



Letter from the Headteacher

This week provided us with a reminder (as if we needed it) that the pandemic has not gone away. I am pleased to report that Mrs Sutton and Mr Wilkinson are back in school after their tests proved negative and I am grateful to Ms Rogers for continuing to provide work for the children from home. This week the whole staff has rallied around to support each other in the true BJAB spirit and I am grateful to everyone for their efforts and kind consideration. As I said in letters this week, our measures are in place and we need to be disciplined about following them. In line with other organisations holding large group events, we will be checking your **Covid Safe pass or negative PCR certificate**, so please have them ready when you come to school for assemblies and all the other exciting events planned for Christmas. With a responsible and proportionate approach, I see no reason for the school to operate any differently from now, with a focus on keeping everyone safe and continuing to learn. On that note, it was delightful to see parents at the assemblies today. I shall be away from school next week, conducting an official inspection of a school in Madrid but my wonderful team will be available for any questions and I shall be checking in very regularly.

Pre-K & Kindergarten

This week in Kindergarten our PSED focus has been on 'feelings'. We listened to a story called 'I'm not just a scribble' by Diane Alber. In the story a little scribble character is rejected by the 'real' drawings and he feels very sad. We talked about what makes us feel happy, sad, angry or afraid, one child said **'When we feel angry sometimes we need to take a big breath'**. We then drew our own scribble picture and gave them different emotions.

We have also been practising our mark making and early writing skills by drawing different patterns like zig zags, wavy lines and circles on the whiteboard.



Year 2

Did the knight manage to defend the castle? What happened to the king who didn't want to marry the queen? Was the jester really entertaining? If you want to find out, come and read Year 2 historical recounts full of humour, adventure and surprising endings. After the careful planning, the children showed that they can include a range of features such as the past tense, questions and apostrophes. Watch out for some budding writers in Year 2!

Year 3

This week in Mathematics, we have been learning about division and its relationship with multiplication.

Reception

We have all enjoyed listening to and talking about the book 'One Snowy Night' this week. The children have described their favourite part or character and have also talked about why Percy the Park Keeper is such a good friend. The theme of Winter continues as the children have been constructing igloos with sugar cubes, creating 'clean mud' and also used shakers and hand drums to represent polar bear footsteps in the snow. The number 5 has also been a focus and the children have been looking at different ways of breaking the number down and how it is recorded as a calculation.

Reminders

- * Please help your child with the learning of lines
- * Please bring cardboard items for junk remodelling

Year 1

Year 1 has been creating **Autumn** art using leaves. We practised applying different pressure with a crayon to recreate the pattern of the leaf underneath.

The pupils have been using their knowledge to solve problems, both numerical and worded. In class, we have also been taking a closer look at multiplication tables, and practising answering them quickly. This week the focus has been the 3 x tables.

Year 4

Watch out Mozart, Beethoven and Weir, Year 4 has started to compose pieces in their music lessons and some pupils are beginning to play them already. We are adding directions including dynamics markings to make our music more interesting.

Lower School Library

From next week, the Lower School Library will be open to parents each **Tuesday** from **8.35 to 9.30 am**. Many thanks to our parent volunteer.

Year 5

Year 5 has been learning about the Second World War in both English and Topic. This week, as seen, a collaboration of the different curriculum areas, including art, whereby the children created a useful guide to Anderson Shelters that were used during air raids. After this, they then they built their own model using all the information they had gathered.



Year 6

These past two weeks have seen Year 6 learning about human anatomy. They have gone from the heart and lungs through to the skeletal and muscular system. Lessons this week, included constructing their own model elbow joint, complete with working muscles.



Year 7

Last week, Year 7 designed and marketed a product based on the myth of King Midas and his legendary golden touch. This week, Year 7 learned how adjudging Pan the winner of a musical contest with Apollo left Midas with donkey's ears. Then it was their turn to debate the merits of different styles of music.

Year 8

Year 8 started PSHEE this week with a mature discussion about how pop culture has the potential to promote drug taking and alcohol consumption. Since then, students have moved on to the initial planning of their upcoming assembly on Children's Rights and World Children's Day.

MFL

Cette semaine, les années 3 ont appris les 5 sens. Nous avons joué à "Jacques à dit" et nous avons créé des phrases pour construire un poème. Les années 5 ont travaillé sur le thème de la BD. Nous avons appris à détailler les différentes parties de la BD et nous avons créé notre propre BD à partir du livre "Le Grand Secret", que nous avons lu avant les vacances.

Prep Library

This week, we are launching an exciting new website for the BJAB Prep Library. On BJAB Books you will find book reviews and blog posts from BJAB students. In addition, students across the prep school, teachers and parents or other family members are encouraged to submit their own reviews for recent reads! Find us here: [The BJAB Library](#).



Assembly

This week, Year 7 presented its assembly on 'International Tolerance Day'. The students held their own protest on stage, performed a live protest song (with a brilliant solo from Tony) and shared important information about recent protests happening around the world. They made us all incredibly proud and it was good to see so many parents in attendance too.



Year 2 Forest Trip



Greet the Teacher

Following class dismissal, on the specific days noted below, class teachers will be on hand for 10-15 minutes to meet with parents. During this time, teachers will answer any queries you may have, celebrate a good piece of work, let you know any logistical information or just say hello! Please do contact the office if you would like to meet your child's class teacher at any other time - they are more than happy to meet you.

Mondays – Miss Delfs, Mrs Cuigniez

Tuesdays – Ms Rogers, Ms Whittaker, Miss Bland

Wednesdays – Miss McConochie

Thursdays – Miss Street, Mr MacDonald, Miss Cowx

Fridays – Mrs Sutton

Dates for your Diary

To help you plan ahead, please find all dates on the Parents' Billboard by clicking here: [Events](#).



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Year 1 Forest Trip



Pre-K, Kindergarten & Reception

