

BISB has enjoyed a very successful **Belgian International Schools' Sports Day** and great credit is due to all of the children who took part, as they have made us all very proud.

BISB achieved 1st place in the Netball competition and won the Trophy as a result. This is a tremendous team achievement. **We also achieved the Sportsmanship Award, which was won by Emma** for never giving up, leading by example and displaying determination throughout.

Alakananda received the Most Valuable Player Award and honourable mentions in this category were also picked up by Darius and Anirvan (Netball) and Kiran (football). On behalf of all the participants, I would like to thank Mr. Stedman for all of his tireless work on the sports pitch and organising of the teams as well as Mrs Kafouris who accompanied the teams on the day.

Preparations have been going on today for our **International Day tomorrow** (Saturday 28th May). We shall be celebrating the international diversity of the school with a taste of many of the 30 or so nations represented at BISB. We have nearly the same number of stall as last year with several promising to be bigger and better than ever before. We look forward to seeing you for the start at 12.00. The school will be open for preparations from 10.00 onwards.

At the end of this newsletter and all subsequent newsletters for the next 15 months you will find the **school calendar for 2016 / 17**. Just scroll down to the end.

The School Council would like parents to be aware that if they are providing a USB stick for '**Rippledawn, The Movie**' then it needs to be at least 8 Gb. The School Council are planning to put any money made from the venture towards more fish and ornaments for the Junior Department fish tank.

The whole school BISB **SuperTmatik Championship** and the subsequent **International Grand Online Finals** have now come to an end. A quarter of a million children worldwide enter this mental math card game tournament and as usual the 12 champions from our in-school competition across six age groups qualified for the online phase.

We must say a huge well done to Nithessh in Year 6 for achieving 7th place in his category. Please see

http://www.eudactica.com/media/wysiwyg/pdf-en/TOP10_2016en.pdf

Congratulations to all of the children who were all BISB champions and thoroughly deserved to be in the World Finals. They should be very proud.

Also with a right to feel proud is Rikhil. Rikhil battled hard with Darius in the final of the BISB Challenge Cup to come out overall winner and be crowned

2016 Challenge Cup champion. Also of note this year was that two super Year 2's made the Semi Finals – well done to Ameet and Ayush! See <http://www.bisb.org/project/supert/> for more info.

Another highlight of the summer term is the upcoming **cricket competitions**, the Asia V Europe Cricket matches being held on Monday 30th May and Monday 6th June from 15.25 to 17.30.

Parents are very welcome to come along to these two sporting occasions.

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:-

For Nursery	What do you think you will find at the end of the rainbow?
For Reception	What model would you most like to make in the sand?
For Year 1	What plants and animals would you like to find at the bottom of your garden?
For Year 2	Where did words come from?
For Year 3	What would you tell a new classmate about our school?
For Year 4	Why is it vital to look after our body and keep it healthy?
For Year 5	Give five instructions to be happy
For Year 6	What do you think of Mr Ismay's actions?

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 Aditya for using a 'wow' word when describing the taste of water.
Aadharrshini for remembering the different stages of the water cycle.
- Year 1 Netra for speaking her part so well in the Year 1 'Hungry Caterpillar' story.
Hana for a great effort in writing her 'Hungry Caterpillar' story.
- Year 2 Ameet for taking exceptional care with his cake painting.
Anshuman for sharing his especially good understanding of grammar.
- Year 3 Oskar Purkiss for applying himself well to the tests this week.
- Year 4 Eman for excellent improvement in her maths skills.
- Year 5 Darius for delivering his finest handwriting in assessment week.
- Year 6 Usman for showing true sportsmanship by his magnanimous acceptance of being unable to participate in the inter-school football match.

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

“We cannot control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them”.

- Cato the Elder (234 BC - 149 BC)

Summer Term 2016

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

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Autumn Term

Thursday, September 1, 2016

Start of Autumn Term

Friday, October 28, 2016 School Closed - Staff Training Day

Monday, October 31, 2016 Half Term
- Friday, November 4, 2016 Break

Friday, November 11, 2016 School Closed - Public Holiday
Armistice Day

Friday, December 16, 2016 at 12.15

End of Autumn Term

Spring Term

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Start of Spring Term

Monday, February 27, 2017 Half Term
- Friday, March 3, 2017 Break

Friday, March 31, 2017 at 12.15

End of Spring Term

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

School Closed - Staff Training Day

Summer Term

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Start of Summer Term

Monday, May 1, 2017

May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 25, 2017

Ascension Public Holiday

Friday, May 26 2017

Half Term Holiday

Monday, June 5, 2017

Pentecost Holiday

Friday June 30th 2017 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 4th, 2017