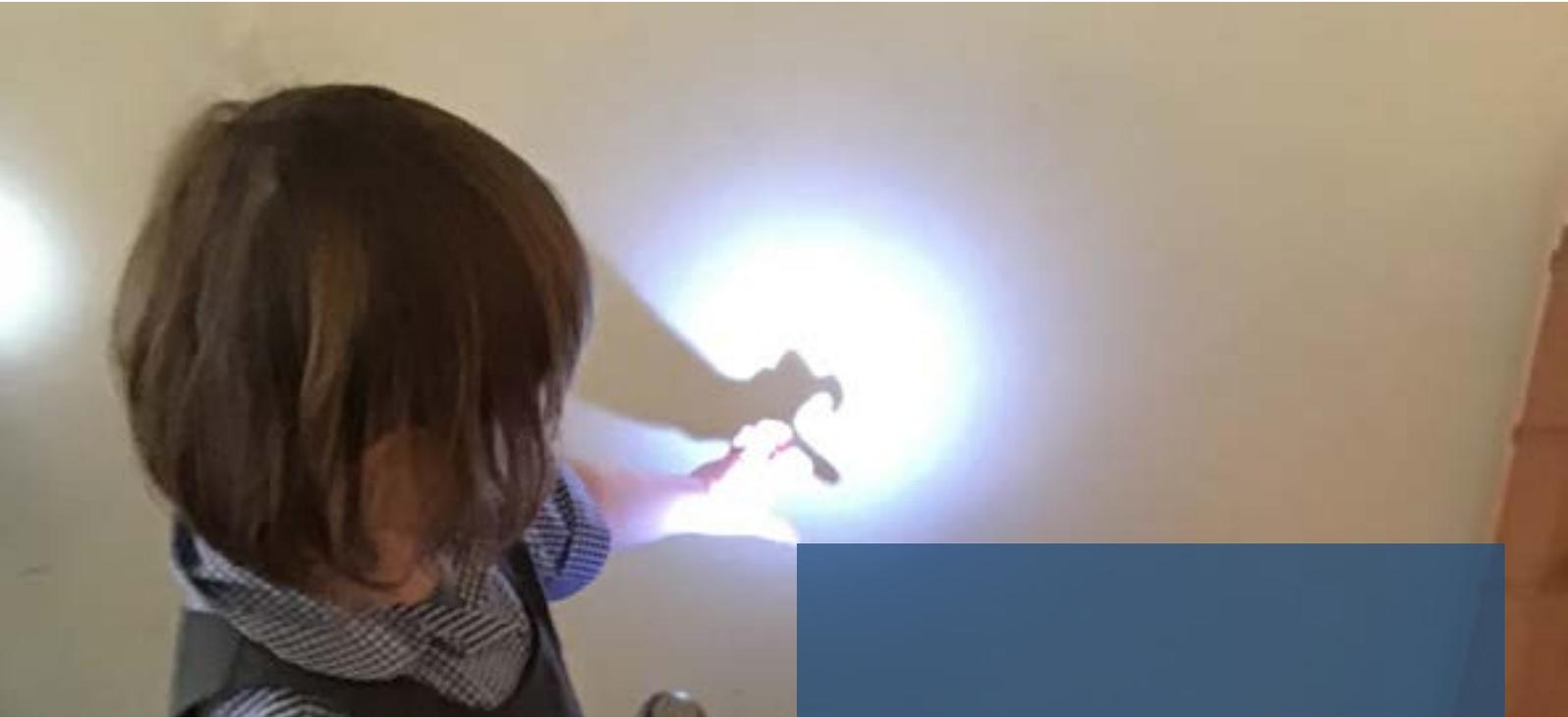


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NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Headteacher

This week I have been inspecting a school in Madrid. I have been part of an ISI team of other Heads of schools and education professionals looking in detail at how one particular school operates and taking the time to share professional dialogue. It has been an invaluable opportunity to learn about the current conditions in Spain and across Europe.

I have been kept closely informed about the wonderful events at BJAB. In the upper school the trips to the forest and the museum were successful, as was Year 1's exciting visit to Train World. I am sad to have missed 2C's assembly for World Children's Day but pleased to hear it was so successful. I am also told there is a whiff of Christmas in the air from the music team!

Pre-K & Kindergarten

This week in Kindergarten we have been exploring the world of fairy tales. We made our own fairy land with pinecone fairies, a picnic set, a swing and a tree house. As no fairy can be without a magic wand, we made some out of pipe cleaners, beads, feathers and stars. We then made up our own stories about pirates and families of crocodiles and tigers. We are starting to rehearse for our Christmas nativity by learning words for the songs and where to stand on the stage. You will soon receive a request for some costume items to bring in before the big day.



Reception

This week the children in Reception have been reading the story 'The Gruffalo's Child'. They sequenced the story and are beginning to write initial sounds and simple words retelling the story. Throughout the week we investigated animal footprints in the snow and had fun creating shadow puppets using a torch. We used non-fiction books to look up some information on polar bears and had some lovely conversations sharing facts. In mathematics we have been extending our number bonds exploring all numbers up to 10 with mental recalling number bonds to 5. In P.E. we continued to develop our catching and throwing skills and in Music we have been rehearsing our Nativity songs. During continuous provision, the children took part in a variety of arts and crafts such as making trees and a cave for the Gruffalo, a penguin for our winter scenes and winter cards/storybooks for their friends.

Reception Reminders

Please can reading journals be sent on the following days:
RD: Mondays and Fridays
RC: Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 1

Year 1 has been learning about algorithms in computing. We explored ways of giving and following instructions using a range of resources.

Year 2

If your parents were the king and queen, would you be next in line for the throne? Year 2 is learning about the British and Belgian monarchy. They have been creating royal family trees to discover who will be the next person to inherit the throne.

Year 3

This week in English, Year 3 pupils have been building on their understanding of life cycles. First, the pupils interpreted life cycles to identify the key information and gather key vocabulary. Then they created their own life cycle and enhanced it by including conjunctions and time openers in their explanation.

Year 4

The well-loved story Charlotte's Web is Year 4's focus text for this term. We have had discussions around many of the events in the story - debating which choices we ourselves might make in different difficult situations. This week we have produced an independent write from the perspective of the main character Wilbur the pig.

Lower School Library

The Lower School Library is open to parents each Tuesday from 8.35 to 9.30 am. Many thanks to our parent volunteer, Mrs Pelczer.

Year 5

Year 5 had an exciting time at the military museum this week. After studying the major wars that took place in the 1900s and reading all about World War II in English, we were able to reinforce our learning by viewing the exhibits. We saw uniform, weaponry and transportation that were used in warfare and tried to imagine what it must have been like for the soldiers.



Year 6

Year 6 visited Tervuren park on Tuesday. As well as team building activities in the forest, pupils learnt about the historical controversy that surrounds the Africa Museum and the 'Human Zoo' that existed during the Victorian Era as part of an international exposition.



Year 7

In music this week, Year 7 worked on creating their own melodies on the keyboard.



Year 8

Cette semaine, les années 8 ont découvert un nouveau livre intitulé "Le monde d'en haut". Nous avons commencé la lecture du premier chapitre de ce roman de science fiction et nous avons hâte d'en découvrir plus!

Nous avons également continué à travailler sur notre projet d'écriture pour le concours "Musique et Bruits du monde", nous vous présenterons notre texte très bientôt!

MFL

Les élèves à Prep ont joué un nouveau jeu qui s'appelle Blooket afin de pratiquer la grammaire et le vocabulaire. Ils en profitent sur les iPads et ils étaient excités de se battre pendant les compétitions pour gagner le plus de points possible. Pendant Enrichment le jeudi les élèves ont chanté la chanson accrocheuse de Vianney «Si on chantait», on s'est bien amusés!



St Nicholas Visit

St Nicholas will be visiting BJAB once again! Please remember all pupils from PreK to Year 8 must bring a slipper by Friday 3rd December.

Assembly 2C

The children in class 2C celebrated World Children's Day in their class assembly today. Every year, it is observed on 20th November. At the truly international conference the children reminded us of their rights, they shared what they like about the world and what changes they would make. They looked resplendent in their national costumes as they danced and sang a song about themselves.



Year 1 visits Train World

