

Children in our Junior department from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in their **LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exams** on Monday of next week. We wish them all well when they perform in the ‘Speaking Verse and Prose’ and ‘Acting Solo’ categories and as some children have been taking these exams over several previous years they will be sitting at different levels up to Grade 3.

Thank you to all of those parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 children who have brought in their **child’s passport already so that it can be copied for the trip to Rippledown House in May**. However there are still one or two parents who have not yet been able to do this so we would urge that they try to bring these in for photocopying (they do not need to be left if you are able to wait for a few minutes). Thank you for your compliance if this applies to you.

**Once again BISB will be participating in ‘Splash 2017’** which this year is taking place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. This is an annual Charity swimming event that BISB has taken part in since 2008 where teams of volunteers (including children, staff members and parent volunteers) swim laps as a relay team for a 55 minute period. Children of any level of swimming ability can take part as in previous years we have had children from the Reception class taking part and using a float / swimming jacket to help them. Information has been circulated within school to let you know how you can take part too.

Please see <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/pool-occupancy-2017> for more details.

This annual event is a swimming relay in aid of charities in Belgium and this year, monies raised will go to a Brussels city farm which educates, trains and provides work for people with special needs; and to city-slum schools in Kenya which provides a pathway for children through school to university.

Could we remind parents then if your child is ill e.g. being sick several times through the night then no matter how keen they are to attend school next day they should not be allowed to do so. We do not want any infection passed onto to other children and members of staff. **Children who are ill must have returned to normal health and stay off school for 24 hours after this.**

This is very important because earlier this year another international school in the Brussels area has had to close for the day and send all children away because too many staff were ill for them to operate safely.

Thank you to those parents who have changed their setting out time to get to school before 09.00 but there are still a few families who we would once again urge to make a determined effort to ensure that they **reach school on time, which is before 09.00**. If you travel by bus and you are regularly arriving around 09.05 then you should be aiming to catch the earlier bus to avoid your

child's start to their school day being disrupted. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

We are pleased that many of you were able to come along to this Friday's coffee morning and please note 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 Why did the gingerbread man believe the sly old fox?' What is a lie? Have you ever told a lie?
- For Reception What do you think outer space is?
- For Year 1 Please practise the ending of your own 'Mr Gumpy' story - what happens after the crash? How does your story end?
- For Year 2 Would you have enjoyed being a knight? Why/why not?
- For Year 3 How has the design of household objects changed over the last century?
- For Year 4 Apart from tissue papers, what else do we use for its absorbent properties? How many can you think of?
- For Year 5/6 What did you discover about 'Man, Controller of the Universe'?

School reports about the progress of each child are scheduled to be issued in February in the week before the Half Term break.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Gwenda for painting a brilliant design on her bread.  
Pranav for remembering the number bonds to ten.
- Year 1 Aravind for super work on word problems in Maths  
Sóley for great work in our 'sink or float' Science investigation.
- Year 2 Wahed for writing 5 good sentences in literacy this week.  
Shinnosuke for good descriptive sentences.
- Year 3 Anshuman for the real effort he has put into his presentation, and the achievement of a perfect chart in maths.  
Sai Shreyas for trying really hard in all of his work and for writing a vivid, imaginative winter description completely independently.  
Well done, Sai!
- Year 4 Deepesh for marvelling us with his magnificent multiplication.  
Mayank for coming back from behind two years running to win his SuperT Final.
- Year 5/6 Ishika for her excellent essay about Chinese New Year - what an imagination!

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

If it were not for injustice, men would not know justice”.

- Heraclitus

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## Spring Term 2017

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	LAMDA exams in school for some Year 4, 5 and 6 children.
By Friday February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mid-year School reports issued.
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March. gathering at 12.20	BISB teams in 'Splash 2017'
Monday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Celebrating Differences Week

## Summer Term 2017

Monday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Positive Behaviour Week
May 8 <sup>th</sup> to May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4, 5 and 6 residential visit to Ripledown House

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 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 12.15**

**End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017