

Newsletter – 21 September 2018

Please let us know immediately 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.

Please be aware that we shall be having a **fire practice next week** so please don't be alarmed if children come home saying that we all had to leave the building during the school day.

We still have some 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. The club is now up and running but would benefit from 1 or 2 extra dancers, either boys or girls. If your child is interested then please send an email into the school office.

Could parents please note that the weather is changing and that it is going to be getting colder from now on? It is definitely **time for the children to be wearing coats** as we are not discouraged from taking children outside as we expect them to be dressed appropriately.

On Tuesday, 25th September, the Junior Department children will be visiting **the thrilling EU – Science is Wonderful Expo**. They will be departing at 09:00 (all children must arrive at school by 08:50) and traveling on coaches provided by the organisers. This is a 'small backpack' day; items to bring include: water bottle, snack and lunch (easy to eat picnic food please). Pupils will return before the end of the school day.

<https://corporate.events.idloom.com/science-is-wonderful#en>

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. If you also want to have an appointment with your child's French teacher then that will be possible on the morning of Friday, October 26th. Please send an email into the school office as soon as possible and by Friday 19th October at the latest.

Surprisingly there are still one or two families who have not yet **completed and returned the contact details form**. If you are yet to return them to the school office could we ask that you do so as soon as a matter of urgency, otherwise we will have to ring you next week to explain that you have 48 hours to return the information otherwise your child will not be allowed to

attend until we receive the completed contact details form. We need this information immediately to provide to the Belgian education authorities telling them which children are attending the school.

The **weekly Coffee mornings** are 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.

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 | How does coming to nursery make you feel? |
| For Reception | What is your favourite animal? Why? |
| For Year 1 | What parts of a skeleton do you know, and how do they help us? |
| For Year 2 | How might it feel to be a caterpillar on a leaf in the middle of a forest? |
| For Year 3 | Where can we find mirrors? How are mirrors used in our everyday lives? |
| For Year 4 | If you had discovered Australia, what would you have called the new land and what would you have done next? |
| For Year 5 | Do you think Galileo deserved to be under house arrest?
Discuss |
| For Year 6 | How do you think you would cope in August's situation? |

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:

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| Reception | Hem Ruthvik for excellent reading!
Havish for brilliant drawing and colouring. |
| Year 1 | Pranavi for a super effort in writing about the sun.
Karthika for great work on number bonds all week. |
| Year 2 | Prajwal for concentrating hard on his number work and for being extremely helpful in the classroom – without even being asked!
Mohith for his great attitude at the swimming pool and for working hard. |
| Year 3 | Neel for writing some super expanded noun phrases.
Aasritha for trying hard in maths to multiply and divide by 4. |

- Year 4 Rishi for a fine performance on the biology fieldtrip and in his spelling test
Anjali for super result-recording of habitats in the Park
- Year 5 Arjun for his enthusiasm and positive approach to his schoolwork and his sport
- Year 6 Divgun for proving to be an excellent prefect; always fulfilling administrative tasks efficiently throughout the department.

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

“Facts are facts and will not disappear on account of your likes”.

- Jawaharlal Nehru (1889 - 1964)

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Autumn Term 2018

Monday 17 th September	Year 4 Science outing to Parc Josephat
Tuesday 25 th September	Junior department trip to the EU Science is Wonderful exhibition
Tuesday October 2 nd	Year 6 outing to the House of European History
Wednesday October 17 th	School Photograph day
Thursday October 18 th	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