

## Newsletter – 11 September 2015

Today has been the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the school, which we have decided to mark in a simple but fun manner. Every child in the school will have received a small birthday cake and this afternoon will have had a chance to design and colour in a celebratory flag for the school. These colourful flags will go on display around the school in the next week.

**Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday BISB!**

Our Nursery is fairly full at the moment although it is always possible that somebody may leave throughout the year. However if you are thinking of **requiring a place in the Nursery** for a younger sibling already at the school then you must let us know immediately so that we can ascertain how likely it is that a place will become available. This is for anybody who might require a Nursery place at any time before September 2016.

Thank you to all those parents who were able to come along to our **Curriculum briefing evening** last week. If you have not yet received a hand-out, or a link to it, from the evening then please contact us. If there are any further points that anyone wishes to raise or ask about then please feel free to make an appointment to discuss this with Mr Prescott at any time.

The **pupils from Year 5 and Year 6** have been invited to participate in the Belgian World Space Week Quiz to be held in the afternoon on Sunday 4th October. If your child would like to participate would you please contact Mrs Tranter as soon as possible via [year6teacher@telenet.be](mailto:year6teacher@telenet.be) ? More information can be obtained via <http://www.worldspaceweek.org> .

At the end of September our music teacher **Mrs Rytel will be leaving us** to move to another school. We all wish her well for her career in the future. Her replacement will be Mrs Mayeur who was introduced to the classes briefly this morning. Mrs Mayeur is Belgian and has worked in schools in the UK and Belgium before joining BISB. Mrs Mayeur will be with us for an overlapping period at the end of September but will start taking the classes from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

We mentioned last week that **each teacher would be available for a pre-arranged meeting** i.e. an appointment can be made at this time if required. We trust that this and the direct email addresses will enable parents to support and enquire about their children's progress in an efficient and constructive manner.

Times at which appointments can be made:-

Eal	Mrs Avis	Friday	14.15 – 15.15
Nursery	Mrs Davies	Wednesday	08.30 – 09.00

Reception	Miss Gill	Tuesday	09.10 – 09.40
Year 1	Mrs Ruryisire	Tuesdays	09.40 - 10.20
Year 2	Mrs Read	Monday	13:15 – 14.00
Year 3	Mrs Vetter	Monday	14.00 – 14.30
Year 4	Mrs Kafouris	Monday	14.00 – 14.30
Year 5	Mr Stedman	Mondays	09:05 - 09:35
Year 6	Mrs Tranter	Wednesday	09.00 – 09.45

As we enter the third week of term **all school uniform items and individual possessions should be clearly marked with the child's name**. This makes it much easier to return any lost property to its rightful owner so please make sure that everything you send or bring to school is personally labelled.

We are starting a new parents group for anybody who might want to improve their English. This will be our **English conversation group** which will be held each Monday afternoon at 14.00 in the Junior department. The first gathering of this group will be next week on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

We have moved our weekly **Coffee mornings to Friday at 09.00** in the Junior department library which is immediately after dropping your children off. This will also give you a chance to change your library books from the large selection of books in English for parents and teachers.

The **first meeting of the BISB Book Club** will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October when we shall be looking at 'Lucky Jim' by Kingsley Amis. If you want a copy of this book then you can order a copy through one of several on-line book shops. Even if you haven't read this book you are very welcome to come along for the social occasion itself and help suggest the next book to be read.

The **School Photograph day** will be on Wednesday 14th October this year. Therefore we expect that all children will be able to attend school as normal on that day. There will be an opportunity afterwards to buy photographs taken then, including, individual, class and school photographs.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you **may be leaving in this autumn term** i.e. any time up till December 2015. The 90 day deadline for the end of this term for written notice of departure, after which deposits will not be refunded, will fall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

The **talk topic homeworks** for next week are as follows:-

- For Nursery           What is your favourite toy or activity in the nursery?
- For Reception       What colour would your favourite car be? What size? Who would travel with you?
- For Year 1            What is your favourite weather, and why?

For Year 2	Is it a good idea for animals to be in zoos?
For Year 3	Why are the rainforests so important to us?
For Year 4	What are the important features of a good brochure?
For Year 5	What are the Earth's two most important solids, liquids and gases, and why?
For Year 6	What is the 'stock market'?

For all those families **paying fees by Domiciliation** each month please note that the target date for the amounts to be taken from your account is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

Reception	Dhanishka for always sitting beautifully ready to learn Eilidh for her brilliant listening and participation during P.E
Year 1	Anindita for good work with comparing numbers in maths Rino for writing good captions for the 'By the Stream' story
Year 2	Vibhav, for excellent thinking and bravery in his search for spiders Arsalan, for cleverly noticing and explaining how each of us is unique.
Year 3	Bhargav for working well in class and in the swimming pool
Year 4	Aditya: He has shown a great example of wonderful manners and been kind and helpful towards the other children
Year 5	Artem for really reliable maths and cool chronology in topic
Year 6	Anirvan for his outstandingly detailed answers to our first comprehension

And finally this week's thought for the week is:-

"Time is at once the most valuable and the most perishable of all our possessions".

John Randolph (1773 - 1833)

## Autumn Term 2015

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 18.00 Infant and Junior Departments	Curriculum Briefing Evening	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	15 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of BISB	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 14.00 Junior dept.	English conversation group	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	World Space Quiz,	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Junior Dept visit to Brussels Space Expo	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photograph Day	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 20.00 Infant Dept	BISB Book Club to review 'Lucky Jim' by Kingsley Amis	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 visit to Atomium for sleepover	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Pumpkin week	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents Evening	<i>Appointment times will be given before half term</i>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening	

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2014 / 2015

**Autumn Term**

**Monday, September 1, 2014**

**Start of Autumn Term**

Monday, October 27, 2014  
- Friday, October 31, 2014

Half Term  
Break

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

School Closed - Public Holiday  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Commemoration

Thursday, November 20 2014  
Friday, November 21, 2014

School Closed - Staff Training Day  
School Closed - Staff Training Day

**Friday, December 19, 2014 at 12.15**

**End of Autumn Term**

**Spring Term**

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

**Start of Spring Term**

Monday, February 16, 2015  
- Friday, February 20, 2015

Half Term  
Break

**Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 15.30**

**End of Spring Term**

**Summer Term**

**Monday, April 20, 2015**

**Start of Summer Term**

Friday, May 1, 2015

School Closed May Day holiday

Thursday, May 14, 2015  
Friday, May 15, 2015

Ascension Public Holiday  
Half Term Holiday

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Pentecost Holiday

**Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**End of Summer Term**

Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2015

Staff Training Day

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2015 / 2016

**Autumn Term**

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

**Start of Autumn Term**

Monday, October 26, 2015  
- Friday, October 30, 2015

Half Term  
Break

Friday, November 6, 2015

School Closed - Staff Training Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

School Closed - Public Holiday  
Armistice Day

**Friday, December 18, 2015 at 12.15**

**End of Autumn Term**

**Spring Term**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

**Start of Spring Term**

Monday, February 8, 2016  
- Friday, February 12, 2016

Half Term  
Break

**Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 15.30**

**End of Spring Term**

Monday, April 11, 2016  
Day

School Closed - Staff Training

**Summer Term**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

**Start of Summer Term**

Thursday, May 5, 2016  
Friday, May 6 2016

Ascension Public Holiday  
Half Term Holiday

Monday, May 16, 2016

Pentecost Holiday

**Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 15.30**

**End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016