

We suffered a great disappointment this week on Monday with the unavoidable postponement of the Junior department music and drama production of **Jack and the Beanstalk**. The sudden snowfall meant that our coach couldn't get through to take us to the theatre so we had no choice but to postpone it until January. This show will now be taking place at the Lijsterbes Community Theatre on Monday 22nd January 2018 starting at 17.00. This is in Lijsterbessenbomenlaan and for the exact location you can see <https://goo.gl/maps/2rLtX4hErMK2>. The nearest STIB connection is the 42 bus from Roodebeek metro.

The **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 show** will be taking place at the same theatre on Monday January 29th at 17.00 so please make a note in your diaries now.

We had greater success with our **Nursery Show on Thursday this week** as the children performed for the parents quite brilliantly, showing great talent and confidence throughout. All of the parents there were very pleased with how well their children sang.

We are pleased to announce that our Reception class teacher, Mrs Irakoze, and her husband are **expecting their first child in May 2018**. On behalf of all of the BISB community we would like to offer our congratulations to them. Mrs Irakoze will be with the class throughout next term, but not for the summer term.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you may be leaving BISB by the end of the Spring term i.e. any time up till March 2018. Please note that the **90 day deadline for the end of next term** for written notice of departure, after which deposits will not be refunded, will fall during this coming holiday on Saturday 23rd December.

As usual we are experiencing a **significant demand for places for our Nursery for September 2018**. So much so that at this stage (assuming that all of our pre-Nursery children continue into next year's Nursery) we only have 5 places left for morning sessions in September. This means that if you are thinking of a Nursery place for a younger brother or sister at any time up to June 2019 then you should contact the school office as soon as possible.

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

For Nursery Why does Rudolph have a shiny nose?

For Reception What did you do throughout the holidays?

For Year 1 Where did you go, what did you see and what did you do in the Christmas holidays?'

- For Year 2 What does Santa do after Christmas? Will he relax or start preparing for next Christmas
- For Year 3 What have I most enjoyed about the holidays, and why?
- For Year 4 Of all the great activities we did this week, which made up for the show's postponement the best
- For Year 5 / 6 Has your 'mindset' changed this term?

For all those families **paying fees by Domiciliation each month** please note that the target date for the amounts to be taken automatically 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 Druthi for being very helpful around the classroom
Piyush for his super singing in the play practices
- Year 1 Surya for super work making 3D shapes.
Hasini for good work with ordering numbers on the whiteboard.
- Year 2 Neel for super effort in the swimming pool.
Tharun for making a really super calendar.
- Year 3 Aarav for his excellent work, his positive attitude and his kindness and consideration for everyone around him.
Hana for trying her very hardest to solve problems on her own and for her enthusiasm in the classroom.
- Year 4 Swarnima for a great term and her outstanding attitude to reading.
Arsalan for ending topic with a sensational property brochure.
- Year 5 / 6 Bhargav for writing (and delivering) such an excellent introduction for our Christmas Production
Shaariq for his outstanding performance as the rear end of Daisy the Cow - hilarious!

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

“It is how people respond to stress that determines whether they will profit from misfortune or be miserable.”

- Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi,

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Autumn Term 2017

Monday 11th December
17.00 Junior department show
De Lijsterbees theatre

Thursday 14th December
11.30 Nursery Show
Infant Department

Friday 15th December
15.25 Infants
15.30 Juniors
End of Autumn Term

- Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January
Start of Spring Term

Monday 22nd January
Start of Health & Hygiene Week

Tuesday 23rd January
Year 3/4/5 and 6 children to Bozaar Concert.

Monday 29th January
Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 show

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