Teresa Villanueva and the book is Art and Crafts by Mc Graw Hill.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE ENGLISH PROJECT**

### **1- INITIAL AIMS.**

During the first year the main objective of our project is:

- a- VIP in English in 2<sup>nd</sup> E.S.O. This subject will be seen as a normal subject in the sense that students will attend two lessons a week just like the Catalan group. And the book used in class is the English version of the Catalan group.

## **COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROJECT. VIP CLASSES**

First of all, we must say that at the beginning of the course, all the families were very enthusiastic about the idea however; students were very or quite expectant. Honestly, they didn't know if the subject was easy or difficult or if they could keep up with it.

During the first months it was not an easy task. Students needed time to understand that the VIP class was in English and the only possible way of communication in class was using the English language.

Observing the classes, we must say that now, in the middle of the course, students are very familiar with it. They are in class and it is not difficult for them to follow the lessons and every time they need something or they ask a question to the teacher they use the English language as a normal way of expression.