



# *BJAB Newsletter*

## *Headteacher's Message*

This week I have had the genuine pleasure of 'deep-diving' into the academic and social progress of pupils. I held detailed discussions about each pupil with the class teachers and it has confirmed two important things. First, I know that the individual learning needs of each child are being considered holistically and in detail. Second, I am confident all teachers have highly professional strategies in place for the continuation of learning.

This largely personalised approach is one of the hallmarks of BJAB's success and reputation and I know for many of you it was one of the main reasons for choosing our school. You will see evidence of the outcomes of these pupil progress meetings in the Interim Reports which will be published at half term and at the subsequent parent-teacher meetings.

In other developments, the interviews for new class teachers for Years 1 and 6 are proceeding well. I am pleased with the quality and hope to be able to make announcements shortly. As you will see from the other articles in the Newsletter there is plenty to celebrate at school.

I wish you all a happy weekend.

### *Dates for your diary*

#### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Interim Reports to parents  
**(new) Halloween Dress Up Day**

#### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Autumn Half Term break

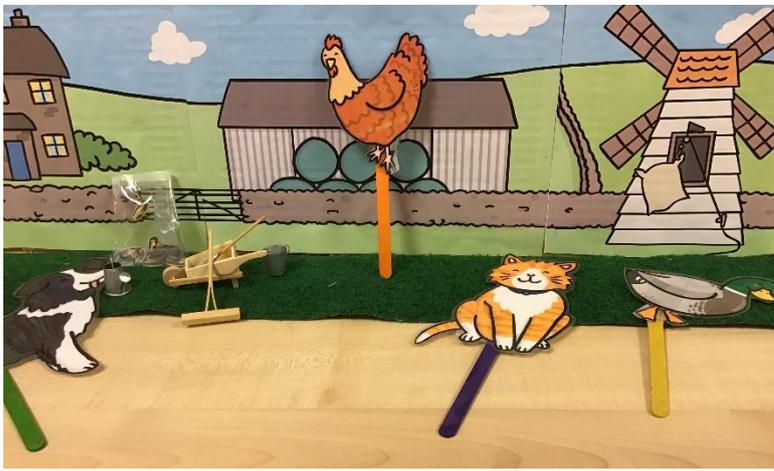
#### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Virtual Parent-Teacher Meetings

#### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Pizza & Pyjamas Party





## PreKindergarten & Kindergarten



In Kindergarten this week, we continued on our theme about Autumn and Harvest. We listened to the story of The Little Red Hen, we then talked about the story and how hard working the hen was. She planted the wheat seeds, looked after them whilst they grew and then took the grain to the mill to be made into flour for bread. None of the other animals would help her which made us feel a little bit sad. We then used puppets and props to retell the story and repeat the repetitive refrain.

We have also learnt about triangles and used triangles to print and make rocking hens from a paper plate.

In Music and Movement, we danced to the Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and we had a PE session where we used quoits to do some core exercises and movement games. The week was cut a little bit short but we hope to see you back in school as soon as possible.



## Reception

This week, we have started to learn the classic story The Billy Goats Gruff. We are practising acting out the story and using our great imaginations to add our twists to the classic version. We have been trying to build bridges out of different materials, such as playdough, blocks, sand toys, and more.

In Maths, we are practising counting up to teen numbers and adding two sums together to make a total. We also welcomed two new children into our class, and we are very happy to have them joining us!



### Early Years Reminders

- We encourage you to use our Early Essence learning platform to upload photos and videos of your child's learning at home.
- On Monday, more materials will be sent out with an overall plan for the week's Distance Learning.
- Miss Bailey will be holding optional Zoom sessions for Reception children each day at 9 am. Connection details will be sent to all Reception parents.

## Lower School

This week, Year 1 has been working on their team building and coordination skills in P.E. They are learning how the importance of physical activity helps to keep their bodies healthy.

The children in Year 2 have been learning about the suitability of materials. They have explored a range of materials and their properties by looking at different kinds of hats and paper objects.

Roman newspaper reports have led Year 3 into their new English topic. We have discussed the features of a newspaper report and the style of language used.

Year 4 has been exploring the properties of shapes, including angles, dimensions, and parallel lines. We have also mastered the tricky matter of drawing perfect circles!



## Prep School

Angles, protractors and compasses: all essential elements of geometrical study. Pupils in the Prep School have been learning how to apply and analyse rules and methods of using these tools to construct geometric shapes.

As a part of their science topic studying life cycles, Year 5 has been dissecting plants and flowers to understand the reproduction process in greater detail.

Friday morning saw the first Prep assembly held by Year 6 pupils who presented their knowledge on World Harvest Day. With such a diverse range of cultures at BJB, the pupils have enjoyed sharing and learning about the different ways Harvest is celebrated across the world.

## French Spotlight



Cette semaine les Year 3 ont révisé le vocabulaire du corps humain. Ils se sont amusés à décrire des drôles de monstres. Les enfants ont utilisé beaucoup d'adjectifs intéressants pour créer des descriptions originales et amusantes.

## Meet the Teacher



Miss Caroline has lived in Belgium for nearly 30 years and considers it her home. She is originally from Bideford in North Devon, one of the most beautiful regions in England, where she enjoys visiting family during the holidays. She has been working at BJBAB since 2001 and is one of our most senior members of staff.

*"I have always worked in Early Years and I love my job - it is certainly never boring! One of the best things about working in BJBAB is the friendly feel of the school and the contact with families from all over the world. I am very privileged to work with fantastic colleagues who are also my best friends."*

## Music Spotlight

Years 5 and 6 have been studying the Gamelan tradition from Indonesia. On Thursday we held a Gamelan workshop where we constructed elaborate patterns on a wide range of instruments. The theatre was decorated with dragons and pictures which helped us create a respectful and authentic atmosphere.

