

Newsletter – 9 March 2018

Next week will be a busy week for the school with several trips throughout the week, culminating in the annual charity swimming event ‘Splash’ on Sunday morning.

Year 2 is off to the park on Tuesday 13th March to investigate the first signs of spring, weather permitting.

Year 3 will be going on a visit to Lokilino toy shop, the Treasure Trove book shop and the Tervuren Forest & Playground on Wednesday 14th March

Year 4 will be embarking on their annual Walk Through the Forest on Thursday 15th March, making their way using map and compass through the forest to complete an 'important' mission!

Year 1 will be going to the Grand Place in Brussels on Thursday the 15th of March to sketch the buildings there as part of their topic ‘A street through time’ on how houses, buildings and streets have changed.

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

Once again BISB will be participating in ‘Splash 2018’ 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. Please speak to Mrs Prescott in the Infant department or Shaariq in Year 6 or Mr Stedman in the Junior department for more details.

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 changes do you see in the environment, that tells you its Spring?
- For Reception Would you rather live in a hot country or a cold country?
- For Year 1 Have you ever been to the Grand Place in Brussels? What will we see there?
- For Year 2 What do you think could be the first signs of spring?
- For Year 3 What signs of spring can we already see around us?
- For Year 4 How would you describe the 'mountain' in Osseghem Park to others?
- For Year 5 / 6 Has your mindset changed this academic year?

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 Aadya for confidently using her sounds when writing
Hargun for showing increasing knowledge of the different letter sounds
- Year 1 Jay for a super 'show and tell' about fire engines.
Aahid for good progress with his reading.
- Year 2 Akshat for great effort in his grammar work this week
Anwitha for being so enthusiastic and working well in Maths
- Year 3 Anoushka for working so carefully on her maths, and for her great challenge work.
Netra for her organisational and diplomatic skills in the maths and science group work.
- Year 4 Tala for precision, stamina and victory in the orienteering
Zuzanna for precision, stamina and victory in the orienteering
- Year 5 / 6 Sahasra for the dramatic improvement in her spelling and dictation results - hard work really is rewarding!
Aadit for his brilliant Turbo 2000 Bike design with an ejector seat and smokescreen bike pump!

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

“I look to the future, because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life.”

- George Burns

Spring Term 2018

Friday 9 th March 10.00	Year 5/6 trip to La Montagne Magique to see Hocus Pocus
Tuesday 13 th March	Year 2 is off to the park to search for the first signs of spring.
Thursday 15 th March	Year 4 orienteering Forest Walk in Tervuren Woods
Thursday 15 th of March	Year 1 visit to the Grand Place in Brussels.
Friday 16 th March	Year 4, 5 and 6 children visit to the House of European History at the European Parliament.
Sunday 18 th March	Splash 2018 – Charity Swimming Event
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 Rippledawn 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