



BJAB Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

Friday was Eco Day across the whole school, launching a wide range of activities for the pupils, planned and inspired by Mr Seal. With professional support from Mr Landau – father of Colin and Erik - the pupils have been undertaking exercises such as calculating and assessing our own impact on the environment as a school, thinking about ways to reduce consumption, recycling materials and how we might offset our carbon footprint. Considering the wider environment, there was a presentation about the work of WWF and how it influences global decisions on conservation and sustainability. A sincere 'thank you' to both of our contributors for their generous interest in our curriculum. On Friday morning I gave a presentation to Year 6 parents about what can be expected in Years 7 and 8. The Head Pupils spoke eloquently about their experience of Prep and Mr Mitchell, Dr Halliwell and Mr White described aspects of the curriculum and learning environment. I am confident our young people have an unique educational experience which equips them for a life-long love of learning.

At this time of year it is customary for me to let you know which members of staff will be leaving at the end of term. This year, like all of us, Mr Seal and Miss Walker have reassessed their lives and both are returning to the UK where they will be nearer to their respective families. I am truly sorry to see them go as they have both brought experience, professionalism and a sense of fun to BJBAB. I am indebted to them for their contributions and will be fulsome in my praise in the coming weeks.

Dates for your diary

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

Tuesday 8th June – [Early Bird Discount deadline for school photo orders](#) – [contact office for more details](#)

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

Monsieur Luc

22nd April 1964 – 2nd June 2021





PreKindergarten & Kindergarten



On Friday it was World Environment Day, we spent the week thinking about ways that we can do our bit for the planet. Our book of the week was Topsy and Time Go Green, in this story the twins find out about recycling, make a wildlife garden and tried to use their car less. We then did our own recycling by putting our rubbish into the correct bin. The children then reused some of the items to make junk models. On Friday we learnt about the importance of bees in our environment and made beehives from cardboard rolls.

We are really looking forward to going on the Big Toddle next week, thank you to everyone who has already volunteered.



Reception

This week we have been learning all about the environment which ended on Friday with 'World Environment Day'. We learned about some of the impacts that humans have on the planet and talked about ways in which we could help the environment. We discussed things from recycling, turning the lights off to litter issues. We practised sorting objects according to their recycling qualities. We talked more about recycling in Belgium and were lucky to have a talk by Mr. Landeau. It was very interesting and enthused us even more! We created Earths and decorated with blue and green handprints for the land and the sea. Getting our hands dirty was so much fun! This week in P.E. we have been preparing for Sports Day, practicing races and other team games.



The Big Toddle

The Early Years' Big Toddle event will take place on Tuesday 8th June. Sponsorships can be handed in to an Early Years' teacher, directly to the school office or you can donate online via the school's justgiving page by [clicking here](#). The money raised will be split between the two school charities, Make a Wish and Greenten.

Lower School

'We're going on a leaf hunt!' was the theme of Year 1's trip to Woluwe Park on Tuesday. The children identified common species of trees in a nature walk. They recorded their observations as drawings and descriptive writing when back at school.

This week, the Year 2 children were investigating the many ways of joining materials together, evaluating the most appropriate tools and methods to use. The children are preparing themselves for constructing their own lunch box at the end of this term.

Year 3 has been investigating symmetry in nature, architecture and flags throughout the week and applied their knowledge to complete shapes and drawings.

In English, Year 4 has been exploring ways of adding suspense to an account from the perspective of a character.



Prep School

In PSHEE, Year 5 has been looking at what physical and emotional changes occur through the different stages of life and looking more closely at puberty.

This term in humanities, the Year 7 children are throwing off the shackles of Eurocentricism, as we journey to the Qing Dynasty to get a picture of one of grandest empires of all time and look at its effect on modern day China and thus the world.

This term in English, Year 8 are looking at the art of debating. Pupils have been trying to argue and discuss a variety of topics, including meat consumption, feminism and teenage internet usage.

French Spotlight



Les élèves de Year 4 ont commencé un nouveau thème cette semaine sur la mode. Ils développent le vocabulaire des vêtements et s'entraînent à formuler des phrases avec le verbe « mettre ». Les élèves savent choisir les vêtements en fonction de la météo.

Art Club

In art club this term, the children are decorating boxes filled with magical and imaginary wonders. They have written poems based on Kit Wright's 'The Magic Box', which are the inspiration for their boxes.

Meet the Teacher



Dr Halliwell discovered the wonderful world of the ancient Greeks as a Preparatory School pupil in Yorkshire during the 1980s and has been passionate about the use of myths ever since. To complete his PhD on the Victory Odes of the ancient Greek poet Pindar, he taught in a Prep school in the UK for five years. He is inspired by the curiosity for enquiry at BJAB and have added the teaching of Philosophy to that of Classics. In his spare time, he enjoys singing madrigals with the staff choir.

School Houses

House	Points
Herge	9680
Montgomery	9504
Schuman	8960
Baudouin	8205