

The Junior Department children thoroughly enjoyed their **orchestral workshop at BOZAR** on Tuesday. They felt extremely privileged to have taken part in this event with a selection of pupils from local schools in the area; BISB was the only international school participating in this event. Mrs Tranter would like to thank Mrs Mayeur for organising this outing and Remua (<http://www.remua.be>) for hosting us.

There are still one or two parents who have not yet confirmed that their child in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be going to the **residential week at Rippledawn House in the UK** (see <http://rippledawn.com/> for more information. **Please do this as a matter of urgency if you haven't yet had a chance to do so.** There is no charge to parents for the trip this year as all of the costs are being covered within the school budget and 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.

There will be a **Cake Sale on Friday 5th February** to commemorate Chinese New Year and Valentine's day which fall during the half term break. Children should come dressed in red on that day and we ask parents to send in individual cakes etc. and children will be able to buy them for 50 cents, so children should bring in 1 or 2 euros on that day. The funds raised will do to support the Bananule school for orphans in Kampala (see <http://banunuleschool.com/> for more information) .

BISB will once again be participating in 'Splash 2016' the Brussels Lions Club Swimarathon, on Sunday March 13th at Omnisport Neder-over-Heembeek Sports Centre, Rue du lombardsijdestraat, 120, 1120 - Neder-over-Heembeek. Please see <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/welcome-splash-0> for more details. If you want to take part (children and / or parents) then please send an email into the school office saying that you want to take part. BISB is having 3 swimming lanes this year which is more than we have ever had.

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 | Ask mummy or daddy to tell you the story of the three little pigs. What do you think the wolf's house is made of? |
| For Reception | What are your favourite dinosaurs? Why? |
| For Year 1 | What was your favourite part of our winter show, and why? |
| For Year 2 | Why do we need a home? |
| For Year 3 | Which is your favourite instrument in the orchestra? Why? |
| For Year 4 | What are the animals called that only eat plants? What is the reason why they only eat plants? |
| For Year 5 | If you planted a seed, what would it be and why? |
| For Year 6 | Where would you 'set' your production of Romeo and Juliet? Why? |

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 | Saniha for her growing confidence when blending.
Pranjal for his enthusiasm towards our dinosaur topic. |
| Year 1 | Shinnosuke for writing a super story based on the three little pigs.
Mithilesh for super addition work in maths. |
| Year 2 | All of Year 2, for their fantastic performance, with all of the other children, in the winter show. |
| Year 3 | Zaid for being a very capable school council representative for our class. |
| Year 4 | Pranet for trying his best in school at all times |
| Year 5 | Artem for being a fantastic geographer for the past 3 weeks |
| Year 6 | Celine for speaking in English in the classroom. We are all so happy about this! |

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

“Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: You don't give up”.

- Anne Lamott.

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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
Sunday 13 th March	Splash 2016 Charity Swim

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