

Rippledowntown week is arriving next week! The Year 4 / 5 and 6 children are gathering at Gare du Midi so please bring your child to the Eurostar departure area at Brussels Gare du Midi at 11.00 on Monday 8th May. **Your child will need his or her passport and/or appropriate ID (residence permit) to board the train; please check that you have these with you, to hand to a member of staff.** Children are expected to carry their own luggage.

Children are required to wear clean school uniform on Monday. Please also provide a small backpack, for your child containing: a packed lunch, snacks (to keep their energy levels up!), a reseal-able water bottle and small items to use during the journey; e.g. cards, pens, paper, etc....

The link for the Rippledowntown blog for you to follow the trip day by day will be circulated next week. They will be returning to Brussels on Friday. If you have an urgent need to contact the group during the week then please contact them via 0479 28 61 39. Only urgent messages will be passed on.

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 next week when Year 4, 5 and 6 children go to Rippledowntown House in the UK for their residential week the **Year 2 children will spend the week (Monday May 8th to 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.

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 if you could go anywhere on a train ride, where would you like

- to go to?'
- For Reception What's your favourite minibeast and why?'
- For Year 1 What do you already know about snakes? What would you like to find out?
- For Year 2 It has been raining a lot this week. Who do you think enjoys the rain and why?
- For Year 3 Imagine the journey of a seed that is transported by wind, or by a bird or an animal. Where might it land?"
- For Year 4 What are you most worried about about Rippledawn? And how could you resolve this?
- For Year 5/6 Why are midnight feasts such fun?

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 Vihan for his excellent symmetrical paper bee.
Suansh for his independent swimming skills.
- Year 1 Jacob for beginning to blend sounds when he reads.
Thomas for amazing work in maths with addition triangles, adding 3 numbers to find a total.
- Year 2 Janani for very good reading this week
Anoushka for quick and accurate maths work this week
- Year 3 Ayan for working very hard on his science research and for producing an excellent written report.
Marina for concentrating on her maths work and solving problems independently.
- Year 4 Oskar for scoring a spectacular Speed Test Best
Bhargav for a brilliant display of bowling in the cricket match
- Year 5/6 Shaariq for packing his own case for Rippledawn - an independent traveller in training!

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

"The welfare of the people is the ultimate law".
(Salus Populi Suprema Est Lex)

- Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC)

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