

Newsletter – 27 October 2017

The school is on **half term holiday next week** so do have either a relaxing week here or a pleasant and safe journey away from Brussels. The school will re-open on Monday November 6th. The school office may not be occupied all of the time but we will be contactable throughout the holiday by phone or by email.

The children have all been very excited throughout **Pumpkin Week this week** and they enjoyed everything about the curriculum involving pumpkins. The range of fancy dress worn by the children and staff on Friday was great to see and most children really enjoyed the pumpkin soup and pumpkin bread that they were able to taste on Thursday too.

This year we have a record number of children who take part in the after-school drama club **entering for the LAMDA examinations in February 2018**. We have now sent off the entry forms to LAMDA so if you have not entered I am afraid that the deadline has now passed.

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 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 could parents please cut and paste the above sentence and send it to anybody who may have mentioned that they are not receiving school emails. Many thanks.

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 7th 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:-

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| For Nursery | What is your favourite food and is it a healthy choice? |
| For Reception | What do you want to be when you grow up and why? |
| For Year 1 | How are rainbows made?' |

- For Year 2 What was your favourite part of pumpkin week?
- For Year 3 How does it feel as the seasons change, and which season do I like best?
- For Year 4 Explain everything you can remember about Jui's life in Bangladesh.
- For Year 5 / 6 Where are you going to keep your diamond?

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 .

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Nishchay for completing an excellent piece of maths work
Sanvi for super cutting to make her number pumpkin
- Year 1 Mokshith for working hard to write his 'Pumpkin soup' story.
Aradhya for good work with measuring and comparing pumpkins.
- Year 2 Saumya for good work with her pumpkin adjectives
Arnav for being polite and kind to his classmates
- Year 3 Anjali for her tremendous progress and determination in swimming and her cheerful, positive attitude.
Akhil for his superb Viking longship painting and for trying hard in all of his work.
- Year 4 Marina for really capturing the essence of 'Pumpkin Soup' and Pumpkin Week
- Year 5 / 6 Zaid for taking his time and, with effort, producing such an informative Diamond Quality Chart
Anna for her determination to learn English and her outstanding test result.

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

“If you want the truth, ask a child.”

- French Proverb

Autumn Term 2017

Thursday 19th October	Year 5 / 6 trip to Atomium for overnight sleepover
Monday 23 rd 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 29th 2018 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 3rd, 2018