

## Newsletter – 13 October 2017

For those pupils taking part in the after-school drama club there is the chance to **enter the LAMDA examinations in February 2018**, however we need to have a Lamda registration form returned to school by Friday 20th October. You can obtain the forms from Mrs Tranter.

Last weekend's **Walk in the Woods** was a great success although the weather could have been kinder as the showers that we had been hoping to avoid did manage to find us. However it wasn't too wet under the trees and more than 40 people enjoyed an afternoon that was both interesting and relaxing.

**This week's fire practices went well** in each building. For next term we shall be holding practices without prior announcements so that it is more realistic and that everybody becomes clearer about what to do in the event of a real emergency.

**Year 3 will make a short trip to the park** at Wezembeek-Oppem next week on Tuesday 17th October, to investigate the signs of autumn but for them the trip will be in French!

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.

The big event of the year coming up next week is that 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 back at school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

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** was blessed with good weather for the outdoor shots and in the next couple of weeks there will be an opportunity to buy photographs taken this week, including, individual, class and school photographs.

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

- For Nursery      What is your favourite room in your house? and why?  
For Reception    What are the best clothes to wear for an ice caps expedition?  
For Year 1        What would it be like to live underwater?  
For Year 2        Do you enjoy singing and what makes a good song?  
For Year 3        What have you most enjoyed about Space week, and why  
For Year 4        What would be a good name for a new constellation? And what shape? (draw it)  
For Year 5 / 6    Would you like to travel to the Moon?

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      Priyanshi for her beautiful letter formation.  
                    Dhriti for good understanding of positional language in maths.  
Year 1          Nevaan for good work with tens and ones in maths.  
                    Fatima for answering questions in class and speaking super English.  
                    Well done!  
Year 2          Freja for incredible effort in learning English and not being afraid to talk.  
                    Aditya for always working very well and excellent results in his maths test.  
Year 3          Tanvi for her perseverance on all of our long walks and her positive, cheerful attitude to school life.  
                    Anoushka for her excellent homework and her hard work in class.  
Year 4          Zuzanna for galactic improvements in her English (giant leaps in reading!).  
Year 5 / 6      Rikhil for mastering the multiplication and division of fractions - what an achievement!  
                    Catriona for her excellent and detailed answers in the weekly comprehension tasks - a joy to read.

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

I came to realize that life lived to help others is the only one that matters and that it is my duty. This is my highest and best use as a human.

- Ben Stein

## 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