

We have this week issued the **mid-year reports** for all children throughout the school. If you have not received the report via your child's folder then please contact the school office next week.

If families find themselves needing to take an **extended unauthorised absence** for their child during term time then we would prefer to receive as much notice as possible. Also parents should be aware that they have a legal responsibility in Belgium to ensure that their child, if over the age of six, is attending school full time. Parents should note that during any unauthorised absence we are not able to provide work to take the place of the missed schooling nor rearrange internal schedules to accommodate the absence of an individual.

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 30th June, the last day of the summer term.

On Saturday 16th April we shall be holding our **Spring Craft & Coffee Morning**, which will be from 10.00 – 12.00 in the infant department. This will again provide fun activities for the children and also be a social event for parents.

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.

Year 5 will be enjoying an **exciting trip to the Forest museum** on Thursday 10th March. This will involve some map n' compass work on their way through the Forest to get there.

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 before.

Year 6 will be undertaking what promises to be a very informative visit to the **National Bank of Belgium** on Tuesday 15th March.

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

- For Nursery Do you like to drink Milk?' What food do you eat that is made from milk?'
- For Reception Describe a member of the family including for example, their likes, dislikes, appearance etc.
- For Year 1 What can you find at home that is made from fabric?
- For Year 2 What makes a hero?
- For Year 3 What is your favourite book character? What would you ask them if you happened to meet?
- For Year 4 What is a thermometer and how does it work?
- For Year 5 What is your favourite city? Why was it built there?
- For Year 6 Why do animators love to animate?

The **next meeting of the BISB Book Club** will be on Wednesday March 2nd (postponed from this week) 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.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Thomas for quick and accurate number work.
Aadya for encouraging us all to love stories with her enthusiasm for books.
- Year 1 Mithilesh for super work in mathematics.
Tanvi for making a great poster to try and find the troll from 3 Billy Goats Gruff.
- Year 2 Tala for her very good English work with Mrs Avis.
Aahil for excellent progress in reading.
- Year 3 Bhargav for some very good work on collective nouns
- Year 4 Prisha for excellent art work and working so well on her papier maché activity
- Year 5 Abhiram for a mammoth, valiant effort on his play script
- Year 6 Vihaan for his amazingly organised Year 6 work folder!

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

“Listening to both sides of a story will convince you that there is more to a story than both sides”.

- Frank Tyger

Spring Term 2016

Thursday 10th March -	Year 5 trip - Forest Walk with map n compass to Forest museum
Sunday 13 th March	Splash 2016 Charity Swim – Whole School
Tuesday 15th March	Year 6 visit to the National Bank of Belgium
Thursday 17th March pm	Year 5 Fieldwork trip to Woluwe Watermill (By bike)

Summer Term 2016

Saturday 16th April 10.00 – 12.00	Spring Craft & Coffee Morning in the infant department
Monday 25 th April - Friday 29th April	Year 4, 5 and 6 children Residential week at Rippledawn House, UK
Monday 13 th June 17.00	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Production De Lijsterbes Theatre

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