

Once again BISB will be participating in ‘Splash 2018’ which this year is taking place on Sunday 18th March. This is an annual Charity swimming event that BISB has taken part in since 2008 where teams of volunteers (including children, staff members and parent volunteers) swim laps as a relay team for a 55 minute period. Information has been circulated within school to let you know how you can take part too. Please see <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/welcome-splash> for more details. Our swimmers are swimming between 11.00 and 12.00 so everybody taking part should be gathering at 10.20 and ready changed by 10.50 at the poolside. This annual event is a swimming relay in aid of charities in Belgium and this year, monies raised will go to a Brussels city farm which educates, trains and provides work for people with special needs; and a centre in the Ardennes which allows people with disabilities to interact, care for and ride horses. Several children have already signed up but there is still a chance to join in. Even children in Reception can take part if they wish because they can swim using our swimming support jackets that we use in school, if required. If your child wishes to participate they should first sign up (by speaking to Mrs Prescott in the Infant department or Shaariq in Year 6 or Mr Stedman in the Junior department, or by sending an email to schooloffice@bisb.org).

Book Week has been great fun this week despite a transport strike on Tuesday as well as below freezing temperatures all week, including the coldest day for several years. If you have any more pictures of dressing up da then please send them into school so that they can add to our school website. Many thanks must go to Mrs Still, our Literacy co-ordinator for arranging such a great week for the whole school.

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.**

Next week our **Year 4 will be visiting the Heysel Stadium** on Wednesday 7th March and on Friday 9th March our **Year 5/6 children will be visiting Montagne Magique theatre group** to see Hocus Pocus which will, of course, be performed in French. .

On Friday 16th March our **Year 4, 5 and 6 children will be visiting the House of European History** which is the museum associated with the European Parliament, please see <https://historia-europa.ep.eu/en/welcome-house-european-history> for more information. This visit will include the children participating in the Europeana Migration project

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. We are now sending out initial 10% invoices for the 2018 / 19 school year so that we can see who definitely does require the school place for September.

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

- For Nursery What sort of jumpers do you like to wear, ones with patterns or ones without and why?
- For Reception What do you hope to see during our trip to the park.
- For Year 1 Where should Gillian Muir's dog Louis go next? What would he do there?'
- For Year 2 Who is your favourite author and why?
- For Year 3 How would I create my own 'writing den'?
- For Year 4 What's the hardest part of being an author?
- For Year 5 / 6 Would you like to work for a publisher?

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 .

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Aarush for his super blending this week.
Abir for his great independent writing.
- Year 1 Hitansh for trying hard with counting back along a number line.
Yuma for good work with consonant blends in phonics.
- Year 2 Shanvitha for super story writing ideas
Anika for super spelling skills
Jacob for completing his homework every day this week.
- Year 3 Hithaishi for being such an adventurous reader and for her enthusiastic book reviews.
Harshini for listening well and for trying really hard with her maths.
- Year 4 Arjun for dominating division
Marina for rolling her sleeves up and attacking a piece of work
- Year 5 / 6 Oskar for his excellent work on fractions - an amazing amount of work within a limited timescale!
Rikhil for his contagious enthusiasm about the Alex Rider stories

and preparation for our next Big Write!

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

“We should be taught not to wait for inspiration to start a thing. Action always generates inspiration. Inspiration seldom generates action.”

- Frank Tibolt

- Spring Term 2018

Friday 2 nd March	Dressing up as a book character day
Wednesday 7 th March	Year 4 will be visiting the Heysel Stadium
Friday 9 th March 10.00	Year 5/6 trip to La Montagne Magique to see Hocus Pocus
Thursday 15 th March	Year 4 Forest Walk
Friday 16 th March	Year 4, 5 and 6 children visit to the House of European History at the European Parliament.
Monday 19 th March 10.00	Year 4 trip to La Montagne Magique to see La Princess au petit pois

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 th April - Friday 20 th April	Year 4, 5 and 6 residential trip to Rippledown House
Tuesday 12 th 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 29th 2018 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

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