

Newsletter – 14 September 2018

We still have several spaces for anyone (Years 2 – 6) joining our **Modern Creative Dance club on Tuesday afternoons** after school. This club is being offered by Sylvia the external teacher who ran the same club very successfully last year. However as it stands the club is not currently viable so we do need 1 or 2 extra dances. If your child is interested then please send an email into the school office.

This Sunday is no car day in Brussels where you are not allowed to drive a car between 09.30 and 19.00. See <https://www.brussels.be/mobility-week-and-car-free-sunday-2018> for more information. This is a great day for walking, cycling or roller blading in Brussels with the added bonus that public transport is free throughout the city. We hope that you have a great day if you are in the Brussels.

Next Monday (17th September) Year 4 will be going on a Science outing to Parc Josephat . Other visits planned for this term are

- the Junior Department outing to the EU – Science is Wonderful Exhibition on Tuesday 25th September.
- Year 6 outing to the House of European History on Tuesday October 2nd
- Year 6 Outing to the Atomium on 18th October

Posts of responsibility amongst the older children in the Junior department have been allocated this week as follows. The house captains are Deepesh (Unicorn) and Bhargav (Phoenix), Catriona is the Librarian and Shubham is the Quiz Master. The school council has also been initiated with Sandra as the School Council Chairperson together with the following representatives:- Year 5 Maanas, Year 4 Kashvi and Aarav and Year 3 Aditya and Anwitha. Divgun has been nominated as a school prefect. This year the School Council project is going to be the refurbishment of the Junior Department Library

The end of the day **system of using name cards** at 15.25 for infant parents is working well as it produces a calmer process of dismissal and prevents potentially dangerous crowding in front of school Thank you for your co-operation and please do bring your child's name card with you every day.

Please note that the **school will be closed on Friday, October 26th 2018** to enable Parent - Teacher Appointments Day to take place. Appointments will be taking place throughout the day from 08.45 finishing at 17.00. In these discussions teachers will be able to talk about each child's individual progress.

Could we ask that parents put their **child's name in the school jumpers**? In this way it is much easier to return the jumper if your child misplaces it. Many thanks.

This week our after school **drama club received a record number of requests** for attendance which was more than any other club in the history of the school. This was very gratifying and a significant tribute to Mrs Tranter who runs the club, but it did mean that we were not able to accept all requests to participate. This decision to restrict numbers was not taken lightly but we realised that in the interests of safety that we did not have an alternative. We would like to apologise to all those children who were disappointed as a consequence.

If your child is away from school for illness or for any other reason then we would appreciate receiving a short email explaining the situation. In this way we can see if there are any communicable illnesses in the school community.

Many thanks to all of the families who have **completed and returned the contact details form** but if you are yet to return them to the school office could we ask that you do so as soon as possible please?

The **weekly Coffee mornings** started today and are going to be held every Friday morning at 09.00 in the Junior department library, starting next Friday. This will also give you a chance to change your library books from the large selection of books in English for parents and teachers. For this week we are hosting the welcome coffee morning for all families tomorrow morning from 10.00 to 12.00 in the infant department.

The **School Photograph day** will be on Wednesday 17th October this year. Therefore we expect that all children will be able to attend school as normal on that day. There will be an opportunity afterwards to buy photographs taken then, including, individual, class and school photographs.

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

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| For Nursery | What is your favourite colour and why? |
| For Reception | What is a family and who is in my family?' |
| For Year 1 | Which country and city do you come from? Can you tell us something about it? |
| For Year 2 | Why do you think it is important to protect whales and other endangered animals?'' |
| For Year 3 | What do you know about dragons? |
| For Year 4 | Probably not a pea, but what caused you the most sleepless night of your life? |
| For Year 5 | How would you react to an earthquake? Discuss. |

For Year 6 What has been your most daunting event up to now?

For all those families paying fees by Domiciliation each month please note that the target date for the amounts to be taken from your account is always the 3rd of each month.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Magizhvini for excellent letter writing.
 Srinivas for being very good at working with patterns.
- Year 1 Priyanshi for excellent sentence-writing in Literacy.
 Aarush for great work on domino addition.
- Year 2 Mokshith for his splendid reading of his whale story book to the entire class. Everyone enjoyed it.
 Marco for his fantastic listening skills, his hard work and his great ability to follow instructions.
- Year 3 Dhanishka for a super retelling of 'The willow pattern plot' story.
 Aditya for great speaking when sharing the ideas of the school council with the class.
- Year 4 Lavanya for fine reading in group and a fine attitude to the new year
- Year 5 Chetan for incredible work in Maths this week
- Year 6 Shubham for his enthusiastic start in his new role as Quiz Master – within 24hours, he had created a quiz for the start of the new academic year!

Please let us know as soon as possible **if you think that you may be leaving in this autumn term** i.e. any time up till December 2018. The 90 day deadline for the end of this term for written notice of departure, after which deposits will not be refunded, will fall on Saturday 22nd September.

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

“The public will believe anything, so long as it is not founded on truth.”

- Edith Sitwell

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Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 12th September
18.00

Curriculum Briefing
In Infant & Junior departments

Monday 17th September

Year 4 Science outing to Parc Josephat

Tuesday 25th September

Junior department trip to the
EU Science is Wonderful exhibition

Tuesday October 2nd

Year 6 outing to the House of
European History

Thursday October 18th

Year 6 Outing to the Atomium on

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2018 / 2019

Autumn Term

Monday, September 3, 2018

Start of Autumn Term

Friday, October 26, 2018 School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

Monday, October 29, 2018
- Friday, November 2, 2018

Half Term
Break

Friday, December 21, 2018 at 12.15

End of Autumn Term

Spring Term

Monday, January 7, 2019

Start of Spring Term

Friday, March 1, 2019 School Closed – Staff Training Day

Monday, March 4, 2019
- Friday, March 8, 2019

Half Term
Break

Thursday, April 4, 2019

End of Spring Term

Friday, April 5, 2019

School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

Summer Term

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Start of Summer Term

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 30, 2019
Friday, May 31 2019

Ascension Public Holiday
Half Term Holiday

Monday, June 10, 2019

Pentecost Holiday

Friday June 28th 2019 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 2nd, 2019