

**The school is welcoming a team of inspectors from the Independent Schools Inspectorate into school for the week commencing Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:updates@isi.net) or ask the school for a paper version to complete. **The closing date for the survey is next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Our teams of pupils from Year 5 and Year 6** in the Belgian World Space Week Quiz did very well last Sunday with two teams coming in the top ten (out of 18 teams altogether), although not in the top three groups who got through to the second round. The children who took part all had a great day and received several gifts to make their participation even more enjoyable.

As well as congratulating the quiz participants last Sunday we should also congratulate the Sunday exploits of two of our staff members, Camilla Rutayisire and Aleksandra Hauwaerts **who completed a half marathon** both with excellent times of less than 2 hours 25 minutes.

The weather forecast looks to be very good (dry and sunny but not warm) for **this weekend's Walk in the Woods**, our first major social event of the school year. It will be taking place in the woods near Tervuren on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 14.00 and will be a gentle and pleasant stroll designed to accommodate all ages.

The starting point will be the junction of Hertenbergstraat and Bergestraat in Tervuren and parking is available. See

<https://www.google.be/maps/@50.8197674,4.5140774,18z?hl=en>

for a detailed map. You can get there by public transport on the De Lijn bus 317 from Kraainem metro, leaving Kraainem at 13.39 reaching the stop Tervuren, De Nettenberg at 13.57 (the bus runs only once per hour so this is the only bus). Alternatively it is approximately 800m from the Tervuren Dorp tram stop on the 44 tram line from Montgomery. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please note that we are holding **Pumpkin Week** in the week just before half term (starting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October). For those families new to the school we should explain that every child is invited to bring in a pumpkin for the display area that will be in each department. This can be large, small or just funny and

there will be prizes for outstanding pumpkins i.e. biggest, smallest, most unusual etc. We look forward to a lot of Pumpkin fun throughout the week. Please note that the **last day of Pumpkin week (Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>)**, will be a **dressing up day for the children** when they come into school dressed following an autumn colours or pumpkin theme. We are sure that this will lead to a very enjoyable day for all.

We have had a **case of head lice in the Infants department** this week so if your child has the same problem then you can buy a special chemical shampoo from a pharmacy but that it is often better to use the special fine comb from a pharmacy having washed the hair with conditioner or conditioning shampoo to make it smooth.

The **School Photograph day will be next week** on Wednesday, 14th October. Therefore we expect that all children will be able to attend school as normal on that day. Nursery children who attend afternoon sessions can be brought into school at 11.00 for the school, class and individual photos. Their parents should stay with them and then take them home within an hour after the photos have been taken. There will be an opportunity afterwards to buy photographs taken including individual, class and school photographs. If you want a family photograph including parents and / or siblings then please let us know by email and we will try to take these shots as close to 09.00 as possible, in the Infant department.

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

The **first meeting of the BISB Book Club** will also be next week on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October when we shall be looking at 'Lucky Jim' by Kingsley Amis. 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 **talk topic homeworks** for next week are as follows:-

For Nursery	What do you play with at home and who do you play with?
For Reception	What is your favourite season and why?’
For Year 1	What would you choose to draw in a picture of Autumn?
For Year 2	Why should we care about our environment?
For Year 3	Why do you think that our beans are growing towards the window?
For Year 4	What are the changes in the Autumn weather and the differences from the previous season?
For Year 5	What do you think Laika experienced (saw, felt, heard) on her trip in Sputnik 1?
For Year 6	You may take a book, a board game and an electronic gadget to Mars - what would you take?

This week’s star pupils of this week were:

Reception	Gaja for her enthusiasm and good participation while acting out our focus story Saumya for working hard and producing excellent pieces of work during classroom activities.
Year 1	Mahee for writing a super set of instructions for ‘how to get a cat out of a tree’ Otis for showing great improvement in his handwriting skills.
Year 2	Anshuman for being an expert in 2D shape and sharing all his knowledge with us. Nele for her unfailing kindness to all her classmates.
Year 3	Sandra for good effort in the classroom and the swimming pool.
Year 4	Eman for excellent tennis skills during P.E and always playing at her very best effort
Year 5	Ishika for courageous and spectacular studying
Year 6	Emma for outstanding work on factors, prime numbers and prime factors - brilliant!

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

“One doesn't have a sense of humour. It has you”.

- Larry Gelbart

- Autumn Term 2015

Friday 9th October	Junior Dept visit to Brussels Space Expo	
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October 14.00	Walk in the Woods for parents and children of all ages	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photograph Day	
Wednesday 14th 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	<i>half term</i>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November 18.00 – 20.00	Autumn and Diwali craft evening	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 18.00	Junior Department production	

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