



BJAB Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

This week, I have been holding meetings with teachers to discuss the progress of pupils in their classes. This is a formal and regular part of our assessment cycle as it brings together data from the recent assessments in English and mathematics with teacher assessments of the work produced in all other subjects. It is an opportunity to focus on each child and consider their academic and social progress 'in the round.' Even with occasional disruption to the teaching schedule, I can see the results of some sustained high quality, creative and rigorous teaching. You will receive the relevant information in the end of term reports.

At last the days are getting longer and it is light for our morning greetings. Winter bugs are still with us however so I have spoken this week about the importance of healthy eating. Please support the school by not sending chocolate biscuits or sweets as snacks. Fruit and vegetables please!

School and Eco Council

On Monday 15th March at 10.30, there will be the next Eco Council meeting, chaired by Head Pupil, Ciara.

On Wednesday 17th March at 10.30, there will be the next School Council meeting, chaired by Head Pupil, Nour.

Dates for your diary

Friday 19th March

World Book Day for Years 1 & 2

Thursday 1st April

School Reports

INSET Day

Friday 2nd April

INSET Day

Monday 5th – Friday 16th April

Easter Holidays

[Register for our stages here](#)

Monday 26th April – Tuesday

27th April

School Photographer Visit





PreKindergarten & Kindergarten



This week saw the Kindergarten being taken over by very noisy dinosaurs! We have all greatly enjoyed our story of the week, 'Harry and the Bucket Full of Dinosaurs'. Dinosaurs have been everywhere in our play, counting games, artwork and books. We have found out some dinosaur names by searching for the names of our toys in books and on the computer. We have been fossil hunting in the sand and we painted a huge diplodocus to go on the wall.

We have been very happy to share our Wow moments with our classmates and the certificates are being proudly displayed on the 'I can... ' wall. (Keep them coming if you need any extras please ask).



Reception

This week we have looked at the story 'Aliens love underpants'. We designed our own pants and labelled them, creating many exciting and varying designs. We also created labels and captions for the aliens we made last week, having used the ipads to take photos independently. This week in mathematical development we have focused on weight, extending our mathematical vocabulary. We used balance scales to compare the weight of different objects. We then moved onto using unifix cubes to measure the weight of objects in the classroom.

In PSED we have focused on things that we are good at and things that we have achieved, we have enjoyed talking about all the things which make us special. We have also introduced our 'Wow moment' certificates and are looking forward to completing and sharing these with each other. We have been practising forming letters by copying space words in flour which was messy but lots of fun! In computing we have begun to look at instructions and ordered pictures to make a sandwich.



Early Years Reminders

This week in Reception is the introduction of 'wow moments'. Please feel free to fill in the cards, which are in your child's reading folders, when you child has had a 'wow moment' outside of school. This can anything from learning to tie their shoelaces to making their bed each morning. When completed, these moments will be shared and celebrated in class.

Lower School

'Dragon Dinosaur' is the exciting story that Year 1 has been sequencing and re-telling in their English lessons this week. The children have been writing detailed sentences about animals which can scare a dinosaur!

This week in mathematics, the Year 2 children have been getting practical by measuring weight and liquid. In doing so, they have enhanced their understanding of grams and kilograms as well as litres and millilitres.

Year 3 has some new additions to their classroom... worms! In science this term, the children have been learning about rocks and soil so what better way to see how worms help the environment than in a wormery?

In Topic, Year 4 has been designing a campaign to encourage protection of rainforests through sustainable consumerism.



Prep School

Year 5 has been carrying out contextual understanding of fractions. The class has been working out fractions of amounts and using past knowledge of measurement conversions to work out fractions of measurements.

In P.E. this half-term, the Year 6 children are beginning their weekly tennis lessons with Mrs. Johnson.

This week, Year 7 has been working on computer networks and protocols. They are taking their understanding further by learning how different forms of hardware allow the creation of a network.

In English, the Year 8 children are adding to their knowledge of revolutions of the 18th and 19th by delving into the gothic, surreal world of Romanticism in poetry and literature. From Shelley to Keats and beyond, we are learning that the Age of Romanticism is often far from romantic.

French Spotlight



Cette semaine, les Year 5 ont discuté du port de l'uniforme à l'école. Les élèves ont appris à formuler et justifier leurs idées sur le sujet dans le but d'échanger leurs opinions au cours d'un débat.

Art Spotlight

Year 2 is about to start exploring the world of The Celts, designing and making their own clay artifact. Year 3 is experimenting with a variety of textural materials to create a printed flag for their countries. Year 4 is collaborating on a large tiger 'jigsaw' piece where they will explore different shading techniques to reproduce the lush fur and markings and Year 5 is working on transforming mixed media paintings 'River Deep' into prints.

Year 6 is finishing mixed media paintings, exploring movement and energy. Years 7 and 8 are busy using papier mache to create dramatic masks based on the Theatre Dell'arte Archetypes.

Easter Stages

Spaces for our Easter stages are limited, [click here](#) to register.

EYFS Week 1 with Miss Caroline & Miss Bland 'Alice in Wonderland' stage.

KS1 Week 1 with Miss Chang, Miss Benitez & Miss Butler 'Springtime' stage.

KS2 Week 1 with Mrs Sutton & Miss Heidi 'All around the world' stage.

KS1 Week 2 With Miss Heidi & Mrs Vancoillie 'African Safari' stage.

KS2 Week 2 with Mrs Sutton & Mr Wilkinson 'Woodland wonderland' stage.

School Houses

House	Points
Herge	6632
Schuman	6567
Montgomery	5746
Baudouin	5580