



BJAB Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

My assembly this week was on the subject of faith and belief. It was another occasion where I was able to reflect on the wide range of cultures and religions present at BJAB. The Prep school has been learning about the activities of those engaged in interfaith dialogue and the efforts to improve situations around the world. As I am sure you will be aware, India is experiencing a dreadful rise in Covid infections. My heart goes out to everyone in our community who is affected. A parent from Kindergarten, Mrs Vyas has given me the name of a charity that is organising relief. Please take the usual precautions before you give but I am grateful for the suggestion and I am sure many of you will wish to support all efforts at this time. [Click here for more information.](#)

On Wednesday of this week the Primary and Prep school recognised World Mathematics Day with a plethora of activities. The familiar Mathletics app provided some new and challenging tasks and added a fun element for good measure.

The preparations for MADD week are underway and the children are beginning to learn lines and songs. I can sense the anticipation as I walk around school. We have received a green badge to recognise our journey towards full status as an Eco school. I wonder if the Eco Council could do something about the unseasonably miserable weather?

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th May
School Closed (Ascension Day)

Monday 17th – Friday 21st May
MADD Week

Monday 24th – Tuesday 25th May
School Closed (Whit Monday)

Friday 4th June - Eco Day

Monday 7th June
Years 4-6: Durbuy Adventure Day Trip

Wednesday 9th June
Years 5-8: Picnic & Activity Day

Thursday 10th June & Friday 11th June
Years 1-8: Knokke Beach Day Trips

Tuesday 15th June
EYFS: Farm Day Trip

Monday 21st June
Years 7-8: Euro Space Centre Day Trip

Wednesday 23rd June
Years 5-8: Walibi Park Trip

Thursday 25th June - Sports Day

Friday 25th June - BJAB Spelling Bee

Tuesday 29th June - BJAB Day



PreKindergarten & Kindergarten



This week in Kindergarten we have continued our seasonal topic about growing. The children are diligently taking care of the seeds and beans they have planted by making sure they have enough water, sunlight and noticing any changes that have taken place. They were very excited to see that the radish seeds have started to sprout as well as the grass in their miniature gardens. This week also saw the arrival of a very special guest in the form of 'Apple' the snail. The children have been fascinated by this tiny creature and watch him attentively to see if he will eat any of the tasty treats that he has been offered. They are noticing the slimy trail that he leaves as he moves and the way that he uses his tentacles to find his way around.

We have also been making some special surprises for the Belgian Mother's day on Sunday. The children were very happy to make a card, a gift and learn a simple poem.



Reception

This week we have been learning about bees. We have researched them in more detail, using both the internet and books. We have then created sentences about what we have learned, using the phonics taught in our phonics sessions and consolidating our understanding of sentence structure. We have learned about the importance of bees and learned about their life cycle. Then we compared the life cycle of bees and butterflies, noting similarities and differences.

In Mathematical Development we have been exploring numbers up to 100 and have practised counting in 10s to 100. In communication and language, we have created and told stories to each other, thinking of imaginative and exciting words to use when speaking. This week have been making minibests out of playdough, using googly eyes and wings to help decorate our creations. Using the playdough is helping to strengthen the muscles in our hands and fingers. It has been another fun-filled week in Reception.



Lower School

Year 1 is investigating how a plant grows in science. They have germinated bean seeds and are very excited to observe the roots, stem and leaves which are beginning to form.

In Year 2, we are very busy practising our songs for MADD week including Wizard of Oz classics such as Somewhere Over The Rainbow and Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead!

Year 3 has been using the power of persuasion to write letters about the benefits and costs of school uniform and homework. They have taken a mature attitude towards their writing this week, thinking carefully about both sides of an argument.

This week in mathematics, Year 4 has been learning to calculate with money in different major world currencies.



Prep School

Year 5 has been creating Collograph Prints based on their mixed media paintings done last term. They are working on perfecting their designs for a repeated pattern that may be printed on fabric or made into a wall hanging.

This week, Year 6 researched renowned music festivals and presented their findings on how they can promote diversity, interaction, perception and change to their classmates.

Year 7 and 8 are separately looking at relationship and sex education in PSHEE. We will be learning about healthy relationships and puberty in an age-appropriate environment.

Year 8 pupils are finishing their year of revolutions with the Russian Revolution of 1917. This week, we were analysing the reliability of sources looking at Rasputin. Robert K. Massie, the historian, went so far as to say, "There would be no Lenin without Rasputin."

French Spotlight



Bravo aux élèves de Year 3 en FLE qui ont commencé à apprendre la conjugaison des verbes « jouer » et « faire » dans le contexte du sport. Nous avons joué au Loto afin de consolider l'apprentissage des terminaisons et d'améliorer leur prononciation.

Guest Speaker



This week, Rev. Dr Catriona Laing visited the Prep School. Following her presentation on Islam, the children took part in activities, expressing the 99 beautiful names of God through mime and the unity and community of Islam.

Hockey Club



This term, Mrs Vancoillie is running Hockey club for Years 3 and 4. The children have been practising dribbling techniques, sweeping passes as well as other hand eye coordination games.

School Houses

House	Points
Schuman	7673
Herge	7623
Montgomery	7397
Baudouin	6973