

Newsletter – 20 May 2016

Because of the very positive response from parents the School Council would like to announce that **'Rippledawn, The Movie'** is close to coming off the production line. They are offering parents two choices, i.e. provide a (named) USB stick to transfer the file or simply receive a DVD of the film. Parents will be asked to indicate which option they prefer. The School Council are planning to put any money made from the venture towards more fish and ornaments for the Junior Department fish tank.

Our Junior department children had a lovely time listening to **the author Sue Purkiss** <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Sue-Purkiss/e/B0034OUYA0> who visited the Junior Department last week. Anyone interested in her books can find more information via the link above.

We shall be celebrating our **annual International Day on Saturday 28th May** this year. This is when we celebrate the international diversity of the school with a taste of many of the 30 or so nations represented at BISB. This can be literally via national food and drink or national costumes, music, posters, whatever you wish. So far we have over a dozen countries represented but it's still not too late to join in. Let us know if you are thinking of organising a national stall and we will provide advice and guidance. Just drop us an e-mail to the school office. If you are travelling back to your country in the next few days then this could give you an opportunity to obtain items for your country's stall.

BISB is going to participate in the next **Belgian International Schools' Sports Day**, taking place next week on Friday 27th May. (This will be on 10th June if the weather in May is unfavourable). This will take place at St Pauls' British Primary School in Vossem and we shall be fielding a 6 person netball team and a 6 person football team.

Another highlight of the summer term is the Fifteen15 class **cricket competition** that takes place every Wednesday lunchtime throughout May in the Junior department. Parents are not able to spectate for these but they are very welcome to come along to the Asia V Europe Cricket matches being held on Monday 30th May and Monday 6th June from 15.25 to 17.30.

We were very pleased to note that Alakananda achieved 10th place in the **Belgium Finals of the Maths and Logic Puzzle Championships**, as being recognised as the 10th best mathematician in Belgium is a wonderful achievement. It was also fantastic that we had two other mathematicians in the top 30 and so Kiran and Aalap should also feel very proud.

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 | When do we get a rainbow? |
| For Reception | What memories do you have of going on holiday to the beach (or other interesting place if you can't remember a beach holiday)? |
| For Year 1 | What are the signs that summer is almost here? |
| For Year 2 | How do people around the world get their water? |
| For Year 3 | Why has our sugar crystal experiment not worked? How can we improve it? |
| For Year 4 | Why is Golden time so much fun? What do you like best about it? |
| For Year 5 | What 5 instructions would you give a new student to survive in Mr Stedman's Year 5 class? |
| For Year 6 | Where would you choose to write a story? |

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.

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.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Dhanishka for working hard learning the stages of the water cycle.
Saniha for being an enthusiastic learner.
- Year 1 Ali for good writing on our water topic.
Anoushka for super sentences in our phonics lesson.
- Year 2 Swarnima for leading the class singing tunefully and clearly.
Dev for kindly and patiently helping a friend in mathematics, and
for his sensible use of the internet.
- Year 3 Rose for good sporting skills
- Year 4 Dheethyaa for handing in beautiful and neat homework
- Year 5 Amin for great verbal maths reasoning and phenomenal composition
last week
- Year 6 Celine for attempting all the Year 6 examinations after only nine
months of learning English - what a star!

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

“In all affairs it's a healthy thing now and then to hang a question mark on the
things you have long taken for granted”.

- Bertrand Russell

Summer Term 2016

w/c Tuesday May 17 th	Environment Week
Saturday May 28 th 12.00 – 14.30 in Infant Dept	International Day
Monday 30 th May from 15:25 to 17.30	1 st Asia V Europe Cricket match
Monday 6 th June from from 15:25 to 17.30	2 nd Asia V Europe Cricket match
Wednesday June 8 th at 20.00	BISB Book Club looking at "The Miniaturist" by Jessie Burton
Monday 13 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Technopolis.
Monday 13 th June 17.00 De Lijsterbes Theatre	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Production of Wind in the Willows
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