

**Next week will be Pumpkin week in school** and we shall be celebrating all things pumpkin. We shall be having many curriculum items including pumpkins and it will be an exciting week for everybody. To start the week off everyone is invited to bring in a pumpkin to add to the display in each building. This does not need to be carved or painted. It can just be an unusual, or big, or small pumpkin. **At the end of the week on Friday the children do not need to come into school wearing school uniform as they can come in fancy dress using Autumn colours.**

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 for which the deadline was today. If you are quick it should be possible to submit the form early next week. You can obtain the forms from Mrs Tranter.

**If one parent is not on the school's email list** and hence is not receiving emails from the school then please send an email from the email to be added to [schooloffice@bisb.org](mailto:schooloffice@bisb.org) explaining this.

I understand that if people are not receiving this newsletter in the first place then they won't be able to follow this suggestion but if you know of somebody who is in this situation please pass the information on to them.

Our Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic sleepover at the **Brussels Atomium** last night and they rounded off the experience by enjoying a picnic-lunch on Friday back at school. Apparently watching the sunrise across the outskirts of Brussels from the height of the Atomium is a wonderful experience. However it was raining this morning so they may not have received the full effect! Many thanks must go to Mr and Mrs Tranter who supervised the group through the evening and the night and got them safely back for their picnic.

We have an education student from the Vrije Universiteit, Brussel carrying out her **internship in BISB at the moment**. Ms Ofelia McQueen is a college professor from California and she is currently working towards a Masters degree in Educational Science. She is working with several classes within BISB and will stay with us until the spring term.

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 photographs from the **School Photograph day** have now arrived in school and sample photographs have been sent out with an explanatory note. Please return the sample photo with your order so we know which photos you are ordering. This should be sent back to school by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, just after the half term break, including the correct money. Your child's class photo or a whole school photograph can be obtained from the school office at a cost of 3 € and 5 € respectively.

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

- For Nursery      How do pumpkins grow? What do they need to help them?  
For Reception    Think about all the things we can do / make with a pumpkin  
For Year 1        What can you make out of a pumpkin?  
For Year 2        Do you think plastic bank notes are practical? Should other countries follow their examples?  
For Year 3        What would be your perfect weekend, and why?  
For Year 4        If you escaped through the window with Peter Pan, where would you go?  
For Year 5 / 6    Why is sleeping in the Atomium so special?

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      Karthika for blending sounds in phonics.  
                      Kavya for her ever increasing confidence in the class.  
Year 1          Diya for super work using capital letters for names.  
                      Lucas for working hard in writing and producing a good retelling of 'The Egg Hunt' story.  
Year 2          Akshat for behaving much better this week and making good choices.  
                      Arnav for creating a really stunning adjectives poster.  
Year 3          Anjali for concentrating so hard and for producing such detailed work on the Vikings.  
                      Srija for her determination and courage in the swimming pool –

- Fantastic!
- Year 4 Arsalan for obliterating his Speed Test best and an admirable PIRA score.
- Year 5 / 6 Juliana for her excellent reading comprehension skills and choosing challenging books to read.  
Sahasra for her outstanding work in our geometry topic.

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

“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

- Aristotle

Autumn Term 2017

Thursday 19th October

Year 5 / 6 trip to Atomium for  
overnight sleepover

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Start of Pumpkin Week

Tuesday 14th 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