

Please don't forget that this Sunday morning **the clocks will go forward by one hour** to mark the start of summer time.

Last Saturday BISB had 4 children (Darius, Shivang, Zaid and Sahasra) who entered the **FFJM Brussels Maths and Logic problem Competition Semi-Final stage**, having passed successfully through the qualifying round in January. All the children they competed against were the best in Brussels and surrounding areas. Our children did really well coming 1st, 8th, 9th and 38<sup>th</sup> so we therefore have at least 1 finalist for May's Belgium Final! Congratulations to all of the competitors and to Mr Stedman for organising their entry.

This evening, 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.

As next week is going to be the **last week of term**, please note that there will not be any extra-curricular activities in that week. The term will end at 12.15 (12.20 in the Junior department) on Friday so please make sure that your child is picked up at that time. The normal minibus routes will depart the school around 12.20 so please make sure that there is someone at home to receive the minibus children.

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.

Next Friday's coffee morning will be an opportunity for parents to **find out a little bit more about our Year 4, 5 and 6 trip to Rippledown House in the UK**. This will be mostly for parents of children who have not yet attended Rippledown, but of course, everyone is welcome to attend between 0900 and 0945.

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

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| For Nursery   | Do you celebrate Easter in your family? If so, how?             |
| For Reception | What seasonal changes can we see around us?                     |
| For Year 1    | What do you like about Easter?                                  |
| For Year 2    | Which is your favourite wild animal and why?                    |
| For Year 3    | When we look around us, what are the tiny details that we don't |

- see unless we really look?  
For Year 4 What are your eco-Superhero's weaknesses?  
For Year 5/6 How are you going to plan your exam revision?

Next Friday there will be a series of **Easter egg hunts** for the children in both school buildings.

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.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Yashika for her lovely letter formation.  
Aahid for working hard on his swimming technique.
- Year 1 Tharun for writing a super fact-sheet and some great sentences using i-e words.  
Saumya for excellent work on tens and ones in Maths.
- Year 2 Alex for good reading and spelling results.  
Anoushka for doing lovely Art this week.
- Year 3 Bhuvan for having made such a positive contribution to our class over the year. We will really miss him!  
Dev for his excellent attitude to work and his unfailing patience and kindness with everyone around him. Well done Dev – you really are a class star!
- Year 4 Catriona for her masterful portrayal of Doctor Doom in our play and also money mastery again.  
Bhargav for masterful comic strip design
- Year 5/6 Abhiram for punctuality and a much improved attitude towards his homework. Brilliant!

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

“Think of how stupid the average person is, and then realize that half of them are stupider than that”.

- George Carlin.

## Spring Term 2017

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| Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March               | Year 1 nature ramble in the park   |
| Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March               | Treasure Trove<br>English Book Sellers visit   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March<br>09.15 – 23.00 | Selected Junior department children<br>in the annual Night Navigation Walk<br>in the Foret des Soignes |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March<br>09.00        | Year 5 / 6 visit to the Hergé museum<br>Louvain-La-Neuve   |

## Summer Term 2017

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| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April             | Year 1 and 2 visit to the Théâtre<br>Montagne Magique to see a small<br>theatre presentation in French. |
| Monday April 24 <sup>th</sup>               | Start of Positive Behaviour Week  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April               | Reception and Year 2 trip to<br>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<br>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