

Year 2 will be spending part of the morning of Thursday 11th October at the Warandeborg Park in Wezembeek-Oppem. This is a **Science trip during which they will be studying micro-habitats** for their Science and Topic work. The park has several distinct areas and the children will be looking at the different trees and plants as well as considering food chains and the changes to habitats caused by the changing seasons.

They will leave school on the Junior Department sport coach at 11h and return at 12.40. Snacks will be eaten at school before leaving, and lunch will be eaten when they get back. Children may take water bottles with them. They should come to school in PE uniform and will need a warm coat and gloves.

As part of our World Space Week programme of activities, **the Junior Department will be taking the children to Cinquantenaire Park** to do (Planets in the Park) orienteering on Friday 12th October.

As **the school will not be able to send our Year 4, 5 and 6 children to Rippledown House in 2019** because of the Brexit situation we have instead booked to travel to the Villa Saint-Servais de Botassart which is near Bouillon in the south of Belgium, near the French border. This will be from Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 26th April. Please see <http://www.saint-servais-botassart.be/> for more information

Could parents please be aware that under Belgian law **all parents have an obligation to see that their child attends full time schooling** if they are over the age of 6. Consequently every September we send the names and addresses of all children attending BISB to the Belgian education authorities so that they know, and can check at any time, who is coming to school here. It is therefore not possible for the school to approve a child's unauthorised absence from school. This is a matter between the Belgian authorities and parents.

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 and appointment times should by now have been sent to you. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received your appointment time.

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.

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 | What colour leaves did you see on the trees this weekend?’ |
| For Reception | If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? |
| For Year 1 | If you could travel anywhere in space, where would you like to go? |
| For Year 2 | If you went on a trip into Outer Space, what would you take with you? |
| For Year 3 | If you took a rocket up into space what would you see? |
| For Year 4 | Which was worse: the Guillotine or Smallpox? Explain your answer. |
| For Year 5 | Would you like to go to the moon? Discuss. |
| For Year 6 | A set of silver spoons in exchange for freedom – Discuss. |

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 | Aashrita for really good work with the days of the week.
Mihir for doing a very good job of drawing by numbers. |
| Year 1 | Stavros for giving such clear and accurate instructions to his human robot!
Anirudh for great work with 2-D shapes and Venn diagrams in Maths. |
| Year 2 | Malhaar for his amazing graphic design, his descriptive story opening and his great maths work.
Sharvi for trying hard in all her work and for joining in everything with such enthusiasm. |
| Year 3 | Harshini for writing a super ‘Chinese adventure’ story.
Ishan for working hard and showing a great attitude to learning. |
| Year 4 | Shinnosuke for inspired fairytale writing.
Sathyamoorthy for excellent grid method multiplication |
| Year 5 | Arsalan for his joy and enthusiasm during science lessons. |
| Year 6 | Oskar for his excellent leadership and map-reading skills on our outing to the House of European History. |

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

“Better to look weak and be strong than to look strong and be weak.”

- Laura Moncur

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Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday October 2 nd	Year 6 outing to the House of European History
Monday October 8 th	Start of Space Week
Thursday, October 11 th	Year 2 Science trip to Warandeborg Park in Wezembeek-Oppem
Wednesday October 17 th	School Photograph day
Thursday October 18 th	Year 6 Outing to the Atomium
Friday, October 26 th	School Closed for Parent - Teacher Appointments Day
Thursday, 29th November	Year 6 theatre trip to see 'Hamlet' by William Shakespeare

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