

**Once again BISB will be participating in ‘Splash 2017’** which this year is taking place this weekend 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. Please see <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/pool-occupancy-2017> for more details. Our swimmers are swimming between 13.00 and 14.00 so everybody taking part should be gathering at 12.20 and ready changed by 12.50 at the poolside. 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. The swimming pool can be found here:-

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Sportcomplex+van+Neder-Over-Heembeek/@50.8925603,4.3746308,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x47c3c2fcbe7bf9:0x8ce2d5d76abb0144!8m2!3d50.8925603!4d4.3768195>

**Year 4 children will be visiting the MOOF Museum next Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March.** This is the Museum of Original Figurines and is close to Gare Centrale; please see <http://moofmuseum.be/> for more information. More details are being circulated to Year 4 parents.

We are currently experiencing a reduction from our staffing arrangements enjoyed in September created by unavoidable absences. In the Junior department this could cause potential problems if we have a single staff member delayed by traffic, as occurred this morning because of the Heads of government summit.

Furthermore it is always possible for a staff member to be absent at short notice because of illness. This could cause the situation where **everybody present in the Junior department building is teaching from 09.00 onwards and thus unable to leave their class to open the door to a latecomer.**

The ways of overcoming this are firstly make sure that you do not arrive at the school after 09.00 and secondly, if you are unable to gain access to the Junior department because you are late, then bring your child over to the infant department. There will be no difficulties if everyone arrives promptly before 09.00.

Next week (commencing Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>) we shall be having our **Celebrating Differences week** when we shall look at many factors that make each of us unique and different.

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

- For Nursery “What objects do you think you would find in a treasure chest?”  
For Reception If you could name a star, what would you call it?”  
For Year 1 What would it be like if you couldn't see or couldn't hear?  
For Year 2 Who is your favourite book character? Why?  
For Year 3 Why do different substances react in different ways?”  
For Year 4 What is your Eco-Superhero going save our planet from?  
For Year 5/6 Could you create a scavenger hunt?

Please note that the 90 day deadline for informing the school in writing that you will be leaving at the end of this school year falls on Saturday, April 1st. If you subsequently inform us of your departure for this school year after this date then the refundable deposit will be retained by the school.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Mokshith for showing good thinking skills in maths.  
Aradhya for working really well in the swimming pool this week.
- Year 1 Dhanishka for excellent work and interesting sentences in Phonics.  
Anum for great work in telling the time
- Year 2 Srija for lovely reading this week.  
Rohan for super work in Maths
- Year 3 Ameet for great effort that went into his superb book poster and for his enthusiasm about the books he has read.  
Ayan for the enthusiasm, effort and creativity demonstrated in his poetry recital. We all really enjoyed it, well done!
- Year 4 Catriona for being a marvellous money maniac in maths  
Deepesh for learning a huge number of his lines for our play - outstanding: what an attitude!
- Year 5/6 Shaariq for his infectious enthusiasm towards all aspects of school life. What a terrific student!

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

“It is wise to remember that you are one of those who can be fooled some of the time”.

- Laurence J. Peter

## Spring Term 2017

Wednesday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to the Toy Museum
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
Wednesday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 visit to MOF Museum.

## Summer Term 2017

Monday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Positive Behaviour Week
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception and Year 2 trip to Ferme de la Vallée Vieux Genappe
May 8 <sup>th</sup> to May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4, 5 and 6 residential visit to Ripledown House
Saturday May 20 <sup>th</sup>	International Day

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