

We would like to congratulate those Muslim families at BISB who celebrated **Eid al-Adha** earlier this week. For those who travelled for the occasion we would like to wish them a safe return journey.

This week we sent out (via your child's folder) a form asking for information about **the likelihood of families leaving Brussels within the next two years**. Thank you to all those families who have already returned this form. We are seeking this information to facilitate our forward planning, as new parents enquiring about places are keen to have some idea of when a school place at BISB might be possible for their child. This continues to be very significant at the moment because several of our classes are full with active waiting lists. We have asked that you return this form to school by Wednesday of next week so please try to provide the information to school next week either to the school office or submission box provided. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

We have been informed of a **case of head lice** by the parent of a child in Year 1. If you have a similar problem then you can remove them by using a special thin comb obtained from a pharmacy on hair that has been washed with a conditioner or conditioning shampoo to make the hair smooth.

BISB is going to be inspected later this term in November and December by a team from the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI). ISI has been invited by BISB to inspect the school as part of the UK Government's voluntary scheme for the inspection of British Schools Overseas. The inspection team will invite all parents to complete a confidential questionnaire as part of the process. The questionnaire will soon become available for you to complete online and more information will be sent to you early next week.

3 teams of pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 are participating in the Belgian World Space Week Quiz to be held in the afternoon on Sunday 4th October starting at 14.00. This will be taking place at the ULB campus which is right next to the Delta metro station. **Parents are very welcome to attend but if you do wish to do so then we do need to inform the organisers by Tuesday morning (September 29th)**. Transportation for the children taking part can be arranged by minibus from school but if you do wish to take your child there directly then again please do let us know by the end of Monday. 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.

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

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| For Nursery | Do you live in an apartment or a house or something else?
Who lives there with you? |
| For Reception | What visible signs of autumn can you see in our surroundings? |
| For Year 1 | What are your favourite things to do in the autumn? |
| For Year 2 | What different things can you do while you are waiting for a bus? |
| For Year 3 | What is your favourite time of the year, and why? |
| For Year 4 | How can you show a friend that you care? How can you help your friend if they are feeling sad? |
| For Year 5 | What is the best way to solve the problem of a bully? |
| For Year 6 | How does advertising influence us? |

This week's star pupils of this week were:

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| Reception | Tharun for his great blending during phonics
Line for her hard working attitude during our maths sessions |
| Year 1 | Min-Jae for being helpful and kind in class.
Saanvi for giving a super report of the weather. |
| Year 2 | Maanas for very good thinking and excellent explaining in mathematics
Ayan for his especially good progress in spelling |
| Year 3 | Sahasra for good effort in class and in the pool. |
| Year 4 | Kazuma for reading out aloud beautifully during Guided reading |
| Year 5 | Abhiram for epic artwork of epic-ness |
| Year 6 | Adhi for making a terrific effort to demonstrate good behaviour since the beginning of term |

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

“Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time”.

- Steven Wright

Autumn Term 2015

Thursday 1 st October	Year 5 trip to Bokrijk Openlucht Museum	
Sunday 4th October	World Space Quiz,	
Friday 9th October	Junior Dept visit to Brussels Space Expo	
Sunday, 11 th October 14.00	Walk in the Woods for parents and children of all ages	
Wednesday 14 th October	School Photograph Day	
Wednesday 14th 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	
Friday 6 th November	School closed for staff training	
Tuesday, 10th November	Year 6 visit to The Korean Cultural Centre for two workshops on calligraphy and music.	
Friday 13 th November 18.00 – 20.00	Autumn and Diwali craft evening	

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2015 / 2016

Autumn Term

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

Start of Autumn Term

Monday, October 26, 2015

Half Term

- Friday, October 30, 2015

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

Half Term

- Friday, February 12, 2016

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

Ascension Public Holiday

Friday, May 6 2016

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