

We look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> October) for our **Walk in the Woods**. This promises to be a fun afternoon walking through the woods in Tervuren and observing the changing colours of autumn. Saturday will be rainy but Sunday will be mostly dry with occasional showers so we have chosen a route that avoids possibly muddy spots. We shall start from the front of the Colonial Palace in Tervuren at

<https://goo.gl/maps/22xuvUC8yZS2>

and this is just across from the end of the 44 tram line at Tervuren Station. The walk will start at 14.00 and will be just under 2 hours at a nice gentle pace.

We shall be holding **fire practices in school early next week** so please don't be alarmed if your child comes home from school explaining that everybody had to evacuate the building. We hold these 2 – 3 times per year to make sure that everybody is clear about what to do in the event of a real emergency.

Last year many families from BISB went to see 'Peter and the Wolf' which was a musical show performed by the **Bruocsella Symphony Orchestra** [www.bso-orchestra.be](http://www.bso-orchestra.be) . This year they are **presenting 'Under the Big Top' on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 14.00**. Tickets are 18 € for adults and 10 € for children under 12. We have reserved a group of tickets and we are happy to take orders from BISB families wishing to attend this musical treat. However we shall confirm final numbers at the end of next week so you have until Friday morning (13<sup>th</sup> October) to confirm how many of your family wish to go and then until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October to pay for the tickets.

The concert will be in English and will be performed at the Cultural Centre of Woluwe St. Pierre, Avenue Charles Thielemans 93, 1150 Brussels

Parents may wish to know that our **Year 3 class will be working with Mrs Fiona King** as well as Mrs Still over the next 6 weeks. Mrs King will be a student teacher and she has worked in the school previously as a volunteer assistant.

**Reception will make a short trip to the park** at Wezembeek-Oppem next week on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, to explore the effects of the changing seasons and the signs of autumn.

Following the visits of two of our school French groups to the nearby Thomas Owen Library in Avenue de Roodebeek, we have established that it is possible for BISB children to **join this French library even if they don't live in Schaerbeek commune**. What's more joining here also gives access to the library in Evere. The library is open on Monday (13:00 - 17:00), Wednesday (13:00 - 19:00) and Friday (15:00 - 19:00) according to their website. Parents

with their own ID card should accompany their children to complete the formalities.

Other events coming up on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children to the theatre in **Flagey for the Firebird music concert**.

Don't forget that the **school's Photo day** will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and in the following week our Year 5 and 6 children will be going to the **Brussels Atomium for a one night sleepover** on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October followed by a Picnic lunch on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Some families have improved their punctuality arriving at school and this is pleasing to note but there are still several families who should be catching an earlier bus to ensure arrival at school before 09.00.

Please be aware that we expect that **everyone should be in school by 09.00 every day**, especially as the doors open at 08.30. Thank you for your co-operation.

The **weekly Coffee mornings** are now held every Friday at 09.00 in the Junior department library and we do hope that you can come along in the future if you weren't able to come along today. Normally this gives you a chance to change your library books from the large selection of books in English for parents and teachers.

The **School Photograph day** will be next week on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October this year. Therefore we expect that all children will be able to attend school as normal on that day. There will be an opportunity afterwards to buy photographs taken then, including, individual, class and school photographs.

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

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| For Nursery    | What is a telescope used for?   |
| For Reception  | If you were an astronaut in space what would you see?                                     |
| For Year 1     | Why is water important?   |
| For Year 2     | Why are books important? Which is your favourite book?                                    |
| For Year 3     | If you went on a Space Mission, what special possession would you take with you, and why? |
| For Year 4     | Where would you take a space rocket to and why?   |
| For Year 5 / 6 | Why do I need to move out of my comfort zone?   |

For all those families **paying fees by Domiciliation each month** please note that the target date for the amounts to be taken from your account is always the 3rd of each month. For families making their first domiciliation payment there is always a slight delay as the bank processes and enters the new information.

Parents may wish to be aware that **children under 12 attending school in Brussels are entitled to travel for free on the Brussels public transport system.** However to do this they must have their own MOBIB card which costs 5 € and then load it with a free subscription J (abonnement J). They then use it every time they enter a bus, tram or metro. More information can be obtained from BISB or [www.stib.brussels](http://www.stib.brussels) .

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Akshita for her super participation when discussing mountain climbers.  
Stavros for his great recollection of the days of the week.
- Year 1 Surya for super work with more and less in mathematics.  
Hasini for very good writing about a trip to the park.
- Year 2 Aadharshini for jumping into the swimming pool for the very first time  
Jacob for trying very hard in class and producing some super writing
- Year 3 Hana for her imaginative ideas and fantastic creative writing.  
Rohan for his superb Viking ship and for making a big effort in group work.
- Year 4 Tala for great motivation in writing at home and in maths at school
- Year 5 / 6 Mayank for his much-improved attitude towards his homework - brilliant!  
Shaariq for writing a Javascript programme to draw the carbon atom - outstanding!

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

“Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to a better understanding of ourselves.”

- Carl Jung

## Autumn Term 2017

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Junior Department Space Week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 visit to park to investigate Autumn
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Junior department trip to Flagey Firebird Musical concert
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception visit to park to investigate Autumn
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 / 6 trip to Atomium for overnight sleepover
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Start of Pumpkin Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 / 6 trip to Antwerp Diamond Centre

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2017 / 2018

**Autumn Term**

**Monday, September 4, 2017**

**Start of Autumn Term**

Monday, October 30, 2017  
- Friday, November 3, 2017

Half Term  
Break

**Friday, December 15, 2017 at 15.30**

**End of Autumn Term**

**Spring Term**

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

**Start of Spring Term**

Monday, February 12, 2018  
- Friday, February 16, 2018

Half Term  
Break

**Friday, March 23, 2018 at 15.30**

**End of Spring Term**

Monday, April 9, 2018

School Closed - Staff Training Day

**Summer Term**

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

**Start of Summer Term**

Monday, April 30, 2018  
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Holiday  
May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 10, 2018  
Friday, May 11 2018

Ascension Public Holiday  
Half Term Holiday

Monday, May 21, 2018

Pentecost Holiday

**Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 12.15**

**End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018