

Newsletter – 15 January 2016

Please note that the **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 show** will be taking place at the Lijsterbes theatre on Thursday 21st 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 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 19th 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 20th 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. **Accordingly if you have not yet done so 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.** They will be there for the week of Monday 25th April to Friday 29th 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. 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 on Wednesday February 24th at 8pm when we shall be 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 the book as you can come along to help suggest a book for the following meeting.

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

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| For Nursery | Why did Goldilocks eat baby bear's porridge?" |
| For Reception | What did dinosaurs use to eat? Do different types of dinosaurs all eat the same thing? |
| For Year 1 | What would life be like without cars? |
| For Year 2 | Why don't the planets float away from the sun? |
| For Year 3 | If you were a pirate, what would you plunder or steal? |
| For Year 4 | What part of London do you like best and why? |
| For Year 5 | Which was the best river you ever saw? Explain your answer. |
| For Year 6 | What do you know about Chinese New Year celebrations? |

Children from the Junior department will be visiting the Food and War exhibition in February for a guided visit and cooking activity. Please see <http://www.moulindevere.be/j/images/stories/agenda/foodwar/foodwar-folder.pdf>

for more details. Years 5 and 6 will be going on Tuesday 2nd February with Years 3 and 4 going 3 days later on Friday 5th February

This week's star pupils of this week were:

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| Reception | Aadya for her 'never give up' attitude during maths sessions
Thomas for his brilliant, independent addition work using a number square. |
| Year 1 | Min-Jae for excellent swimming.
Anjali for great work in class this week. |
| Year 2 | Ameet for his fantastic progress in reading. Keep going!
Mithran for making a great effort with his alien letter. |
| Year 3 | Catriona for working well in spite of a broken elbow. |
| Year 4 | Gordon for excellent attitude towards school and always trying his best. |
| Year 5 | Ishika for fantastic independent learning and helping others to learn too. |
| Year 6 | Wei-Heng for being such an outstanding House Captain; we shall miss you! |

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

"There is no mistaking a real book when one meets it. It is like falling in love".

- Christopher Morley.

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 19 th January,	Junior department orchestral workshop at Bozar. (Centre for Fine Arts Brussels at the Palais des Beaux-Arts)
Wednesday 20 th 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
Tuesday 2nd February	Years 5 and 6 visit to the Food and War exhibition for a guided visit and cooking activity
Friday 5 th February	Years 3 and 4 visit to the Food and War exhibition for a guided visit and cooking activity

Summer Term 2016

Sunday 24 th 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 30th 2016 at 15.30

End of Summer Term

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