



BJAB Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

Joy, this month's value, is evident in all areas of the school. St Nicholas' secret visit over the weekend left slippers filled with goodies, bringing squeals of joy from all the younger children. Later on Monday morning, in an historic first, St Nicholas joined us by Zoom. He told the children from Kindergarten to Year Four his history and, in return, the Kindergarten children sang delightfully. On Wednesday, the whole school came together on Zoom for the Values assembly and it quite simply brought a tear - of joy - to my eye. Head Pupils, Nour and Ciara, spoke eloquently about the term's achievements, including the money raised for charity by the Hallowe'en dress-up day and the Eco club's activities. The House Captains gave an update on the positions of each House and urged us, inspirationally, to keep trying our best.

As I have said repeatedly in recent months, your responsible attitude has helped the BJAB community to remain healthy. Except for one week for the Early Years' children, the school has not had to close. After the Christmas break, the school will open on 4th January, as advertised. However, as we have seen in the past, the situation could change. The school will ask all families for a self-declaration about your travel during the school holidays which you must complete and return before the start of term. If you are going to travel to a red zone, you must follow the most up-to-date guidelines when you return. Any children who do need to isolate will be supported with on-line learning.

I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 16th December

House Assembly – come to school dressed in your house colours

Thursday 17th December

End of term Report
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18th December – Friday 1st January

Christmas Holiday

Monday 4th January

First day of Spring Term

Thursday 7th January, 17.00, Prep Theatre
Year 7 & 8 at BJAB Prep (*For Year 6 Parents*)

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th January

Parent Teacher Meetings – [sign up here](#).





PreKindergarten & Kindergarten



This week in Kindergarten preparations for Christmas are in full swing. We have made Christmas cards for someone special and either tried to write our names inside or draw a picture. We have made special Christmas gifts to keep. We made patterns on baubles by rolling a pattern dice and then drawing the pattern on the paper bauble. We also made sparkly Christmas stockings.

We listened to a lovely story called Little Owl's Christmas and sang some of our favourite Christmas songs as well as learning some new ones, we loved playing the bells to Jingle Bells.

The highlight of the week was St Nicolas. We were all so happy to see him on Zoom and sing the St Nicolas song to him and of course say thank you for the treats that he had left in our shoes.



Reception

This week started off with a treat, Saint Nicolas had visited our classroom over the weekend and left us all a present. We spoke about our own Christmas traditions and recognised the similarities and differences. We wrote Christmas lists to Santa, sounding out and forming letters carefully. We also created and wrote our own Christmas cards. We have started to make Christmas decorations, which we are excited to bring back home and hang up on our Christmas trees, when they are ready.

This week in mathematics we have been learning all about 2D shapes, we can name them and their properties. In Computing, we have learned how to take a video using the iPads, saying 'Merry Christmas' in the different languages we speak.



Early Years Reminders

- There will be no P.E. next Wednesday for Reception children (16th December). Children should come to school in their school uniform.
- Reception children will not have reading books over the holidays. These will be collected next week and new ones will be handed out in the New Year
- Christmas party 17th December, Kindergarten children that come part time can stay all day to join in with the festivities. The children can wear festive colours or Christmas jumpers.

Lower School

Year 1 has been learning about the Wright brothers this week. Children made their own paper aeroplanes and performed an experiment to test their designs against distance travelled.

This week, the Year 2 children have enjoyed relay racing. They have displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship when handing over balls and cheering for each other.

Year 3 has had lively discussions this week about staying safe around medicine and what they should do in an emergency. The children were in agreement that in an emergency the best course of action is to find an adult, whom they trust, or to call 112.

Year 4 has been using Keynote to produce beautifully formatted information texts on spiders and food eaten by the Maya.



Prep School

Using our class fiction study for inspiration 5J has created a story about their time in an air raid. The children used some impressive figurative language to add atmosphere and suspense.

Integrating technology in the classroom, Year 6 has enjoyed researching types of micro-organisms using QR codes to connect to the content and remain safe while searching the internet.

Our first whole school Zoom assembly included Year 7 pupils reciting their own poems based on the Value of the month, Joy.

French Spotlight



Cette semaine les Year 6 ont étudié le thème des métiers. Ils peuvent maintenant parler de multiples professions en les décrivant de façon précise et savent exprimer leur opinion sur les différents métiers.

Inter –International School Quiz



BJAB hosted our termly inter-international school quiz on Tuesday. It was a hard-fought battle from all corners of Europe, with teams from Paris, The Hague and Prague joining the home teams. Celia, Charlie, Eric and Jack made up our Years 5 & 6 team and had a great competition. Ciara, Felix, Gruff and Kerem, from our Years 7 & 8 were joint winners, alongside the British School of Paris. The Best Small School in Belgium, impressed much larger school in Europe!

School Houses

Well done, we remain in first place position, I am so very proud of you all. Keep up the good work. More of the same next term, congratulations.

I am very happy with our performance this week, as we have seemed to gain a lot of house points. Keep going, we must gain more points to take back the lead. We will get back to the top position with a positive attitude.

We have greatly improved this week, and I have heard that those in Montgomery in years 1 and 2 have been doing particularly well. Let us keep our heads held high going into the new year.

I have seen and heard of really good work this week throughout the school. If everyone keeps trying their best and we put all our effort in, I am sure we can climb up the leader board. Let us give a final push in December.

| House | Points |
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| Schuman | 3632 |
| Herge | 3483 |
| Montgomery | 3074 |
| Baudouin | 2808 |