

**We did not have a newsletter last week** because the school was closed last Friday for our staff training sessions.

This evening (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November) we are hosting our **Autumn Craft and Diwali evening** from 18.00 to 20.00. This will be held in the Infant department but children from both departments are very welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you then for a fun filled and creative evening.

The weather was very good on Thursday and so we were able to take the **Whole School Photograph**, which had to be postponed again from last month because of adverse weather. It will be possible to obtain one of these after next week for 5€ (18cm x 24cm).

We still have a few **class photos are available** for sale at 3 € each and these will be available next week on Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 08.30 onwards.

Could we ask that parents of children in our drama club who want their **children entered for the LAMDA examinations** (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) please return their interest forms to Mrs Tranter by next week

On Monday our Year 6 children will be participating in the **Primary Maths challenge**. Please see <http://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk> for more details.

Please note that the **Junior department music and drama production** this term will be taking place at the Lijsterbes Community Theatre on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 17.00.

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 show will also be at the Lijsterbes theatre but after the Christmas break on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2016.

There is a **musical soiree taking place from 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November** involving the directing skills of an ex-parent of BISB (Hugh Dow) as well as the musical direction by an ex-BISB music teacher (Elizabeth Flynn). This will be "AMOUR ET MUSIQUE" celebrating the best of French music and comedy in the 19th century.

It will be held at le Théâtre Le Petit Varia, rue Gray 154, 1050 Ixelles at 20.00 each evening. Tickets are €16 (€14 for 10 tickets or more) and more information can be found from the posters in each school entrance or from [www.europeantheatreclub.eu](http://www.europeantheatreclub.eu) .

The **next meeting of the BISB Book Club** will be week on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December when we shall be looking at 'The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul' by

Deborah Rodriguez. If you want to order a copy of this book through the school then please let us know by Monday morning (19<sup>th</sup> October). Otherwise you can order a copy through one of several on-line book shops.

There is a **production of the Snowman** taking place on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 14.30 at the Auderghem Cultural Centre. More information can be found at [www.brusselssnowmanconcert.com](http://www.brusselssnowmanconcert.com) . Please let us know if you might be interested in going (and if so, how many people) so that we can ascertain if there is sufficient interest to make a BISB group booking.

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

For Nursery	What would you do, if you saw a mouse in your house?
For Reception	What might your favourite toys say if they could talk
For Year 1	What makes you feel angry? What makes you feel calm and relaxed?
For Year 2	How did the world look when it was new?
For Year 3	Why do trees lose their leaves in autumn?
For Year 4	Why is it important to have school rules?
For Year 5	What makes someone work hard for a boss (or teacher)?
For Year 6	Why is Korea divided?

Parents should be aware that **Nursery places at BISB for September 2016** are close to being full. Therefore if you are thinking about a possible place in the Nursery at any time before September 2017 then you should contact the school office immediately. However we do recognise that in the next 10 months someone's plans are highly likely to change therefore in reality we do still have some flexibility. What this also means is that for people whose names are already on the Nursery list for September 2016 we shall be issuing the invoices for the initial non-refundable payment of 10% of fees in January 2016.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

Reception	George for sharing his enthusiasm of the books in the class book box
	Anvi for great discussion work about our sounds of the week
Year 1	Tanvi for writing some lovely sentences about the sea.
	Alex for super work with finding one more in our game of class bingo.
Year 2	Ayush, for always getting straight down to work, whatever the job is
	Maanas for his wonderful enthusiasm for reading.
Year 3	Catriona for good work and good homework this week
Year 4	Dheethyaa for always being kind and helpful

- Year 5      Amin for beautiful art work and impressive improvements in his English
- Year 6      Nithessh for his excellent comprehension skills. Brilliant!

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

“He who wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper”.

- Edmund Burke.

### Autumn Term 2015

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
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 visit to the Musee des Sciences Naturelles
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 17.00	Junior Department production
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 14.30	Nursery concert Infant Department
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 12.15 (12.20 Junior dept)	End of term

### Spring Term 2016

Thursday 21st January, 2016. 17.00	Infant Department production Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
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### Summer Term 2016

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 29th April	Year 4, 5 and 6 children Residential week at Rippledown House, UK
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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