

## Newsletter – 8 January 2016

On behalf of all of the staff at BISB we would like to wish everybody a **Happy New Year** and may you and your family enjoy a rewarding and positive 2016.

We would also like to offer our **congratulations to Naomi Gill** our Reception teacher who got married during the Christmas holidays. She is therefore going to be referred to as Mrs Gill in school from now on.

Our **after school activities will be starting next week** and you should already have received the information about them by e-mail and by letter. If you wish your child to participate in an after school activity, then please respond to the school office and similarly if you have not yet received the information contact the school office straight away.

Please note are that the Story / Drama club for Reception – Year 2 children will not start next week but one week later on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

If any child wishes to start or continue **piano or violin lessons** in school then please feel free to contact the school office as we have teachers who are able to come into school to teach individual children.

The children from the Junior department will be **attending a musical workshop at Bozar** the Centre for Fine Arts Brussels at the Palais des Beaux-Arts, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. They will be leaving school around 10.00 and returning before the end of the normal school day. There will be a 10€ cost for this event to cover both transport and entrance.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January the Year 6 children will be going out for the evening to see the **Brussels Shakespeare Society's production of Romeo and Juliet**. The cost of this will be 20 euro which includes a pizza supper, transport to the theatre and the cost of the ticket.

We are now confirming the travel and accommodation reservations for the Year 4, 5 and 6 children to go to the **residential week at Rippledown House in the UK** (see <http://rippledown.com/> for more information. They will be there for the week of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April and if there is any reason why anybody in these classes will not be able to attend then we need to know now. **There will be no charge to parents for the trip this year** as all of the costs are being covered within the school budget. It is therefore very important that we know straight away if there is anybody not going as we do not want to pay for tickets that are not going to be used. **Accordingly could every parent with a child in Years 4, 5 or 6 please send an email into the school office confirming that their child will be going on this trip.** Please

note that non-EU children do NOT need a UK visa to go on this trip as there is a Europe wide agreement between countries for such school trips.

Please don't forget that every Friday morning there is a **parents' coffee morning** held in the Junior department library at 09.00 and this is a great social occasion. It also gives parents an opportunity to change their library book in the Parents and teachers section of the library.

The **next meeting of the BISB Book Club** will be week on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm when we shall be completing conversations about 'The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul' by Deborah Rodriguez as well as looking at Empress Dowager Cixi : The Concubine Who Launched Modern China by Jung Chang

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

Please note that the **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 show** will be taking place at the Lijsterbes theatre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 at 17.00. De Lijsterbes Theatre is located at Lijsterbessenbomenlaan 6, 1950 Kraainem. The theatre can be reached by public transport as well with STIB Bus 42 (Direction Viaduc E40 – Stop is Sint Antonius /Saint Antoine) and the link below shows the location.

<https://www.google.be/maps/@50.8621689,4.4593312,16z?hl=en>

The children are taken to the theatre around lunch time by bus and are then picked up from the theatre after the show around 18.00.

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

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| For Nursery   | What is your favourite room in your house/apartment? Why is it your favourite?                     |
| For Reception | Would you rather live in a cold climate, a hot climate or a seasonal climate like here in Belgium? |
| For Year 1    | What do you like to do in the Winter?  |
| For Year 2    | What is wonderful about our world?   |
| For Year 3    | What is a pirate? What makes a pirate a pirate?  |
| For Year 4    | What is the digestive system? And why is it important to have a good digestive system?"            |
| For Year 5    | Who needs water most?  |
| For Year 6    | Why are the works of William Shakespeare still considered relevant?                                |

The **classes going swimming** from this week onwards are :-  
Tuesday – Year 1a and Thursday Year 5.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Line for her brilliant segmenting of words to hear sounds for her writing.  
Tharun for his good understanding of cold climate animals.
- Year 1 Rino for a great retelling of the Three Little Pigs story.  
Saanvi for super effort and enthusiasm when practising songs for our winter show.
- Year 2 Sai Shreyas for raising a very important question about our planet.  
Maanas for constantly finding out all he can about our world.
- Year 3 Oskar for marvellous measuring in maths this week
- Year 4 Eman for always being a good hearted person and very caring towards others.
- Year 5 Abhiram for attacking pieces of work this week.
- Year 6 Ole for being such an enthusiastic scientist.

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

“There are none so blind as those who will not see”.

- John Heywood

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### Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January,

Junior department orchestral workshop at Bozar. (Centre for Fine Arts Brussels at the Palais des Beaux-Arts)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Year 6 visit to see BSS production of Romeo and Juliet including a pizza supper and pre-show workshop

Thursday 21st January,  
17.00

Infant Department production  
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

### Summer Term 2016

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
- Friday 29th April

Year 4, 5 and 6 children Residential week  
at Rippledown House, UK

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