

Newsletter – 18 March 2016

It was very exciting to see the number of children and parents and staff members **participating in ‘Splash 2016’** last weekend. Around 20% of the school were taking part which was a very pleasing number of children for a Sunday morning. It shows that our decision to increase the school’s swimming provision 2 years ago is having a significant impact on the number of enthusiastic swimmers throughout the school. On behalf of everyone taking part I would like to thank Mr Stedman for all of the effort he put in to co-ordinate the BISB participation.

Next week will be the last week of term and so there will be no clubs in that week. In addition parents should be aware that the last day of term will be Thursday March 24th and the finishing time will be as normal i.e. 15.25 for the infant department and 15.30 for the junior department. The summer term will start again on Tuesday, April 12th.

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.

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.

On Wednesday 20th April we are going to host a **special coffee morning for parents of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children** who are going to Rippledawn House later in April. This will give parents an opportunity to find out more about the residential trip and also to ask any questions that they wish.

In each department there are leaflets available describing the **Sports Stages available at the Castle Club in the Easter and Summer holidays**. Please pop in and collect one if this is of interest to you.

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.

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.

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

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| For Nursery | Where do Easter eggs come from? |
| For Reception | What signs can you notice that spring is on its way? |
| For Year 1 | What material would you use for making an umbrella and why? |
| For Year 2 | What should we look out for in the park in spring? |
| For Year 3 | A leprechaun finds a pot of gold at the end of his rainbow. What will you find at the end of your rainbow? |
| For Year 4 | Why are science experiments so much fun? |
| For Year 5 | What do you think is the history behind Woluwe Watermill - What was it used for? When was it built? (Check later on Wikipedia IN FRENCH) |
| For Year 6 | Would you like to be a banker? |

At the **next meeting of the BISB Book Club** we shall be looking at "A Married Man" by Catherine Alliott. 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 | Akshat for his excellent blending.
Aditya for his growing water confidence and always trying hard. |
| Year 1 | Aarav for his positive attitude to learning and hard work in class.
Dhyani for great speaking during circle time. |
| Year 2 | Ameet for exercising self-control in the class discussions.
Himanshu for fantastic phonics detective work. |
| Year 3 | Sahasra for always trying her best and working well. |
| Year 4 | Kazuma for excellent maths skills and great understanding in handling data. |
| Year 5 | Darius for great river poetry and brilliant capacity work. |
| Year 6 | Emma for her determination to succeed in her academic studies; what a terrific attitude |

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

"You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old".

- George Burns

Spring Term 2016

Sunday 13 th March	Splash 2016 Charity Swim – Whole School
Tuesday 15 th March	Year 6 visit to the National Bank of Belgium
Thursday 17 th March pm	Year 5 Fieldwork trip to Woluwe Watermill (By bike)

Summer Term 2016

Saturday 16 th April 10.00 – 12.00	Spring Craft & Coffee Morning in the infant department
Wednesday 20 th April 09.00	Special coffee morning for parents of children who are going to Rippledawn House
Monday 25 th April - Friday 29 th 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