

Home School Books – 15 June 2018.

Home School Book – Nursery

Dear Parents,

Do you believe it! Here we are at the end of our summer term. What an incredible year we have had and you can see it all in pictures in our fantastic school year book! Please take a good look at not only the nursery pages but also the rest of the classes. It will give you a taster of how much each class has achieved and participated in over the school year.



School is not just about the academics; it is much more than that and we hope you are happy with how your little one has grown and flourished in nursery, since they started earlier in the year. You should also have the end of year report to let you know just how much progress your child has made since the last report in March.

This week finished with two amazing events, first the sports day and most importantly, the ice cream and the medal everyone got after the games! Plus of course the summer show, which we thought was just fabulous and hope you agree! The little gift each child received was well deserved for all of their hard work and great singing! Photographs will be published on the school website soon.

As promised the links for the phonic sounds and how to use synthetic phonics is at the bottom of this letter, plus a couple of other useful links. Please remember not to overdo the things we have asked you to do, to support your child, during the holiday or it won't be a holiday for you or for them!

See some of you back in nursery in September and the others we will wave to across the corridor in their new reception class.

All that is left to say is Thank you for all of your great support this year and have a very, very, happy holiday, whatever you are doing and wherever you may be.

Kind regards

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYx1CyDMZSc>

[https://youtu.be/HeSR9gR0z\\_U](https://youtu.be/HeSR9gR0z_U)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL04F0FB771098124D>

<https://youtu.be/TT3PCQTBdeM>

## Home School Book – Reception

Dear Parents,

Having finished all our main topic work, we settled down for a week of summertime activities. The children have been revising various aspects of phonics and Maths, and all their work has been collated in a personal Summer Booklet. As well as the work they have completed, there are several additional pages included, so that they have some ‘work’ to occupy them occasionally over the holidays.

Highlight of the week was our Summer Show on Wednesday. The children were very excited to be dressed up and performing for their parents, and they gave an excellent performance, reflecting the effort they had made to learn each of their songs.



During circle time, we discussed everybody’s plans for the holidays – it would seem there are going to be some well-travelled children coming back to school in September! To encourage the children to begin to remember their holiday travels, they have brought home a ‘Summer Folder’. Whilst there is no obligation to do so, your child can place in the folder any photographs, drawings, writing, brochures, small objects such as sea-shells and so on. If they wish, they can then bring the folder to school in September, when we will talk about each other’s adventures.

The rest of our week was very busy: we had our final PE session with the parachute, our final swimming sessions, a final trip to the park for each swimming group, Sports Day and Moving-Up Day. Sports Day is always a popular event, as it mixes up the children from Years 2, 1 and Reception, has a fun range of games and races, and is followed by medals and ice lollies for everyone! Moving-Up Day (it actually lasts an hour!) is an opportunity to introduce the children to their new teacher and classroom for next year – in our case, it will be me, and we’re moving just next door! Nevertheless, we had a chance to see what’s new and different about the classroom, and, importantly, what toys and games are available! We have tried to capture a flavour of each of the above events, and you can see the photos on the Reception webpage <http://www.bisb.org/project/june-2018/> .

Many thanks to parents for your support with all our activities – we are looking forward to more of the same next year!

We hope you all enjoy a relaxing summer holiday.

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Please click [here](#) for our Reception webpage

## Home School Book – Year 1

Dear Parents,

Wow I can't believe the school year is over already, it seems to have gone by so quickly! We've had lots of fun this week in school. On Tuesday we went to the park. We went on a walk around the lake and saw lots of interesting things including a swan, a man fishing, ducks and mole holes by the edge of the lake. We then wrote a poem about what we saw using descriptive language e.g I saw green grass waving, a white dog barking, a young girl swinging, a beautiful swan swimming. The children also had a chance to play on the play equipment there. This week we also did sport's day. The children competed in events such as the relay race, water race, beanbag race and high jump. Everyone enjoyed it and all the children were also good sportsmen and women and behaved well throughout all the events.

In literacy this week we talked about holidays. We looked at a story called 'Lucy and Tom at the seaside' by Shirley Hughes. We talked about what we would see at the seaside and came up with lots of seaside related vocabulary such as snorkel, umbrella, sunscreen, swimming costume and sandals to name a few words. We also talked about what we would pack in our suitcases for a seaside holiday. We also talked about our memories from this year and our plans for the summer break. The children told me lots of exciting things they planned to do at home or in other countries.



In maths we revised solving addition and subtraction problems using number facts, counting on and counting back. We did a data handling exercise related to the world cup. We made a tally chart of who likes to play football and who doesn't like to play football and turned it into a simple bar chart.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to wish everyone happy holidays and say a fond farewell to those families leaving BISB. It has been a pleasure to teach the children in year 1 this year and I wish them every success in the future.

Have a lovely summer break.

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Please click [here](#) for our Year 1 webpage

## Home School Book – Year 2

Dear Parents,

The last week of the term has simply flown by. We have had a fun time with our sports day and our outing.

Sports day was held in super sunshine and good sportsmanship. The mixed teams worked well to encourage each other and the final results were very close indeed.

Our outing to the farm was a real highlight. It was very educational and informative with the children being involved all the time. Here are some excerpts from the class.

‘I enjoyed most going into the garden of the farm and touching the 4 day old goat’

‘I enjoyed myself making the tasty bread’

‘It was a very smelly farm but Mrs Vetter said that’s a farm smell’

‘I loved the tractor ride’

‘I enjoyed making bread and flour’

‘I enjoyed making the bread and eating it in garderie’

‘I loved the taste of the bread’

‘We held a bunny and a baby chicken’

‘I enjoyed making bread and going for a tractor ride’

‘I enjoyed the bulls because the bulls had horns and I like horns’

‘I enjoyed touching the little goat and the bunny’

‘The bread was delicious. It was such fun to make it’

‘I enjoyed making the bread and touching the baby goat. My bread tasted very nice’

‘I enjoyed baking my bread, seeing the baby animals and having a ride on the tractor’



We had a busy time, making bread, making flour, feeding animals and touching little baby ones too. The pace was fast and interesting. The tractor ride was fun and we saw our bus driver who waved to us. Our guide, Steve was full of interesting information and I know the children have learned a lot about farms, animals and equipment. To view photos please follow this link <http://www.bisb.org/project/our-visit-to-the-farm-year-2/>

In French we finished presenting our project “Les Aventures de Mademoiselle et Monsieur... where every pupil got to talk about everything we’ve covered during the year .

We have tidied our classroom and have met our teacher for year 3. I have enjoyed working with this class and wish them well in the future. Thank you, too, parents, for all your support and help with swimming and outings.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and stay safe.

The holiday talk topic is: Where are you going on holiday and what do you want to see?

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Please click [here](#) for our Year 2 webpage

Home School Book – Year 3

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that another school year has finished. This one seems to have gone particularly quickly, but what a wonderful year it has been! I hope your children have enjoyed it as much as I have. We have certainly been busy and they have all worked, and played, extremely hard. Do take time over the summer to look at all of the photos on the website – Mrs Tolentino has done a fantastic job as our resident paparazzi – always on the ready to catch the action. The resulting photo gallery is a great reminder of all we have done.



This week has been a whirlwind of activity – Cinderella Rockerfella topped the charts for fantastic singing, dancing, acting and sheer effort. I was very proud to see the Year 3s putting heart and soul into their roles, and I look forward to seeing them in starring parts next year, they certainly deserve it. We were really pleased too to see our props and scenery in place on the big stage – it's all very well painting shower curtains on the classroom floor, but difficult to imagine the finished product shining in the lights!

It was good to finish the year with an energetic day at the park. We out-ran the runners on the athletics track, who were slightly bemused to see so many children racing round and dropping the relay baton. It was great to see that everyone managed a full 400 metres – that would not have been possible at the beginning of the year. We then had a good time playing wide games and hiding in the trees before a quick trot back to school, and no-one was out of breath! Keep up the good work out and about over the summer and everyone will be up and running for action in September.

Sports Day was a great success – there's nothing quite like a barbecue on what felt like the hottest day of the year and the water fight was the perfect finish. I'm sure I remember the water being horribly cold last year – that certainly wasn't the case yesterday!

In French we finished presenting our project 'mon correspondant francophone' (my French-speaking penpal).

We hope you all have a wonderful, fun-filled summer. Enjoy your travels if you are going away, and if not, make the most of all the exciting summer activities here in Brussels. Take the time too to relax and enjoy a good book or two, there's nothing quite like the luxury of being able to read for a whole day!

Many thanks to all those parents who helped on trips this year, and thank you all for your support. We have thoroughly enjoyed the year with your children.

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Please click [here](#) for our Year 3 webpage

## Home School Book – Year 4

Dear Parents,

What a week of triumphs!

Monday's Summer Show was sensational, Tuesday's first BISB Heads Up Championship was a smash hit, Marina won the SuperT Challenge Cup, the trip to Cinquanteaire was great and Sports Day was a unanimous success!

Monday's pre-show rehearsal at the theatre was quite frankly a bit disappointing but 30 minutes later everything clicked beautifully into place. The DVD of the show is now on sale and all proceeds of this phenomenal team effort will benefit the ones who contributed to it.

(I think it'll be worth getting just to see Sai's fantastic boogie on the stage at the end.)

Incidentally, praise goes this week to him and Maanas for having to fill in the gap of parts, Monsieur Bunn le Baker and his son at the latest of notice. Superb!!!

<http://www.bisb.org/project/another-fantastic-junior-department-production-cinderella-rockerfella/>



The Junior children loved Heads Up (the iPhone charades app) and Zuzanna and her partner got as far as the Semis!!! Swarnima was also a complete natural. This is a pure case of learning (enormously) through fun!!!

<http://www.bisb.org/project/bisb-juniors-heads-up-championships-2018/>

Marina was a hero too as she won the SuperT Challenge Cup in a very gentlewomanly final with Catriona:

<http://www.bisb.org/project/numeracy-super-t-challenge-cup-championship-winners-2018/>

In French we organised 'les retrouvailles' (MeetUp) with friends, the perfect situation to talk about what you like to do, to eat, to play etc... We also got to sing beautiful and popular French songs.

On Wednesday, the mercury on the thermometer started to really rise but so did the children through their gears as we did relays on the Military School track, played contentedly in the climbing playground and played a new game from Mrs Still's and my childhood – PomPom 123.

Thursday was the now legendary Sports Day which only witness accounts and the photos can do justice to. (See website now)

And today we said a hearty Hello! to our new teacher, Mrs Vetter, and a very fond farewell to our dear departing friends. We wish them both well and we will never forget them. Have a very, very wonderful holiday as Y5 starts today.

Best wishes

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Please click [here](#) for our Year 4 webpage

### Home School Book – Year 6

Dear Parents,

Another academic year has come to an end – and what a year it has been! I would like you all to take a look at our class webpage, to remind yourselves of all the trips and learning adventures that we have managed to achieve in ten months, and up until the last moment of this term.

On Monday, you saw our magical performance of Cinderella Rockerfella; the children performed brilliantly; singing and dancing their hearts out. This is always a proud moment – months of learning lines, songs, dance routines and acting skills are finally rewarded. Congratulations to all the students.



Tuesday turned out to be day of cricket, art and a ‘heads-up’ competition, which all the children enjoyed. This was followed by an outing to Parc Cinquantaire, where we enjoyed relay races on the running track, football and tag in the glorious sunshine. Sports Day was terrific fun. The children arrived to see a beautifully decorated playground: balloons, bunting and coloured flags. They then enjoyed a selection of challenges involving: space hoppers, obstacle races, water games and golf. The BBQ lunch was popular (some children had three servings!). Later on in the day, it was time to get changed for the eagerly awaited water fight. Squeals of delight could be heard from everyone (including the teachers). Mr Stedman, armed with a hosepipe, was a force to be reckoned with – no one escaped a soaking! I would like to thank Celine and Yasmin Stedman for helping to organise the day; they designed many of the games and kept us all in check with their amazing whistle blowing!

In French we organised ‘les retrouvailles’ (MeetUp) with friends, the perfect situation to talk about what you like to do, to eat, to play etc... We also got to sing beautiful and popular French songs.

Mrs Tolentino’s daughter has made a DVD of the Cinderella Rockerfella performance, which is on sale for 7 euro; proceeds of the sale will be given to the

School Council to buy equipment for our adventure outings. Please contact me for further details.

Last but not least, my sincere thanks to you all for your support this year; funding trips, collecting children late at night, using Edmodo, coping with the homework and our conversations at the door!

All in all a wonderful and memorable year... I think next year will be the same!

Happy holidays,

Best wishes,

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Please click [here](#) for our Year 6 webpage

### English as an Additional Language

Dear parents,

I have very much enjoyed the privilege of teaching your children over the course of this year. I have been very pleased to see how they have all developed their confidence in general, and in using English in particular. It is also lovely to see how much the children appreciate the school, their class teachers and their friends.

I know that the children will also have an enjoyable summer holiday with you. Over the holiday, please remember that your child must maintain and continually develop communication skills in her/his first language (rather than only speaking English), and that this is best achieved by having lots of conversation with her/him, as well as finding her interesting things to do, giving her lots to talk about.



I wish you all a very happy holiday.

Kate Read