

Newsletter – 22 April 2016

At last week's Spring Craft & Coffee Morning, everybody who attended had a great time and **the school was able to raise 250 €** for the Banunule school for orphans in Kampala.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children are off for their **residential week at Rippledown House next week**. Children will be travelling in school uniform by Eurostar to London but their luggage is being taken by school minibus direct to Rippledown. During next week the **Year 2 children will spend the week (Monday April 25 – Friday April 29) working in the Junior department**, in Avenue de l' Emeraude, 59 (only a few minutes' walk from the Infant Department.) to familiarise themselves for next year, when they become Year 3. They will be there with Mrs. Read for the week, and so they should be dropped off and picked up (at 15.30) at the Junior Department in Avenue de l' Emeraude, 59 rather than at the Infant Department in Avenue Emile Max.

We are planning to host our **BISB parent & toddler group** again in this summer term for anyone who might be interested. If you have a child who is currently too young to attend our Nursery then for one afternoon a week there will be an opportunity for parents and children to meet and play in the Studio at the Junior department. There is no charge for this so please contact schooloffice@bisb.org if you would like to come along either regularly or occasionally.

There is a **new Art Museum opened** this month in Brussels and it might be of interest to several of our families. It is called Mima and it is planning to be the defining museum of contemporary art. If any parents would like to go as part of a BISB group on a weekend, possibly in May, then please let us know and we will do our best to co-ordinate the visit. More information can be found at <http://www.mimamuseum.eu> .

For any families with children going to Rippledown House please make sure that you **bring your child's passport on Monday morning** if you have not already handed it into school. Also for non-European passport holders you should have any necessary id cards or documents for returning into Belgium.

Parents may wish to be know that we have **several volunteer assistants** helping out in school at the moment. You may have heard of Mrs Flynn helping out with Year 2, Mrs Keogh currently working with the Reception class and Maria Robles (Miss Maria) helping with the Nursery children. All of these people have undergone security and identity checks before working with the children and everybody is benefitting from these arrangements.

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.

If you are likely to be **leaving school before the last day of this term** i.e. Thursday June 30th then please inform the school as soon as possible of your travel plans.

The **LAMDA examinations**, took place this week and the external examiner commented that he thought that the BISB children were all delightful and very well-prepared with their speaking pieces.

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

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| For Nursery | What is your favourite item of clothing and why? |
| For Reception | What do you know about the other planets in our solar system? |
| For Year 1 | If I dig a hole in my garden, what could I find? |
| For Year 2 | How can I tell that I am growing up? |
| For Year 3 | Harry Potter and the iPad14 - A new blockbuster! What do you think will happen? |
| For Year 4 | Why were schools in Ancient Greece so different to schools today? What would they have done about iPad14? |
| For Year 5 | TinTin and the iPad14: retell a story in words |
| For Year 6 | Would Shackleton have had the courage to own-up about iPad 14? |

At the **next meeting of the BISB Book Club** which will be on Wednesday June 8th at 20.00, we shall be looking at "The Miniaturist" by Jessie Burton. This is a story of a young woman in 17th century Amsterdam. If anybody wants a copy to be purchased along with other club members then please let us know by email to the school office by next Tuesday.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

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| Reception | Aasya for having a very co-operative nature. Eilidh for being really helpful this week |
| Year 1 | Laasya for super work with addition ladders in maths this week. Saanvi for great work in phonics. |
| Year 2 | Ayush for organising his science group with kindness and good sense. Swarnima for being ready, tidy and well-organised. |
| Year 3 | Sandra for really good work in Maths this week |
| Year 4 | Rikhil for being so well behaved on the school trip. |
| Year 5 | Abhiram for excellent comprehension and artistically accurate Aztec |

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Vihaan for preparing all the questions for the Rippledown Quiz
Night, thank you.

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

“Certainly, travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on,
deep and permanent, in the ideas of living”.

- Miriam Beard

Summer Term 2016

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| Wednesday 20 th April | Year 4 visit to Trainworld. |
| Wednesday 20 th April 09.00 | Special coffee morning for parents of children who are going to Rippledown House |
| Friday 22 nd April | Drop off of Rippledown luggage at the Junior department. |
| Monday 25 th April - Friday 29 th April | Year 4, 5 and 6 children Residential week at Rippledown House, UK |
| Monday 25 th April - Friday 29 th April | Year 2 children working in Junior Department |
| 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 |
| Wednesday June 8 th at 20.00 | BISB Book Club looking at "The Miniaturist" by Jessie Burton |
| 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