

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> .

Our Infant department building is once again being opened to visitors from the Biennale Bruxelles this Sunday as they conduct guided tours for people to enjoy around buildings of architectural note throughout the city. For this weekend bookings have closed but more information can be found at <http://www.art-nouveau-biennial.be/en/interior-visits>

The school is welcoming a team of inspectors from the Independent Schools Inspectorate into school for the week commencing Monday November 30th. All parents should by now have received a letter and an email about the parents' questionnaire that the ISI would like as many parents as possible to complete. As part of the inspection process the ISI wish to find out about parents' views of how the school works with your children. You can complete the confidential survey at <http://surveys.isi.net> using the code supplied in the letter. If you have any difficulty with the online survey then you can email the ISI for help at updates@isi.net or ask the school for a paper version to complete. **The closing date for the survey is Tuesday 13th October.**

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children will also be completing a confidential on-line survey in school.

We would be grateful to hear from any **parents happy to volunteer to listen to children read** aloud in either the Junior or Infant departments. If you are interested then you would need to spare an hour (or more if you wish) once a week. For the children it is so very important to encourage reading aloud for pronunciation, fluency and general oratory skills but also for self- confidence too! Therefore, if you would like to volunteer please let the school office know by email, stating the time and day that you would be available

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:-

For Nursery Do you have a pet? If you do, what is it? If you don't, then what would you like as a pet?

For Reception If we're going on a bear hunt, what will we see? What should we do?'

For Year 1 What makes a good friend?

For Year 2 Why do some people become famous?

For Year 3 Would you like to have lived in a Roman Villa? Why (or why not)?

For Year 4 What are the activities that we do during a day that require energy and where we get that energy from?

For Year 5 Are punishments today (at school & in society) better or worse than those in the 1800s? Why?

For Year 6 Why is Volkswagon in trouble?

This week's star pupils of this week were:

Reception Aasya for her brilliant participation during our phonics sessions
Tanishka for completing a fantastic missing numbers activity with enthusiasm

Year 1 Srija for super blending of sounds and great reading.
Mithilesh for great speaking in class.

Year 2 Himanshu for his excellent progress in reading, and his hard work in spelling
Tala for brilliantly beginning to read in English.

Year 3 Zaid for Super work in class and in the swimming pool

Year 4 Ameya for being positive and helpful all week

Year 5 Darius for Speed Test vitesse - registering a time which no-one else has!

Year 6 Alakananda for taking her responsibility as a Librarian very seriously and working tirelessly to keep the Junior Library organised and tidy. Thank you

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

“The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

- George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)

Autumn Term 2015

Thursday 1 st October	Year 5 trip to Bokrijk Openlucht Museum	
Sunday 4th October	Biennale Bruxelles tours of BISB Infant department	
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	<i>half term</i>
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