

Newsletter – 12 January 2018

Happy New Year to all of the BISB families, including the several new families who joined the school this week. We have **a very busy January ahead** of us with visits and shows in abundance coming our way in the next few weeks.

We have the Junior music and drama presentation of **Jack and the Beanstalk**, that was postponed because of snow before Christmas, coming up in just 10 days' time. **This show will feature Years 3, 4 5, and 6 children** and will now be taking place at the Lijsterbes Community Theatre on Monday 22nd January 2018 starting at 17.00. This is in Lijsterbessenbomenlaan and or the exact location you can see <https://goo.gl/maps/2rLtX4hErMK2> f. 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.

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.

Starting on Monday 22nd January we shall be celebrating our **Health & Hygiene Week**. As part of the week we would like to further encourage healthy eating amongst the children. We have noted that many families already provide some excellent healthy snacks and lunches but also with the occasional sweet treat. These are not good for the children so we would like to encourage all families, starting as soon as possible, to include pieces of fruit rather than items that contain too much added sugar. Congratulations to all of those lunch preparers who already do this or provide something similarly healthy.

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. This also affects families who are enquiring about pre-Nursery places now. **If you are not lucky enough to obtain a Pre-Nursery place for this school year** then please let us know if you are happy to defer your application to become an application for a Nursery place for September 2018.

We are now also starting to receive other requests for school places in September 2018 so we would be pleased to know as soon as possible if

families think that they may be leaving BISB at the end of the school year in June 2018.

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

- For Nursery How many seasons are there in one year? Which season is it now?
- For Reception What would you have on your farm (animals or plants) if you had one?
- For Year 1 The three little pigs made their houses from straw, wood and bricks. What other materials could they have used to build their houses?
- For Year 2 What would you like to do that is different this year? Have you made any resolutions?
- For Year 3 If I set out on a journey, where would I choose to go?
- For Year 4 Which ancient Olympic event would you have been best at and why?
- For Year 5 / 6 How would you describe Alex Rider's mindset?

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. Please also note that 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 Karthika for her super independent maths work.
 Anirudh for his hard working attitude during phonics bingo.
- Year 1 Fatima for showing great progress in our phonics lessons.
 Nevaan for good work with counting on in maths.
- Year 2 Neel for having the courage to jump into the swimming pool numerous times.
 Aadriyan for writing a lovely winter poem and displaying great spelling skills.
- Year 3 Alex for his enthusiastic and intelligent interpretations and explanations of our new class book, which helped everyone to enjoy the story.

- Janani for working really hard on her maths, and then completing the tasks successfully without any help.
- Year 4 Himanshu for great writing and achieving his pen licence
Parvesh for being the star of his swimming group despite his fears
- Year 5 / 6 Shaariq for his excellent science work, holiday maths homework and his already outstanding performance as Splash organiser for the school.
Deepesh for his helpful attitude on Edmodo - uploading photographs and giving a detailed explanation of how to find folders for the new pupils.

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

“The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.”

- Sidney J. Harris

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8 th January	Start of Spring Term
Tuesday 16 th January 14.00 – 16.00	BISB hosts meeting of Primary Heads Liaison Group for International Schools of Belgium
Monday 22 nd January	Start of Health & Hygiene Week
Monday 22 nd January at 17.00	Jack and the Beanstalk – Year 3, 4, 5, 6 show Lijsterbes Community Theatre.
Tuesday 23 rd January	Year 3/4/5 and 6 children to Bozaar Concert.
Thursday 25 th January	Year 5 / 6 visit to theatre to see Brussels Shakespeare Society presentation of Midsummer Night's Dream
Monday 29 th January at 17.00	Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 show Lijsterbes Community Theatre.
Tuesday 6 th February	Year 3 trip to Moulin d'Alimentation d'Evere
Wednesday 7 th February	Year 4/5/6 trip to Moulin d'Alimentation d'Evere
Monday, 12 th February - Friday, 16 th February	Half Term Break

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