

The Formentera Offices of Island Services and Education are pleased to report on upgrades and retrofits completed at local early-learning centres and primary schools this summer. Crews eliminated architectural barriers, reinstalled water fountains removed during the pandemic and oversaw various maintenance and improvement operations. Interventions were determined based on requests collected from administrative teams, parents' associations and student councils.

Work included the following

CEIP Mestre Lluís Andreu:

Architectural barriers were eliminated at the main access point to the Tramuntana building and the pavement was standardised. Building on refurbishments that were started last year, fans were installed in several classrooms. The works brigade of the Formentera Office of Island Services painted classroom interiors, cleaned, weeded, collected pruning debris and cleaned inner and outer courtyards. Doorknobs, windows and sink taps were also repaired. Two weeks from now, crews will mount a wooden pergola alongside the sport pitches and set it up in another part of the courtyard. The brigade will also lay black asphalt fabric to reduce heat absorption and perform upgrades next to the basketball court.

CEIP Sant Ferran de ses Roques:

In the school that opened last year, water taps were installed in playgrounds and corridors to facilitate watering and cleaning, classroom interiors were cleaned and painted, a 11x11-metre sandbox was installed around the new swing in the dirt courtyard of the primary school, which was also weeded and cleaned. A drip irrigation system was installed alongside trees planted nearby. Shade screens were put up outdoors and, in the weeks ahead, blinds will go up in the offices and in the rest of the windows facing the façade. A propane gas system was installed for the school's new canteen service. Underground rubbish and recycling containers previously located at the school entrance were moved as well.

At the two schools, bike racks requested this September and new shade structures will be installed in the coming weeks.

CEIP El Pilar de la Mola:

In La Mola, the brigade polished and varnished the wooden shack and outdoor picnic tables and painted classrooms and outdoor areas. Crews performed upkeep on the fence and repairs on an outdoor bell and in the portable classroom.

In addition to work performed by the technical services brigade, the Consell de Formentera spent roughly €32,000 contracting outside firms to oversee specific operations. Maintenance and improvement work will continue at schools during the school year.

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