

Newsletter – 20 November 2015

On Friday of next week our Year 5 children will be visiting the Bois du Luc Mining Museum near La Louvière in the south (see <http://www.ecomuseeboisduluc.be/> for more information). They will be travelling by school minibus and be back in school before the end of the school day so picked up at the usual time at the end of the day.

We are very happy to help children celebrate their **birthdays in school** but please note this is **not a reason why they should come to school in clothes other than their normal school uniform**. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

On Friday 4th December, the Junior School will be doing its bit and raising money for **Belgium's first Red Nose Day** (Rode Neuzen Dag). This is a regular, yearly event in Anglophone countries, where money is raised for charity during a televised comedy marathon. The same is happening in Belgium, the emission going out on Saturday 5th December but BISB will celebrate the event at school next Friday.

1 in 5 young Flemish Belgians suffer from mental health issues while 1 in 5 French-speaking children live in poverty and are at risk of developing such illnesses. Funds raised will be assigned to helping such vulnerable children and the children at BISB will learn about this in the assembly.

See <http://rodeneuzendag.be> for more information in Dutch and you can see <http://www.flanderstoday.eu/innovation/flanders-first-red-nose-day-laughter-serious-message> for an explanation in English

Junior department children are invited to contribute 3 euros to the charities to buy their own official Red Nose and dress up in red clothes of their choice on Friday, 4th December.

Please note that the **Junior department music and drama production** this term will be taking place at the Lijsterbes Community Theatre on Monday, 14th 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 21st January, 2016.

The **next meeting of the BISB Book Club** will be week on Wednesday 9th December when we shall be looking at 'The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul' by Deborah Rodriguez. You can order a copy through one of several on-line book shops.

There was not a strong response to the suggestion of a BISB group going to the **production of the Snowman** taking place on Sunday December 6th at 14.30 at the Auderghem Cultural Centre. Therefore if you do wish to go

yourself we suggest that you see www.brusselsnowmanconcert.com for ticketing information.

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

- For Nursery Have you ever stroked a real sheep?' What did it feel like?
 What do you think it would feel like?
- For Reception How do you take care of your toys at home?
- For Year 1 What makes you feel proud?
- For Year 2 What would you do if you dug up a dinosaur in the
 playground or in your garden?
- For Year 3 Do you think stories are powerful? Why or why not?
- For Year 4 How can we keep healthy? What things are considered
 important in keeping healthy?
- For Year 5 Thomas Hardy's poem, The Convergence of the Twain, was
 written for a charity event raising funds for the Titanic
 disaster; was it appropriate - fitting or insensitive?
- For Year 6 How does surface ice affect aquatic life?

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 Shanvitha for sharing books with her friends
 Saniha for her excellent participation during maths activities
- Year 1 Anoushka for using some great wow words in her writing about
 different seasons
 Aarav for his exceptional manners and politeness in class and
 around the school
- Year 2 Arsalan for his super swimming
 Dev for working very hard in his writing
- Year 3 Yatin for always trying his best and being helpful
- Year 4 Min-hyeok for working very well in class and trying his very
 best in all areas of the curriculum
- Year 5 Artem for super Science effort
- Year 6 Vihaan for being such a conscientious Quiz Master and
 producing such challenging questions on a variety of interesting
 subjects

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

“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong”.

= Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)

= Autumn Term 2015

Wednesday 18 th November	Year 2 visit to the Musee des Sciences Naturelles
Friday 27 th November	Year 5 children trip to the Bois du Luc Mining Museum
Monday 30 th November - Thursday 3 rd December	Visiting ISI Inspection team in school
Monday 14 th December 17.00	Junior Department production
Thursday 17 th December 14.30	Nursery concert Infant Department
Friday 18 th 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 th April - Friday 29th April	Year 4, 5 and 6 children Residential week at Rippledawn 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 30th 2016 at 15.30

End of Summer Term

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