

Please note that **children should not be bringing any nuts into school as part of their snack or lunch.** Although we do not allow children to share their lunches there is always the risk that somebody who does not know that they have an allergy might end up eating a nut which could prove very dangerous to them. Also they can represent a significant choking hazard to any child so please consider other options for your child to eat.

The big event of the year, coming up next week, is that **our Year 6 children will be going to the Brussels Atomium for a one night sleepover** on Thursday 18th October followed by a Picnic lunch back at school on Friday 19th October.

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 for children on Friday, October 26th 2018** to enable Parent - Teacher Appointments Day to take place i.e. so that you have a chance to come in and talk to your child's teacher about their progress. Appointments will be taking place throughout the day from 08.45 finishing at 17.00 and appointment times have been sent to you. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received your appointment time. Please note that this is not a day for the children to come along to as they cannot be present at the parent teacher meeting. You should try to arrange someone to look after your child for the duration of your meeting.

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. **If you want to speak with your child's French teacher** then please send an email into the school office as soon as possible and by Friday 19th October at the latest.

We are going to be celebrating **Pumpkin Week** in the last week of this half term i.e. from Monday 22nd October to Thursday 25th October. During Pumpkin week in school we shall be celebrating all things pumpkin related. We shall be having many curriculum items including pumpkins and it will be an exciting week for everybody. To start the week off everyone is invited to bring in a pumpkin to add to the display in each building. This does not need to be carved or painted. It can just be an unusual, or big, or small pumpkin. **At the end of the week on Thursday (25th October) the children do not need**

to come into school wearing school uniform as they can come in fancy dress using Autumn colours.

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 next week on Wednesday 17th October this year. Therefore we expect that all children will be able to attend school as normal on that day. If you wish to have family shots taken then please send an email into school and these will be taken as close to 09.00 as possible. Phots with siblings at school will be taken automatically. 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 | Why do we not run inside of the nursery? What might happen if you do? |
| For Reception | What is your favourite season and why? |
| For Year 1 | What do we need and what do we have to do to make pumpkin soup? |
| For Year 2 | What did you most enjoy about the park (apart from the playground!)?" |
| For Year 3 | Is Earth the only planet with life on it? Discuss. |
| For Year 4 | Where would you take a space rocket, with who and why? |
| For Year 5 | If you meet an alien in the park, what would you do? |
| For Year 6 | Would you have sneaked through the military checkpoint into enemy territory? |

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 | Adrian for being really good at practising writing letters and excellent progress in speaking and understanding English!
Nishaank for being great at recognising sounds and reading short words with full understanding! |
| Year 1 | Akshita for super skeleton speech bubble captions.
Vibha for doing very well in reading this week. |
| Year 2 | Jay for his great concentration, for being very helpful and for sharing his Space book.
Nevaan for his amazing explanations and infectious enthusiasm |

- about Space, animals and the world around us.
- Year 3 Sólley for super science with Mrs Tranter in Space Week.
Akshat for great work in his maths assessment.
- Year 4 Hithaishi for her lightning speed and top dragon presentation.
Alex for his dragon art and profile.
- Year 5 Maanas for his eagerness and enthusiasm especially during numeracy.
- Year 6 Aadit for always including detailed workings (and double checking of answers) in his maths exercise book and homework. Outstanding!

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

“You can't do anything about the length of your life, but you can do something about its width and depth.”

- Evan Esar

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Autumn Term 2018

Monday October 8 th	Start of Space Week
Thursday, October 11 th	Year 2 Science trip to Warandeberg Park in Wezembeek-Oppem
Wednesday October 17 th	School Photograph day
Thursday October 18 th Friday October 19 th	Year 6 Outing to the Atomium Year 6 return from Atomium sleep-over
Monday October 22 nd	Start of Pumpkin Week
Thursday October 25 th	Dressing up day for Pumpkin Week
Friday, October 26 th	School Closed to children for Parent - Teacher Appointments Day
Monday November 12 th	Visit by Year 3 and 5 children to the Van Gogh immersive experience at the Bourse at De Broukere
Friday November 16 th 18.00 – 20.00	Autumn & Diwali Craft evening
Sunday November 25 th 14.00 – 16.00	Walk in the Woods
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