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# NEWSLETTER



## Letter from the Headteacher

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The boost of energy we all received at the Mud Run last Saturday ensured this week has been highly positive and productive. With tremendous vision from the Brosen family and commitment from The Friends of BJAB, the Mud Run has become a firm tradition. It was especially pleasing to see so many new families taking part with such enthusiasm. These events, which bring staff, parents and children together are the hallmark of our BJAB family and I rejoice every time we create this unique atmosphere.

The start of a new month means we focus on a new value: **Humility**. After a beautiful assembly on Thursday, the whole school will now be finding age-appropriate ways to consider the meaning of humility in our daily lives.

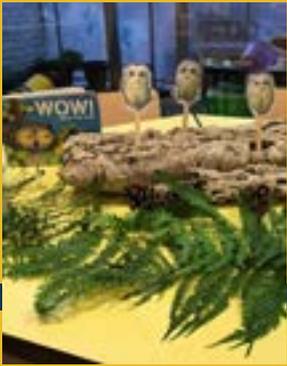
I wish you all a happy weekend with the words of the author C.S. Lewis who said that humility did not mean thinking less of ourselves, but thinking less about ourselves.

# Mud Run 2021



# Pre-K & Kindergarten

We have had a very busy week in school. We started a new topic 'The Forest'. We have looked at pictures and books about the forest and found out about some of the animals that live there. Our book of the week was Owl Babies Owl Babies Picture Book Animation - YouTube. All the children enjoyed the story and used owl puppets in their play to retell the story. We made little hedgehogs from clay and used sticks for their spikes. If you are in the forests or parks this weekend, we would love you to bring in some autumn treasures, such as: leaves, chestnuts, acorns or pinecones. Our shape of the week was circles. We have done all sorts of circle activities from drawing big circles



on paper to making circular movements with our arms using colourful scarves and they made circles from cereal. Next Wednesday the colour is **purple**.

## Reception

This week children in Reception have enjoyed learning the story of the Gingerbread man to develop their storytelling skills. I'm sure you have all heard the part 'run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread man' at home. In mathematics we have been creating patterns using colours and shapes, and in PE we enjoyed working in pairs moving around the room keeping a balloon afloat. Lots of great teamwork and so much fun was had. This week we also started our daily phonics lessons where we learn to read and write a new sound each day. We also enjoyed looking closely at Autumn leaves and took part in some Autumn art, as well as some wonderful self-portraits during our weekly art lesson.

### Reminders

\* Please remember to send your child's uniform on PE days. (Wednesday)

\* Please remember to send library books to school on Library days only. RB on Mondays, RD on Tuesdays.

# Year 1

Influenced by Spanish painter Joan Miro's love of Cave paintings, specifically 'The Singing Fish', each pupil painted a section of the 'cave wall' and has painted (with sticks!) their interpretation of something they would have seen in their environment as a cave person.

## Year 2

The theme of our English lessons has been 'a magic world of fairy tales'. The children have been listening to fairy tales from different cultures whilst in lessons we have been focusing on a classic by the Brothers Grimm 'Hansel and Gretel'. It has helped us to learn about the structure

of a story and guided us when learning how to compose sentences. The children have used a range of connectives in their sentences and showed a good understanding of the past tense. If you want to know what else might have happened to the wicked witch, come and read our exciting versions of the ending of the story!

## Year 3

Year 3 had an exciting start to their week, discovering our local forest. The children identified trees, created journey sticks and also used natural objects to create artwork. In Mathematics, they have been applying their knowledge of adding two and three digit numbers and to solve word problems. They have also been decomposing numbers to making adding easier.

## Year 4

Year 4 have planned and written an alternative version of the traditional Greek myth of King Midas, coming up with creative problems for the characters to navigate.

## Year 5

This week, year 5 has been exploring the early 20th century - we have been looking at the Suffragette movement and discovering what women encountered in order to vote. The women chained themselves to parliament buildings, painted on walls and went on hunger strikes and still when the law was passed all men could vote and only women over 30 and who owned property could! We realise that today things are much improved but that the fight for equality is ongoing.

## Year 6

Pupils in Year 6 have been classifying different species and learning how to use several identification keys. All are excited about making and testing their own insect traps ready for our forest trip next week.

## Year 7

Our keen archaeologists in Year 7 have been investigating the finds from the burial pit of Ur in Mesopotamia, the cradle of civilisation (modern Iraq). They had to think about the challenges which archaeologists face when investigating the past. For those who are interested, a replica of the famous board game of Ur can be purchased from the British Museum in time for Christmas!

## Year 8

Year 8 has been focusing on self esteem and happiness in PSHEE. Taking time to reflect on their work so far this year, students have identified the pieces that they are most proud of and have displayed them in individual frames. As their portfolio grows, students will replace the items on display with the work they are proud of.



## Assembly

Values Assembly on Humility



## MFL

Cette semaine, les élèves de Y4 et 6 ont profité d'une visite scolaire au théâtre. Le lundi, les années 4s ont découvert un conte musical, et le mercredi, les Y6s ont vraiment apprécié la musique classique à la Montagne Magique dans le centre-ville. Pour certains élèves c'était leur première visite au théâtre – tout le monde a passé un bon moment, on a vu de grands sourires tout au long du spectacle!



## Model United Nations

This week BJAB hosted its first Model UN conference as part of the Enrichment programme. We received delegates from India, China, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the USA, and the UK. The students discussed the issue of the global environmental crisis and showcased impressive sportsmanship, collaboration and research skills. We are moving on next week to focus on the situation in Afghanistan.



# Year 3 Assembly

Brussels Comic Festival runs until the 10th October. Year 3 joined in the Comic fun by designing their own Comic characters and going on an adventure, during their assembly, to save all of the sidekicks - imparting interesting facts as they went.



## Pizza & Pyjama Night

Let's eat pizza and watch a film in our pyjamas !

€20 per child

20th October, 2021  
18:00  
@BJAB

### Today's Quiz

YES

What will parents be doing while their children are at the pizza & pyjama night?

- A. Quiz Night
- B. Enjoying a drink
- C. Having some nibbles
- D. Having fun

YES

Correct Answer: All of the above!

Join us for Quiz Night  
20th October, 2021  
18:00  
Prep Theatre

We want to know about your experience with BJAB!  
Leave us a review today on Facebook and Google!