

Next week we will have a **new member of staff** joining us as Mrs Anna Nagy will be joining us to supervise our after school garderie. This is because Mrs Hauwaerts will be increasing her time working with Year 1 to cover the whole day. Mrs Nagy is an experienced teacher who has recently arrived in Brussels from Australia She speaks English and Italian and is very much looking forward to joining the BISB staff.

We have noticed that there is still a small but significant number of families who do not **arrive promptly for the start of the school day**. At the very least this is a great discourtesy and it is also becoming increasingly unfair to the children affected as some families are regularly coming late. It is the children who are missing out most as they miss the normal start to the day and often miss the explanations for the first planned activity. We would therefore strongly urge everyone to get to school by 09.00 and if you are a regular latecomer then it should certainly be possible for you to catch an earlier bus or tram or simply leave the house 10 minutes earlier. Thank you for your co-operation.

Our next social and fun activity for parents and children will be **our Winter Crafts evening on Friday 9th December**. This will be in the Infant department from 18.00 – 20.00 but families from both departments are very welcome. Proceeds will be going to to Banunule <http://www.thebssg.org.uk/>

Please note that the **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 show** will be at the Lijsterbes theatre on Thursday December 1st at 17.00. The children will go to the theatre directly from school at 13.00 and they will be provided with a snack at the theatre and will be picked up from the theatre directly after the show around 18.00.

The **Nursery performance** will be on Thursday 8th December at 11.30 in the Infant Department and the children can be picked up immediately after the show.

The **Junior department music and drama production** this term will be also taking place at the Lijsterbes Community Theatre on Monday, 12th December at 17.00. Just like the Infant department children the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will go to the theatre directly from school at 13.00 and they will be provided with a snack at the theatre and will be picked up from the theatre directly after the show around 18.00.

Next week the **non-swimmers of Year 2 will be taking advantage** of the normal Tuesday coach trip for swimmers and tennis players to travel to the

Wezembeek park to participate in another nature walk. They will return to school on the bus returning from the swimming pool in time for lunch.

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 next week from 28th November to 2nd December.

There will not be a **weekly Coffee morning** next week because the Friday coffee morning is being moved to the following Monday (Monday December 5th) This is because we are expecting several extra people to come along to assist with a seasonal project in the Studio room downstairs in the Junior department. Please feel free to come along to find out more.

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

- For Nursery Have you ever been to a wedding? What did the bride and groom wear? What did you wear?
- For Reception Why do we need to know what the weather will be like?
- For Year 1 If you could build your very own park, what would you put in it?
- For Year 2 Who would you like to pull a Christmas cracker with and why?
- For Year 3 What makes a design or a picture eye-catching?
- For Year 4 What have you learnt and what have you improved at, in the pool?
- For Year 5 Who is Peggy Whitson and why is she famous?
- For Year 6 What would be your perfect weekend?

The next meeting of the BISB book club will be Book club held on Wednesday 11th January 2017. From several suggestions we have chosen to read and review 'Cold Comfort Farm' by Stella Gibbons. This is a very funny book and if you want to order a copy via the school then please send an email to the school office by Wednesday 30th November.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Pranav for his super singing during the winter show practices.
 Yeshwanth for being a super helper to clear up the leaves.
- Year 1 Aasya for giving excellent answers to a wide variety of questions during 'carpet time' this week.
 Tharun for his super piece of writing about 'My Dad'
- Year 2 Otis for trying really hard in Maths.
 Shinnosuke for good work in Maths
- Year 3 Arsalan for concentrating extremely hard and for taking his work very seriously. Well done Arsalan!
 Dev for his positive attitude, the quiet, calm way in which he applies himself and for always trying his hardest.
- Year 4 Yatin for fine writing inspired by all the media he drew from.
 Bhargav for highly skilful writing and his superb tongue-twisting duet in the show
- Year 5 Min-Hyeok for working hard to further his understanding of using speech marks. He continues to make good progress with the English language.
- Year 6 Luca for working extremely hard in all subjects this week. Well done!

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

“If at first you don't succeed, before you try again, stop to figure out what you did wrong”.

- Leo Rosten

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- Autumn Term 2016

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| Tuesday November 29 th | Non-swimmers of Year 2 go to Wezembeek park. |
| Thursday December 1 st 17.00 | Infant show for Years Reception 1 and 2 |
| Monday December 5 th 09.00 | Special Coffee Morning Junior department Studio |
| Thursday December 8 th 11.30 | Nursery Show |
| Friday 9th December Infant department 18.00 – 20.00 | Winter Crafts Evening |
| 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