

Newsletter – 4 December 2015

We have been hosting the inspection team from ISI this week. The process of inspection went very well and the inspectors have now completed their work in school and returned to their own schools and homes. **The report will take around 3 – 4 weeks** to be written, reviewed and made available by the ISI and as soon as we are able to do so we will circulate it to all of our parents. Until then the contents of the report remain confidential.

Next week we shall revert to our **normal finishing times** for every class including the Nursery i.e. they will finish at 15.20, as normal. Other security precautions will stay in place.

Today the Junior School celebrated **Belgium's first Red Nose Day** (Rode Neuzen Dag) and we raised 230 € which is a fantastic contribution. The TV transmission of the national event will be going out on Saturday 5th December.

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 learned about this in the assembly this week.

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

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 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will go to the theatre directly from school at 13.00 and will be picked up from the theatre directly after the show.

The Nursery performance will be on Thursday 17th December at 14.30 in the Infant Department

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. Everyone is very welcome to attend even if you haven't read the book as you can come along to help suggest a book for the first meeting in 2016.

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

- For Nursery Who is Santa claus?’ Where does he live?’
For Reception choose any animal that lives in the snow/cold and share what they already know about their chosen animal.
For Year 1 What makes you feel excited?’
For Year 2 How would you most like to travel around the world?
For Year 3 How healthy is our diet? Do we eat the right foods?
For Year 4 What did you like best about Red Nose Day?’
For Year 5 How was your performance at school this week: good, excellent or just satisfactory? Tell your parents why?
For Year 6 What did you learn about Mesa Verde National Park?

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 Eilidh for making a great start with her number book
Saumya for being helpful around the classroom
Year 1 Dhyani – for great work writing sentences with the /ar/ sound in phonics.
Anindita – for having a great attitude and doing her best work in every lesson.
Year 2 Tala for being an extremely kind and thoughtful friend;
Ayan, for his enthusiasm and dedication in finding out all he can about dinosaurs
Year 3 Divgun for trying really hard in all she does
Year 4 Dheethyaa for making fantastic progress in her swimming skills as well as in her reading
Year 5 Amin for excellent canal-building industrial revolution and poetry comprehension
Year 6 Aalaap for his excellent work about ‘hyphens’. Well done!

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

“I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

- Noel Coward

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