

## Newsletter – 23 February 2018

The children throughout the school enjoyed the performances of a visiting string quartet on Thursday, including Mrs Mayeur, our music teacher, as one of the players. You can see photographs of the event at <http://www.bisb.org/project/musical-quartet/> .

BISB will be celebrating its **Book Week this year which is next week starting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. There will be book related activities throughout the week and we will start with shared reading events when Junior department children will read to children in the Infant department. We shall also be welcoming 2 authors during the week; Gillian Muir will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday and Sue Purkiss will be in school on Wednesday. There will be an opportunity to buy signed copies of a book by one of our visiting authors and there will also be a Book Fair by Treasure Trove on Thursday 1st March. If children wish to buy a book then the children will need to bring some money into school. We are suggesting an amount of around 12 - 15 € if they wish to buy one book (more if they wish to buy more than one book).

Also on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March the **children should come to school**, not in school uniform, but **dressed as a character from a book or story**.

We are pleased to confirm that our Junior department will be having the more normal 4 classes next year (i.e. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) from September 2018 when **we shall have a separate Year 6 class again**.

Thank you to all those families who have amended their child's dress as a result of us pointing out the **school uniform requirements** summarised at <http://www.bisb.org/admissions/school-uniform/> ? However there are still one or two children attending school in brightly coloured trainers instead of brown, navy or black shoes. Also a few children are coming to school in Grey jeans or sports tracksuit trousers instead of grey trousers or shorts. These can be obtained from <https://direct.asda.com/george/school-uniform/D10,default,sc.html> amongst others.

We are now inspecting all uniform items closely so please make sure that your child is dressed correctly when coming into school from now on.

**We have now received the delivery of green BISB jogging pants** for anyone who had been waiting for them. These are available now from the school office.

Please do let us know as soon as possible **if you think that you may be leaving BISB by the end of this school year** in June 2018.

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

- For Nursery      What is your favourite book and why do you like it so much?
- For Reception    Tell us about your favourite book and what makes it your favourite?
- For Year 1        What is your favourite book? What do you like about it?
- For Year 2        Why do you think there are such strange animals in Australia? Why don't they live in other areas of the world?
- For Year 3        What makes books and stories so brilliant?
- For Year 4        In what other situations do you find a quartet of people working together?
- For Year 5 / 6    What skills do you think you need to work for MI6?

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.

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      Dhriti for her super writing this week.  
Manasv for accurate measuring of length and weight.
- Year 1          Mokshith for making good progress with telling the time.  
Suansh for coming up with so many good examples of nouns in our grammar lesson.
- Year 2          Sóley for working very well and completing loads of work this week.  
Saumya for working well in maths and literacy this week.
- Year 3          Akhil for doing so well in the spelling challenge, and for trying hard to measure and draw accurately.  
Rohan for making such an effort with his handwriting and presentation.
- Year 4          Dev for continuing studying at home on his own initiative  
Himanshu for brilliant stroke technique in the pool
- Year 5 / 6      Sandra for her excellent work on finding fractions of quantities - I think that you have mastered this topic!  
Catriona for taking care of our library and ensuring that the books are easy to find - thank you!

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

“It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop.”

- Confucius

- Spring Term 2018

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Book Week
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Shared reading event
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Visit by author Gillian Muir
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Visit by author Gillian Muir
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Visit by author Sue Purkiss
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Book Fair by Treasure Trove
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Dressing up as a book character day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 10.00	Year 5/6 trip to La Montagne Magique to see Hocus Pocus
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 10.00	Year 4 trip to La Montagne Magique to see La Princess au petit pois

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4, 5 and 6 residential trip to Rippledown House
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00	Year 3 trip to La Montagne Magique to see Bizar

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