

## Newsletter – 17 March 2017

We are very pleased to announce that Ishika in Year 6 has **won first prize in her age category** in the Space Awareness Space Scoop Comic Contest. Information about the contest, which was open to all school children throughout Belgium can be found here [http://www.unawe.org/kids\\_contest/](http://www.unawe.org/kids_contest/) and Ishita's winning entry can be seen here.



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/unawe/31513304225/in/album-72157673491071724/>

We are all very proud that Ishika should come first in this competition above hundreds of other children in Belgium, showing that she is a real credit to BISB.

BISB had a **record number of participants again in the charity swimathon 'Splash 2017'** <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/welcome-splash-2017> . This shows not only that all of the swimmers were very generous with their time and efforts for a good cause, but also that the increased time allocated to our swimming programme is really starting to pay dividends. Now everybody has to collect the sponsorship money pledged before the event which can then be passed to Mr Stedman or the school office.

**Treasure Trove, the English Language book shop will be visiting the school next Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> March)** giving children the chance to buy from a range of English language books. They will set up in the infant department library and Junior children will come across at different times through the day. They will also provide a chance for parents to buy books before and after school on that day. Children should therefore bring money to buy books if they wish to and the younger children can have money sent in in an envelope if required. Further guidance will follow next week.

Also on Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> March) Year 1 will be travelling with the normal swimming coach and taking the opportunity to enjoy a **nature ramble in the park** close to the swimming pool.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March selected children from the Junior department will be taking part in our annual **Night Navigation Walk** in the Foret des Soignes after nightfall. The walk will start around 19.15, ending at approximately 23.00. This trip will involve walking around 9km, using maps and compasses and undertaking strategic exercises, moving from point to point.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Tranter's class will be **visiting the Hergé museum** in Louvain-La-Neuve leaving at 09.00, as the novels of Tintin are one of their focuses of study.

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

- For Nursery     What makes you special?  
For Reception   What is your favourite planet? Why is it your favourite?  
For Year 1       What should our Year 1 Toy Museum look like?  
For Year 2       What do you think the first signs of Spring are and has Spring arrived yet?  
For Year 3       What makes each of us different ... and special?"  
For Year 4       Which sense or part of you would be most difficult to live without if it were gone?  
For Year 5/6     What do you know about Tibet?

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     Jasman for really good reading this week.  
                  Marco for showing exceptionally good listening skills  
Year 1         Aasya for an excellent poem about 'Spring'.  
                  Anvi for good work in Maths, and for always being willing to answer questions.  
Year 2         Otis for being very helpful and assisting a classmate in Maths.  
                  Hana for being polite and helpful whilst doing very good work.  
Year 3         Maanas for always being enthusiastic and full of new ideas whilst working hard at whatever he does and for asking excellent questions!  
                  Tala for making such amazing progress with her reading and for sharing her favourite book with Year 2 during the shared reading day.  
Year 4         Rose for superbly smashing her maths speed test best.  
                  Deepesh for superbly smashing his maths speed test best.  
Year 5/6       Ishika for your winning entry in the Space Scoop Competition.  
                  Congratulations! We are very proud of you!

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

“The big secret in life is that there is no big secret. Whatever your goal, you can get there if you're willing to work”.

- Oprah Winfrey

- Spring Term 2017

Monday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Celebrating Differences Week
Wednesday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 visit to MOF Museum.
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 1 nature ramble in the park
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Treasure Trove English Book Sellers visit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 09.15 – 23.00	Selected Junior department children in the annual Night Navigation Walk in the Foret des Soignes
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 09.00	Year 5 / 6 visit to the Hergé museum Louvain-La-Neuve

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