



## *PreKindergarten & Kindergarten*



The Kindergarten children are very happy to be back in school. Our theme of the week has been 'Winter'. We have been talking about the colder weather and the clothes we need to wear to keep warm and we have also been learning the name of these in French. We have investigated how ice melts by putting mini-icebergs into cold and warm water and seeing which one melts first. We even made ice mobiles by putting leaves and flowers into a dish adding cold water and then putting them in the freezer. Once they were frozen we hung them outside on the balcony, they looked so pretty and took a long time to melt. On Wednesday we were finding out about animals in winter, we learnt that birds find it difficult to find food in the winter months. We decided to make some bird feeders to hang up in our playground and to take home to hang in the garden or on the balcony.



In the gym this week we were working on our ball skills. We worked in pairs rolling the ball backwards and forwards to each other. Then we all tried throwing catching and kicking the ball, it was such fun.

We have had such a busy week.

## *Reception*

This week, we have enjoyed coming back to school, seeing each other, and getting back to our normal routines. We spoke about our holidays and told each other what we had done. We have learned about New Year and have looked at New Year traditions, learning not everyone celebrates New Year at the same time. We discussed how we celebrated New Year and New Year's resolutions.

In mathematical development, we have learned the months of the year and days of the week, singing songs to help us to remember them. Using our knowledge of months, we created calendars. We have continued to work on letter formation, ensuring that we form letters correctly and remember to 'whoosh in' at the start of a letter and 'whoosh out' at the end of a letter. An exciting mid-week treat was that we joined the whole school assembly, for the first time, on zoom and learned about the Value this month which is Love. It was also the first time that a member of the class received a 'Flying High' certificate. We are all looking forward to working hard in the future to achieve one of these.



## Lower School

Year 1 has been working hard on spelling, punctuation and grammar this week. They have been describing dinosaurs, animals and objects using comparative verbs.

Year 2 enjoyed exploring the properties of 2D shapes in mathematics. The children expanded their knowledge of geometry through sorting and comparing 2D shapes.

Year 3 has been using Atlas' to solve clues and discover facts related to the Continents and Oceans.

Year 4 has created artwork for our Values display, exploring ways we can show love to each other.



## Prep School

In science this week, Year 5 investigated dissolving. They mixed six substances with cold water to see if any of them dissolved and made notes about the time taken. They all agreed that sugar was the quickest substance to dissolve in cold water and that heating the water and stirring vigorously would lessen the time taken for dissolving to take place.

Year 6 has started Yoga in PE. We practised breathing and learnt a simple sun salutation to help to maintain personal wellbeing.

Year 7 has started the new year by looking at the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. This week, we have been looking at the concept of freedom and how free each student thinks certain people are.

This week, Year 8 has been introduced to the world of computing programming with Python. Using a text-based syntax, pupils learnt basic commands and instructions in this advanced method of coding.

## French Spotlight



The French department has developed a list of French resources for children to use at home. This list includes titles of magazines, television programmes and websites for French learners. We hope that this will support your children's engagement in French and immerse them in the French language. These lists can be found on the Parents' Billboard.

## Meet the Teacher



Miss McConochie is originally from East Sussex and has lived in the USA, Norway and Austria. She began her career teaching in a theatre school in London and taught in a handful of SEN and primary schools in the UK, before completing her PGCE at the University of Brighton. Her favourite thing about teaching is sharing her creativity and storytelling with the children.

## Art Enrichment

This term, Ms Grey is running the Art Enrichment every Monday afternoon in the Prep School. This enrichment class will focus on self awareness. Pupils will engage in activities that ask them to think about their emotions, hopes and dreams and how they can express themselves. They will be working both independently and as a group and will be encouraged to bring their own ideas to the sessions.

## School Houses

House	Points
Schuman	3944
Herge	3851
Montgomery	3297
Baudouin	3187