

This week was Positive Behaviour Week in school but we also had several visits out of school for several of the classes for musical performances, farm visits and a woodland map and compass exercise. It is very pleasing to note that all of our BISB children demonstrated positive behaviour throughout all of the visits.

Monday of next week is the national holiday for May Day and so the school will be closed on that day and we shall be re-opening on Tuesday.

The **online finals of the Super-T maths** competition are still scheduled to be undertaken in the Junior building on Friday, 5th May at 09:05. The children will sit 3 online speed tests here at school using the computers in the Junior School ICT suite and children from the infant department will be collected and brought across to the Junior Building. Mr Stedman alone has the children's access codes and he will release them to the children at the time of the test.

BISB is once again participating in the **Belgium International Sports School Day** on Friday 19th May. We shall be defending our position as current champions of the Netball title as well as trying to improve on our creditworthy showing in last year's football competition.

Don't forget that during the week when Year 4, 5 and 6 children go to Ripple down House in the UK for their residential week the **Year 2 children will spend the week (Monday May 8th to 25 – Friday May 12th) working in the Junior department**, in Avenue de l' Emeraude, 59 (only a few minutes' walk from the Infant Department.) to familiarise themselves for next year, when they become Year 3. They will be there with Mrs. Vetter for the week, and so they should be dropped off and picked up (at 15.30) at the Junior Department in Avenue de l' Emeraude, 59 rather than at the Infant Department in Avenue Emile Max.

Also if you haven't yet handed in **pocket money (£20, not 20 €) for the Rippledown trip**, please do so as soon as possible next week. Many thanks for your co-operation.

We have sent out the **list of extra-curricular activities** for this term, but please pay close attention to the starting dates of each club as these are affected by the holidays, parents evenings and the Rippledown House trip.

Please note that we shall be celebrating our **International Day this year on Saturday May 20th**. This is a chance for different nationalities to celebrate and offer a taste of their country. This can be literally food or drink, music, pictures, costumes or anything you wish. Please make a note of the date now.

If you are likely to be **leaving school before the last day of this term** i.e. Friday June 30th, then please inform the school as soon as possible of your travel plans.

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

- For Nursery How could you transport yourself across the sea? Which way would be the quickest?
- For Reception Complete the sentence 'If I could fly like a butterfly I would...'
- For Year 1 What would you take with you for a walk through the jungle and why?'
- For Year 2 Where else do you think Mr. Fogg will go next in his trip around the world?
- For Year 3 What are the differences between the plant life here in Belgium, and in other countries I have been to, or lived in?''
- For Year 4 Which is the scariest planet and why?
- For Year 5/6 Would you like to be a Forensic Scientist?

Please don't forget 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.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Diya for her super addition and subtraction work.
 Nevaan for his ever improving reading skills.
- Year 1 Arnav for super listening, concentration and helpful behaviour during positive behaviour week.
 Saskia for great progress in phonics.
- Year 2 Tanvi for lovely reading this week
 Ayush for very good mathematical skills
- Year 3 Swarnima for her excellent Easter homework project, which was beautifully presented and full of interesting facts.
 Ameet for the huge effort that went into his well-planned and beautifully presented Easter homework project. Well done!
- Year 4 Divgun for her determination on the forest walk.
 Sandra for her enthusiasm in the forest and selection for the Netball Team
- Year 5/6 Rikhil for completing an amazing amount of work during the holiday - brilliant effort!

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

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing”.

- George Bernard Shaw

Summer Term 2017

Monday April 24 th	Start of Positive Behaviour Week
Tuesday 25 th April	Year 4 map and compass exercises in the Foret de Soignes.
Wednesday 26 th April	Junior department visit to interactive Concert workshop “Le Sacre du Printemps”.
Friday 28 th April	Reception and Year 2 trip to Ferme de la Vallée Vieux Genappe
May 8 th to May 12 th	Year 4, 5 and 6 residential visit to Ripledown House
Friday 19 th May	Belgium International Sports School Day BISB Netball and football teams participating
Saturday May 20 th	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 30th 2017 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

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