



Headteacher's Message

This week saw the return to school of the Early Years' children and staff following their temporary bubble closure. This was our first experience and overall I am pleased that the process of tracking and testing worked efficiently; the distribution of work and activities via the digital platform ensured continued contact with the children; and it was all over relatively quickly! Thank you to all staff and parents for your patience and understanding. It seems highly appropriate at this time that, across the school, the children have been learning about 'individual liberty' – a precious commodity indeed. The Year 8 pupils presented, highly eloquently, on this topic in assembly this morning.

I am delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Miss Hayley Nolan as Year 6 class teacher. Miss Nolan, who has taught in the UK and at an international school in Italy, joins us for a socially distanced induction period after the weekend. As a mathematics specialist she will also teach the Years 7 and 8 pupils for specialist lessons. I have told the children of her arrival and we all look forward to welcoming her. Miss Nolan will host a Zoom session next week for Year 6 parents.

As the situation in Brussels becomes more serious, please do adhere to all official guidelines regarding social contact, particularly at sporting events and activities this weekend. I believe our relative success in keeping the school operational is due to continued vigilance and co-operation.

Dates for your diary

Friday 30th October
Interim Reports to parents
Halloween Dress Up Day

**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



It was so lovely to have the children back in school at the end of the week. Thank you to all the parents that have uploaded photos and videos onto Early Essence. It was great to see what they had all been doing at home.

We carried on our Autumn theme in school. We listened to the 'Don't Hog the Hedge' story again. We talked about hibernating animals and how they prepare for a long winters sleep. We had a small world forest scene to play with in class, with hedgehogs, squirrels, badgers and foxes. For our fine motor activity this week we used shallow sand trays with autumn pictures under a layer of coloured sand. The children used paint brushes to brush away the sand and discover what was underneath. We also continued work on shapes.

We made some shapes on the table with colourful tape and then used buttons to follow and name the shape. In gym on Friday we used the parachute and are getting better at working together. We then put Autumn leaves in the parachute and moved the parachute up and down until the leaves went into the air, it was great fun.

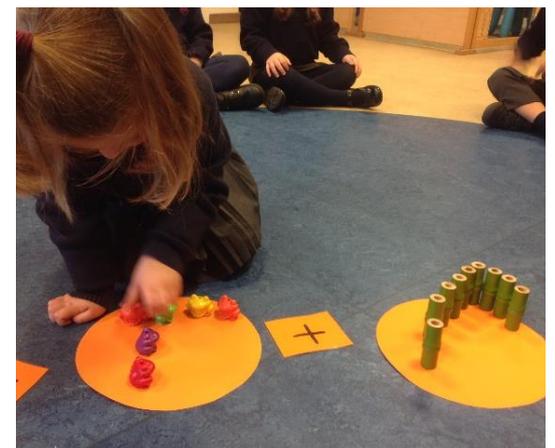


Reception

This week, we have been learning both from home and at school. In English, we have been learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood by retelling the classic tale. Children have created wolf heads using paper plates.

In Maths, we are continuing to practice teen numbers and counting to 20. We have also been adding one-digit numbers together to find a total.

Our teachers were impressed with the work we did at home and we are very grateful for the uploads we received on Early Essence. We were pleased to see the children return at the end of the week. Being with friends is the best part of school!



Early Years Reminders

- The colours for Wednesday will be black and white.
- On Friday 30th October we are celebrating Halloween. The children in Kindergarten and Reception can come to school dressed in their favourite costume.

Lower School

Daily routines are helping Year 1 children to learn time adverbials in English this week. They have enjoyed ordering and comparing the events of the school day.

Adding and subtracting multiples of 10 from a two-digit number has been the focus for Year 2 in mathematics this week. The children in Year 2 have also been learning how to write numbers in numerals and in words to 100.

Working collaboratively, Year 3 is creating a Celtic village scene in Art. They have been considering details relating to the clothing and actions of the villagers.

Year 4 has been imagining what it would have been like to witness the Trojan War, writing creative diary entries from the point of view of a Greek soldier or Trojan citizen.



Prep School

Year 5 has been learning about life in 1930s Britain. This week, the pupils baked a classic wartime cake using the few ingredients people were allowed and with minimal butter and sugar. The secret ingredient of English Tea was a welcome surprise to all. Fresh out of the oven, most agreed that the cakes were quite splendid.

In science this week, Year 6 pupils have been studying the essential nutrients that make up their food. They were excited to make the connection with oranges and where the term a 'scurvy pirate' comes from.

Year 7 has been learning about the reign of Elizabeth I and how she used her artistic licence when commissioning her portrait to convey messages of adoration, religion and military power to the world.

French Spotlight



Ce trimestre, les enfants de Year 4 ont étudié le thème de l'école en français. Ils ont appris à nommer le matériel scolaire, en faisant attention à la prononciation et au genre des noms. Ils ont aussi appris le nom des matières scolaires et se sont amusés à créer leur propre emploi du temps en français.

School Council



Our School Council did not let coronavirus stop the first meeting of the year. Class representatives came together in their year group bubbles to take part in the first virtual School Council Zoom meeting, chaired by our Head Girls.

Pupils shared their ideas and opinions and discussed potential candidates for the school charity this year.

School Houses

At BJAB we have four school houses, Montgomery, Schuman, Hergé and Baudouin. Each house is composed of pupils from across the year groups. Each house is led by a House captain from Year 8 in the Prep School and has a Deputy House Captain from Year 4 in the Lower School. Each pupil has the opportunity to win points for their house by getting dojos. Points can also be won in house competitions, the first of which will take place next week in the interhouse sports week!

House	Points
Hergé	1817
Schuman	1721
Montgomery	1467
Baudouin	1421