

BISB will once again be participating in ‘Splash 2016’ the Brussels Lions Club Swimathon, this weekend on Sunday March 13th at Omnisport Nederover-Heembeek Sports Centre, Rue du lombardsijdestraat, 120, 1120 - Nederover-Heembeek. Please see <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/welcome-splash-0> for more details. BISB is having 3 swimming lanes this year which is more than we have ever had before.

Please note in your diaries that 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.

If you are unfortunate to **arrive after 09.00 at the infant department** then, as school will have already started, we would advise that parents do not need to come into school at that point but should instead simply hand their child’s bag to the child and say goodbye at the front door. In this way any disruption to the class is kept to a minimum.

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.

Mrs Avis, our EAL teacher and Literacy Co-ordinator is **leaving the school at the end of this term** to return to the UK. She has been with us for over 8 years and has worked with many of the children throughout the school. We wish her all the best for the future. Her EAL role is being taken over by Mrs Perrin, who is returning next term after the completion of her maternity leave.

This year the **LAMDA examinations**, for those children who have already been entered, will be taking place during the school day on Thursday 21 April 2016 in the Junior department.

Could we remind parents that we always advise that **children should be eating healthily** during their time at school? We have noted an increase in the number of sugary items that a few children are bringing to school as part of their snack and lunch. We do not allow items including chocolate to be brought to school but even though we do not ban items such as cake, biscuits and waffles we do recommend that they not be included. Instead we would suggest some items of fruit or vegetables which can be pre-cut if required.

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

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| For Nursery | What do we need to make crops grow? |
| For Reception | What can we do when we can't sleep? |
| For Year 1 | What can you find at home that is made from metal? |
| For Year 2 | Talk with your children about a legend or myth from your own country. |
| For Year 3 | Love is an abstract noun but what does it mean to you? |
| For Year 4 | If I know $3 \times 4 = 12$ then what else do I know?" |
| For Year 5 | What were the best 4 things about the trip to the Forest and why? |
| For Year 6 | What is quantitative easing? |

At the **next meeting of the BISB Book Club** we shall be looking at "A Married Man" by Catherine Alliot. This is supposed to be a humorous book which will be light reading after Empress Cixi. If anyone wants to be involved then you can order the book from one of the online book suppliers.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

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| Reception | Anvi for making excellent progress in her reading.
Line for her confident swimming. |
| Year 1 | Srija for a great set of instructions explaining how to make paper.
Ali for good spelling in our phonics lessons. |
| Year 2 | Bhuvan and Anshuman, both for outstanding mental maths. |
| Year 3 | Oskar for being a swift and reliable messenger and working so hard in maths. |
| Year 4 | Harkeerat for beautiful art work. |
| Year 5 | Amin for his rapping genius and being one of the kings of the forest. |
| Year 6 | Céline for her outstanding animation skills- making Morph disappear into the table - brilliant! |

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

"A tart temper never mellows with age; and a sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use".

- Washington Irving.

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
Tuesday May 10 th Wednesday May 11 th	Parents Consultation Evening Parents Consultation Evening
w/c Monday May 16 th	Environment Week
Saturday May 28 th 12.00 – 14.30	International Day
Monday 13 th June 17.00	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Production De Lijsterbes Theatre
Wednesday 22 nd June 11.30	Nursery & Reception show
Thursday 23 rd June 14.30	Year 1 and Year 2 show
Thursday 30 th June	Last day of Term

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