



BJAB Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

This month's Value is Happiness...and we could all do with some of that at the moment! This week's 'bubble' assemblies looked at how some of our treasured photographs and trinkets make us happy.

In true BJAB style, we searched deeper and further: the younger children were taught to play the 'glad game' while the older children 'counted their blessings.' The art of making connections to forge positive feelings helped us to feel motivated and stimulated to learn. #happyBJAB is more than a slogan. Our routines, our manners, our mutual respect are fundamental to our well-being and happiness. Space here is limited but I have written more on this topic in my Headteacher's Musings. I hope you find it thought-provoking.

This weekend - despite the rain- as Pharrell Williams says, be happy!

Happy Announcement

We are delighted to welcome Clara Autumn Seal-Sun, born on Wednesday 7th October, to the BJAB family. We send our congratulations to Mr Seal, his wife Weiman and his son Lenny.

Dates for your diary

Friday 30th October
Interim Reports to parents

**Monday 2nd November –
Friday 6th November**
Autumn Half Term break

**Monday 9th November –
Tuesday 10th November**
Virtual Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thursday 26th November
Pizza & Pyjamas Party



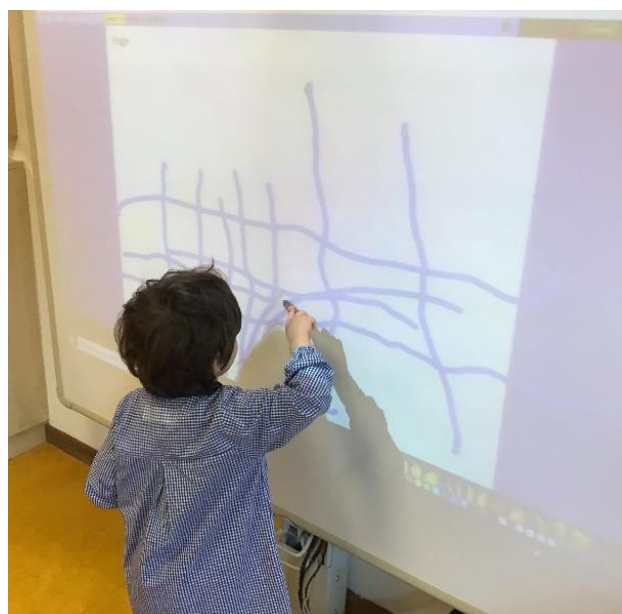
PreKindergarten & Kindergarten

We have introduced a new topic in Kindergarten which is 'Autumn' with a focus on Harvest this week. We have been learning about the crops that have been brought in at this time of year such as apples, corn and pumpkins. We looked at the different types of apples that we can find and Miss Angela even brought some in from her garden. We tasted the apples and compared their flavour: juicy, sweet and sour. We talked about which ones we liked the best. We used some apples for printing, we then made them into apple shapes for our family tree.

We also found out about the Moon or Mid-Autumn Festival. We learnt about some of the traditions and customs during this festival and made bright paper lanterns. Mr Seal (Lenny's father) came in to tell us the story of the Rabbit in the Moon, he got us all to take part in the retelling of the story, thank you Mr Seal.

We used the interactive whiteboard to practise some fine and gross motor skills. We drew lines on the board which went from left to right and then from the bottom to the top. We really enjoyed using the board to practise our mark making skills.

Yellow day was a great success, the classroom was very bright and cheerful. It was like having sunshine in our school.



Reception

This week, we looked at the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We learned the repeated phrases and we changed some of the characters to create our own versions of the story. We carried out an experiment with Gingerbread men, investigating which liquid would cause the gingerbread man to break up the quickest. We made some good predictions. We have continued with phonics and have learned how to sound out consonant-vowel-consonant words, even having a go at writing them using the cursive style.

This week we studied the harvest moon festival, and we were told a popular story about this festival by Mr. Seal. We even acted out parts of the story! We created our own moon pictures by flicking white and grey paint onto black paper. During the P.E. lesson we moved around cones in a variety of ways and practised different balances, we enjoyed showing these to a partner. We have improved our ability to change into our school uniform after P.E. and many of us can button our shirts up independently. Miss Bland and Mrs Wells are very proud of us! Next week our traditional tale is 'The Billy Goat's Gruff'.

Early Years Reminders

- In Kindergarten, the colour for Wednesday is green.

Lower School

Year 1's art challenge this half term is puppet making. The children are enjoying learning to tie knots and sew running stitches. This week, the Year 2 pupils have shown creativity by writing their own versions of traditional fairy tales.

During PSHEE lessons this week, pupils have been completing a survey related to their happiness at school. This led to some thoughtful discussion in Year 3 about how are actions can influence others' happiness. Year 3 have also shown great skill and sportsmanship in their netball this week.

Year 4 have been braving the often inclement weather to brush up on dribbling and passing skills in basketball.



Prep School

This half term, the prep school are honing their swimming technique and skills. Year 7 and 8 pupils are developing advanced skills such as diving and life saving methods.

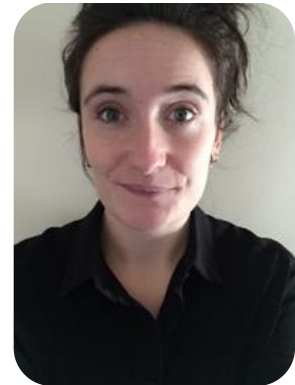
This week in drama years 7 and 8 have been exploring comedy. The pupils have enjoyed being challenged, trying to be funny by using only body language whilst wearing natural masks.

This week Mr Seal and the Eco Club have been busy planting bulbs. Over the coming weeks, they will be planting and caring for our wonderful new surroundings and we look forward to seeing their work flower this Spring.

French Spotlight

Cette semaine les Year 2 ont révisé les couleurs et ont commencé à apprendre le nom des formes en français. Une élève a dit que sa forme préférée était le croissant car c'est délicieux! Toute la classe était d'accord.

Meet the Teacher



Ms Walker, our Head of French, is originally from France and has lived in Belgium for two years. She is bilingual in English and French and has also studied Spanish and Italian at university. Prior to coming to BJAB, she worked in Spain, Italy, and the United Kingdom. She is thrilled to be sharing her passion for languages with our pupils this year!

Announcements

We are proud to announce each class' pupil representative for the School Council and the Eco Council. Each representative was selected by vote within their classes. They will be meeting virtually along with Mr Seal the Head Girls, Ciara and Nour, to discuss various issues affecting the school.

	School Council	Eco Council
1M	Imogen	Isabel
2C	Meija	Nathaniel
2M	Osian	Isobel
3C	Ailey	Morgan
3S	Dalia	Carl
4R	Libby	Shaurya
5J	Jack	Chloe
6M	Rachele	Alexander
7S	Seraphina	
8M	Thomas	