

NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Headteacher

This month's value is **Simplicity**. St Francis of Assisi, the 12th century monk, said, 'Pure holy simplicity confounds all the wisdom of this world.' His solitary cave, from where he wondered at the beauty of the natural world, can seem remote and irrelevant to many of us in our busy and complicated lives. But as we approach the holiday season I hope we will all appreciate the simple joy of spending time together with family and friends.

The simplicity of number bonds to 10 was celebrated with a song in Year 1's assembly this morning and Father Christmas made a second dramatic phone call to Reception children checking on the whereabouts of two lost reindeer.

I'm impressed with the commitment shown by pupils (and teachers) in Years 5 and 6 who are currently learning online.

Once again we were blessed with a visit from St Nicholas who, together with his many kind helpers, brought such joy and simple pleasure to our community.



Pre-K & Kindergarten

Excitement is building in the Kindergarten classroom. We are preparing for Christmas, we have decorated the tree with beautiful ornaments, made Christmas cards, tree decorations and cardboard gingerbread houses. We even painted a big Father Christmas and his reindeer Rudolph on the window. We have been singing Christmas songs like Jingle Bells and When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney. We have also been making cards and presents for our little fairy Lilly Bell. On Wednesday we found her hiding in our classroom and since then she has appeared in different places in the room each day, so we start the day with a fairy hunt, it is such fun.

children's curiosity has led them to ask interesting questions. The children have labelled biological male and female parts successfully. They have enjoyed decorating their own pants and presented original and creative designs.

Year 3

This week in topic, the pupils have written a recount about their trip to the Gallo Museum in Tongeren. They spoke about what they had seen and their favourite moments from the trip. They have also been introduced to Viking Gods, learning the names and researching more about one of their choice.



Reception

Reception has saved Christmas! Two Reindeer had gone missing and were sighted in Brussels. The children created 'Lost' posters and wrote an email to Father Christmas letting him know that they would help. The children found footprints in the stairwells and were convinced the reindeer must be in the lift. Father Christmas called them this morning to thank them for their help, he had found the reindeers using the reindeer food mixed by the children.

Year 1

Year 1 has been consolidating their knowledge of addition and subtraction by playing practical games. We have been practising finding different ways to prove our answers.

Year 2

In PSHEE lessons this term Year 2 children have been learning about the similarities and differences between people. This topic has proved to be very exciting and

Year 4

Year 4 has spent the past couple of weeks learning all about binary codes. Did you know that computers can only read the numbers 0 and 1? We have used this knowledge to help us to crack codes, solve puzzles and write messages to each other.

1S Assembly

Click here for the links to the videos. [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

Little chefs making Christmas Cookies



Year 5

Even though Year 5 have been learning from home this week, a full and fun range of activities have been completed by the pupils with just as much enthusiasm and pizzazz as Mrs Johnson's Christmas wardrobe. Activities have included devising and conducting their own science experiments; creating complementary colour panels with Miss Grey and even listening to a record from the 60's on Mr Trivigno's record player when comparing how we consume music today in topic.



Year 6

Having spent the previous few weeks mastering fractions, Year 6 has begun work on decimals. Learning how to calculate and work with decimal values involving currencies, such as the Pound Sterling and Euro. As our topic area of the Victorians comes to an end, pupils have been learning about the contributions this era made to Christmas festivities and the Victorian origins of 'Boxing Day'.

Year 7

This week, Year 7 dove into the world of Commedia Dell'Arte, trying to act out the 'larger than life' characters and finding the freedom to 'play' within this unique theatrical style.

Year 8

This week in English Year 8 finished reading 'The Hunger Games'. They discussed the theme of selflessness within the novel and also produced their own tribute guides for sponsors of the Hunger Games. The students have hugely enjoyed studying this novel and are now competing to read the second in the series!

MFL

Bien que quelques élèves aient fait leurs cours de français en visio, les années 6 ont continué à travailler sur les métiers en utilisant le futur simple. Les années 7 ont découvert la Paris Games Week, ils ont lu un texte à propos de Dina, la double championne de France, qui pouvait savoir qu'il y avait une célèbre gameuse de «Just Dance»?!

Prep Library

BJAB Books website: [The BJAB Library](#). The website has also been updated with reading lists full of recommended books for Prep students of all ages. Parents and teachers too! Finally, if you are still unsure of what to read next, the brilliant Lucy in Year 8 has written her own code which enables the website to randomly select a book from our library collection for you. You can find it on the '[Library Lottery](#)' page.

Waving to St Nicholas



Reception Crafts



The children would like to thank the Friends of BJAB for the beautifully decorated Christmas biscuits. Mrs White tells us they are delicious!