

Last Sunday's '**Walk in the Woods**' was a tremendous day out for all concerned. Nearly 50 people came along to enjoy weather that was perfect for the walk, being sunny but not too hot. We look forward to holding a similarly successful event later in the year as the woods change completely throughout the year and it is always a different experience.

Please note that any parents of children who have previously taken a LAMDA examination but are not currently in the after-school drama club and **who would like their child entered for the examinations in February 2017**, should contact Mrs Tranter by 20th October at year6teacher@telenet.be or via the school office.

There is still lots to see from **last week's excellent Junior department Space week** by looking at <http://www.bisb.org/project/world-space-week-junior-department/> when the children were blasting off rockets, dancing space dances, learning about the history of space travel, designing and making space helmets and summarising all of these beautifully with their space paintings.

Next week on Monday (17th October) all the pupils from the Junior Department will be visiting the European Space Expo. Further details of this can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=8938&lang=en

The TCS marathon is taking place in Amsterdam this Sunday and some **parents and children from school** are participating in the associated TCS 8km race. We wish them all good luck and you can find out more at :- <http://www.tcsamsterdammarathon.nl/en/>

The **weekly Coffee mornings** are now held every Friday at 09.00 in the Junior department library (but today's was at one of the local cafés for variety). We do hope that you can come along in the future if you weren't able to come along today. This will also give you a chance to change your library books from the large selection of books in English for parents and teachers.

On the Thursday of Pumpkin Week (27th October) the fantasy will continue as **Year 4 will be paying a visit to Sortilege**, which is an adventure game location combining fun, resourcefulness and teamwork in Brussels' first Urban Forest. This will be part of their Wishful Thinking fairy-tales Topic. Catching a tram and then bus from school, the class will take part in an all day adventure experience in Neder-over-Heembeek. They look forward to meeting the Fairy, the Knight, the Ogre and the Witch in the mock castle in the woods. The Sortilege enterprise prides itself on being a zero-emission, CO2 friendly sustainable mission.

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

- For Nursery Can you name all of the colours of the autumn leaves and which is your favourite?
- For Reception What is your favourite season? Why is it your favourite?
- For Year 1 What would it be like if you couldn't see?'
- For Year 2 what do you think animals dream about during hibernation?
- For Year 3 If I could win a golden ticket, what would it be for?
- For Year 4 Which of the 3 texts in the PIRA test was the most interesting and why?
- For Year 5 Why do you think the military uses 24 hour time? Do you it's useful having two different ways to say the time?
- For Year 6 What would be the effect on the planet if ice sank?

After the first meeting of the BISB book club this year, we have chosen to read **Labyrinth by Kate Mosse**. The meeting to talk about this book will be on Wednesday 16th November at 20.00 in the Infant department. If you haven't already got your copy then you can still order via an on-line book supplier.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Kavin for his excellent work ethic.
Gwenda for her superb piece of unaided writing.
- Year 1 Neel for working hard in mathematics on identifying the smallest and largest numbers.
Devi for super work on reading, writing and ordering the days of the week.
- Year 2 Anoushka for good work in Maths.
Alex for good effort in his work this week.
- Year 3 Anshuman for his unfailing enthusiasm and good humour, as well as his kindness to others, both in our class and in the playground.
Ayan for trying really hard with his work, for listening well and for being positive and helpful in the classroom
- Year 4 Divgun for Awesome Arithmetic and Writing and for being generally Awesome
- Year 5 Shaariq for his enthusiastic attitude in literacy. He always wants to learn the meanings of new words and demonstrate a broader vocabulary.
- Year 6 Artem for building the perfect shelter and for his outstanding science homework - Brilliant!

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

“Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half the time.
- E. B. White

Autumn Term 2016

Sunday, 9 th October 14.00	Walk in the Woods
Wednesday 12 th October	School Photograph Day
Wednesday 12 th October.	Parents evening for Year 1
Monday 17 th October	Junior Department will be visiting the European Space Expo on
Monday 24 th October	Start of Pumpkin week
Tuesday 25 th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 26 th October.	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th October	Year 4 visit to Sortilege
Friday, October 28, 2016	School Closed - Staff Training Day
Monday, October 31, 2016 - Friday, November 4, 2016	Half Term Break
Friday, November 11, 2016 Armistice Day	School Closed - Public Holiday
Wednesday 16 th November 20.00 Infant Dept	Book Club Meeting to discuss Labyrinth by Kate Mosse.

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2016 / 2017

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