

This week we have had low numbers of children attending school in the Infant department as there is a **flu-like virus going around**. In order to minimise the spread of such viruses we ask, as always, that parents keep their children at home for at least 24 hours without a high temperature before bringing them back to school. If your child shows any signs of being unwell, we advise that you consult your doctor. For children who have been absent more than three days we require a doctor's certificate stating that your child is able to attend school. We hope to see everyone back in school as soon as they are fully recovered.

If any family already knows for certain that they will be **leaving Brussels and BISB in the summer** then we would be pleased to be informed as soon as possible. This is because we have already received a record number of applications this month for places in September 2016 and so we wish to know how many places are likely to be available as soon as possible for other applications that we will receive over the next few months.

Please note that if you are leaving at the end of the summer term the deadline of 90 days for giving written notice of departure falls on Friday 1st April. This is during the Easter holiday and is 90 days before Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the last day of the summer term.

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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:-

- For Nursery Which of the three little pig's houses was the strongest?  
Why was it stronger than the others?
- For Reception Talk about your favourite museum memories.
- For Year 1 Would you like to be a space traveller? Why, and what would you like to do?
- For Year 2 What are your earliest memories?
- For Year 3 Which materials are waterproof? How can we be sure of this?
- For Year 4 Why is it important to brush your teeth before you go to bed and when you wake up in the morning?
- For Year 5 In your opinion, what is the worse type of river pollution and why?
- For Year 6 Which version of Romeo and Juliet do you prefer? 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February with Years 3 and 4 going 3 days later on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Akshat for his enthusiasm when showing his stegosaurus during talk topic  
Shanvitha for her excellent participation during dominoes
- Year 1 Netra for great answers in class and for creating a super space story.  
Laasya for great work on 3D shapes and on telling the time
- Year 2 Swarnima for her amazingly long alien letter;  
Nele for all her super ideas in her letter.
- Year 3 Shivang for good manners and trying his best.
- Year 4 Eman for being so helpful and patient during our weaving lesson
- Year 5 Abhiram for great Maths, Biology and Topic work.
- Year 6 Nithesh for his passionate research about our science topics, thank you

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

“Who is rich? He that is content. Who is that? Nobody”.

- Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790).

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Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 2nd February	Years 5 and 6 visit to the Food and War exhibition for a guided visit and cooking activity
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 3 and 4 visit to the Food and War exhibition for a guided visit and cooking activity
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Splash 2016 Charity Swim

Summer Term 2016

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 15.30**

**End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016