

Newsletter – 18 September 2015

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.

For those families living in and around the Brussels region don't forget that this Sunday sees the annual **Brussels car free day**. Transport by vehicle with an engine is banned and public transport throughout the city is free on this day, which runs from 09.30 to 19.00. More information can be found on <http://www.brussels.be/artdet.cfm?id=5547> .

The weather is turning colder and so several people have been thinking of getting ready for the colder months. Accordingly we have received several **queries about the School Fleece** that some children are already wearing to school. If you want to get one of these we will need to pre-order them so please contact the school office during next week. You can see an example of the fleece in the Infant department school office. We intend to make the order on Monday September 28th so please let us know straight away. The prices are 35€ for children's sizes (3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13 and 40€ for adults' sizes (small, medium, large and extra-large). The fleeces are warm and spacious so we do not recommend that you order the next size up to allow for growth.

Please note that children should not be bringing a glass bottle into school as these can, of course, shatter and cause a great danger from broken glass. Similarly we do not allow foods containing nuts in the Infant department as some children may be allergic to them. **Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.**

Many parents have already come along to participate in our **weekly Coffee mornings**, which is great to see. This takes place each Friday morning in the Junior department straight after morning drop off time and everyone is very welcome. These times also give people a chance to change their library book in our library section especially for parents and teachers.

Our **English conversation group** meeting (each Monday afternoon at 14.00 in the Junior department for anybody who might want to improve their English) also got off to a great start last week so if you want to improve your English speaking with simple and friendly chats then this is the time for you.

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 ? More information can be obtained via <http://www.worldspaceweek.org/events/event-details/?eventID=6929> .

We are intending to host our first outdoor Parents event this term with our **‘Walk in the Woods’**. This will be on Sunday, October 11th at 14.00 and will be a gentle stroll in the Tervuren woods for a couple of hours. Please make a note in your diaries. We would love to see as many people as possible coming along. The starting place will be confirmed closer to the day itself.

The **first meeting of the BISB Book Club** will be on Wednesday 14th 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 tomorrow on Saturday 19th December.

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

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| For Nursery | How many fingers and toes do you have?
Can you count them? |
| For Reception | if you had a magic carpet where would you go? What would you see? |
| For Year 1 | How does the weather make you feel? |
| For Year 2 | When do we need courage? |
| For Year 3 | Why would you have wanted, or not wanted, to be a soldier in the Roman Army? |
| For Year 4 | What is an effective brochure? How can you make a brochure look interesting? |
| For Year 5 | How did the zebra get his stripes? (Do some story inventing) |
| For Year 6 | What are the issues with using drones? |

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Aadharrshini for her enthusiastic attitude during phonics and number work
Aditya for his excellent responses and comments during story time
- Year 1 Anjali for always doing her best work in class
Shinnosuke for a superb drawing based on the work of Monet
- Year 2 Aahil, for excellent observations about number bonds in mathematics
Marina, for helping all the class to learn Ode to Joy, by singing so well
- Year 3 Oskar for lovely reading in guided reading this week
- Year 4 Gordon for working very well in class, putting amazing effort in the presentation of his work
- Year 5 Mitra for ace writing, dance and maths which equals awesome
- Year 6 Wei-Heng for the exceptional quality of his work at home and school - what a terrific student!

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

“Get happiness out of your work or you may never know what happiness is.
Elbert Hubbard

Autumn Term 2015

Friday 11 th September	15 th Birthday of BISB	
Monday 14 th September 14.00 Junior dept.	English conversation group	
Sunday 4 th October Friday 9 th October	World Space Quiz, Junior Dept visit to Brussels Space Expo	
Sunday, 11 th October 14.00	Walk in the Woods	
Wednesday 14 th October	School Photograph Day	
Wednesday 14 th October 20.00 Infant Dept	BISB Book Club to review 'Lucky Jim' by Kingsley Amis	
Thursday 15 th October	Year 6 visit to Atomium for sleepover	
Monday 19 th October	Start of Pumpkin week	
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October	Half Term Holiday	
Tuesday 3 rd November	Parents Evening	<i>Appointment times will be given before half term</i>
Wednesday 4 th November	Parents Evening	
Tuesday, 10 th November	Year 6 visit to The Korean Cultural Centre for two workshops on calligraphy and music.	

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 30th 2016 at 15.30

End of Summer Term

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Thursday, September 1st, 2016