

Newsletter – 17 February 2017

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in their **LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exams** last week. We trust that they all did well for the Lamda examiners seemed impressed with all of the performers and their presentations in the ‘Speaking Verse and Prose’ and ‘Acting Solo’ categories. It will be several weeks before we learn the results of these exams.

Children in the Junior department will be giving presentations in a special Monday assembly to **celebrate the Carnival holiday**. This will involve all children from Year 3 to Year 6 and all of the activity will be taking place in French.

Please note that **there will not be a dance club on Monday** of next week as the dance teacher has an appointment elsewhere. This date was always known about and was included in the original schedule as a date when there would not be a dance club.

Next week is the last week before the half term break which lasts from Monday, February 27th to Friday March 3rd. Please note that **we are following normal timings next week**, including Friday when the Infant department will finish at 15.25 and the Junior department will finish at 15.30.

Once again BISB will be participating in ‘Splash 2017’ which this year is taking place on Sunday 12th 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.

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 What did we use to make a gingerbread man?
For Reception What questions about outer space would you like answered next week?
For Year 1 If you could programme any toy, what would you make it do, and why?
For Year 2 Love is very important. Explain why/why not.
For Year 3 What signs can we see around us that 'spring is in the air'?
For Year 4 Why is the ocean important and what can we do to conserve it?
For Year 5/6 Do you agree with detention at school?

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 Yashika for trying hard with her blending
 Lucas for his keen enthusiasm towards our new space topic.
Year 1 Shanvitha for her excellent story about Mrs Elsa
 George for both super reading and good work in fractions
Year 2 Aarav for good effort in Maths this week
 Harshini for a very good attitude and always trying her best.
Year 3 Himanshu for working hard, for being interested in everything that we are doing, always with great enthusiasm.
 Tala for making excellent progress with all of her writing, for working independently and for trying very hard.
Year 4 Shivang for a springfest of a carnival painting
 Divgun for valiant division
Year 5/6 Darius alias 'Fun Fact', for never ceasing to amaze us with his extensive general knowledge.

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

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter".

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Spring Term 2017

Monday 13 th February	LAMDA exams in school for some Year 4, 5 and 6 children.
Monday 20 th February	French Carnival Assembly Years 3 – 6 presenting all in French
By Friday February 24 th	Mid-year School reports issued.
Sunday 12 th March. gathering at 12.20	BISB teams in ‘Splash 2017’
Monday March 13 th	Start of Celebrating Differences Week

Summer Term 2017

Monday April 24 th	Start of Positive Behaviour Week
May 8 th to May 12 th	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 30th 2017 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

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