

Newsletter – 28 October 2016

The school is on **half term holiday next week** so do have either a relaxing week here or a pleasant and safe journey away from Brussels. The school will re-open on Monday November 7th.

The children have been so excited throughout **Pumpkin Week this week** in school and they enjoyed all of the elements of the curriculum items being involved with pumpkins. The range of fancy dress worn by the children and staff on Thursday was wonderful to see and most children really enjoyed the pumpkin soup and pumpkin bread that they were able to taste on Thursday too.

The **school has been closed to children today** but all of the staff were in school working, with most teachers participating in training sessions, which were focussed on PE.

Thank you to everyone who came along promptly for their parents evening appointments earlier this week and we look forward to welcoming you still if your appointment had to be postponed until after the half term break.

This year as in previous years we would like to **support the Actie4kids program** in which people prepare a shoebox for children for Christmas. These shoeboxes go to underprivileged children in various parts of the world.

There is no obligation to take part but it is a practical way that children can be involved in giving to those less fortunate than themselves. If you and your children would like to take part we have the leaflets in school, in both buildings. They have very clear instructions and suggestions about the type of things to be included in the boxes. This year the organisers have specially requested boxes for boys as they normally receive a lot more for girls. If you would like to take part please let us know and you can either call in to school to pick up a leaflet or we can put one into your child's folder.

We would need the boxes in school ready for delivery during the week from 28th November to 2nd December.

The **weekly Coffee mornings** are now held every Friday at 09.00 in the Junior department library. We do hope that you can come along in the future. This will also give you a chance to change your library books from the large selection of books in English for parents and teachers.

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

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| For Nursery | What was your favourite activity during pumpkin week?" |
| For Reception | What type of clothes do you wear in Autumn? |
| For Year 1 | What bones are inside of us? |
| For Year 2 | Pumpkins can float. What other vegetables do you think can float? |
| For Year 3 | What do you really enjoy doing when you can choose and have lots of free time?" |
| For Year 4 | Would you recommend Sortilege to other Children? Explain why |
| For Year 5 | Now you have successfully baked pumpkin muffins, what would you like to be able to make next and why? |
| For Year 6 | How do actors learn their 'lines'? |

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:

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| Reception | Deekshita for independently writing her own name.
Suansh for his superbly decorated pumpkin. |
| Year 1 | Akshat for super writing when retelling the story of Pumpkin soup.
George for great work with addition and subtraction. |
| Year 2 | Mahee for demonstrating excellence in swimming.
Srija for some wonderful reading this week. |
| Year 3 | Ameet for excellent work on his Light poster in science.
Swarnima for her positive attitude in everything that she does, both in the classroom and around the school. |
| Year 4 | Shivang for bravery and composure at Sortilege. |
| Year 5 | Ameya for working well during our subtraction lessons this week, completing all of the work and even managing to solve my additional 'challenge' question! |
| Year 6 | Ishika for her outstanding first 'Science Journal'; this journal reflects her enthusiasm and brilliant investigative skills. |

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

"The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion or ethnic background, is that we all believe we are above-average drivers".

Autumn Term 2016

Monday 24 th October	Start of Pumpkin week	
Tuesday 25 th October	Parents Evening	<i>Appointment times will be given before half term</i>
Wednesday 26 th October.	Parents Evening	<i>half term</i>
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.	
Thursday December 1 st 17.00	Infant show for Years Reception 1 and 2	
Thursday December 8 th 11.30	Nursery Show	
Monday December 12 th 17.00	Junior department show for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	
Friday 16 th December 12.15	End of Term	

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
- Friday, November 4, 2016

Half Term
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
- Friday, March 3, 2017

Half Term
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
Friday, May 26 2017

Ascension Public Holiday
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