

Our Year 6 children really enjoyed their **trip and overnight stay to the Brussels Atomium** on Thursday and Friday this week. Special thanks must go to Mr and Mrs Tranter who sacrificed some hours off their normal sleep pattern to accompany the group.

We are going to be celebrating **Pumpkin Week** next week i.e. from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. During this Pumpkin week 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. **On Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup> October) the children do not need to come into school wearing school uniform as they can come in fancy dress which is pumpkin related or using Autumn colours.**

Please note that the **school will be closed for children next Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. **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 before Monday at the latest.

Could parents please note that when children go swimming **they should be wearing swimming trunks or swimming costumes** and not baggy swimming shorts or full length wet suits.



Next week the **dressing up day for Pumpkin Week will be on Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>** and not Thursday as originally proposed, as this would have clashed with our swimming programme.

Tying in with the Year 4 Autumn fairy-tale topic of 'Wishful Thinking' (whilst also providing a fitting complement to next week's Pumpkin Week), the **Year 4 children will be going to SORTILEGE** 'an adventure experience

where they will meet the goblin, fairy, princess and the knight.’ next Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please see <http://www.sortilege.be/fr/> for more details.

**If parents need to see a teacher** then this is best done by making an appointment beforehand by email. Teachers are obviously busy teaching during most of the day but appointments will be possible at the following times, if it is necessary to have a discussion about something. Parents must make the appointment before the day of the meeting itself:-

Nursery	Mrs Davies	Wednesday	12.30
Reception	Ms Hafstein	Monday	11.40
Year 1	Mr Tranter	Thursday	15.35
Year 2	Mrs Still	Tuesday	09.45
Year 3	Mrs Rutayisire	Friday	09.05
Year 4	Mr Stedman	Friday	09:05
Year 5	Mrs Vetter	Wednesday	10,00
Year 6	Mrs Tranter	Friday	09:45

To link with their Fairy-tales; Science: habitats; and Numeracy topics, the Year 4 class will take part in the annual **Year 4 Walk Through The Forest** with map and compass through the Foret de Soignes, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

We shall be hosting an **Autumn and Diwali Craft evening** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 18.00 to 20.00 in the infant department but open to children throughout the school. This will be great fun for all family members so please make a note in your diaries now.

We are organising a chance to enjoy the Autumnal colours in the woods for all parents, children and members of staff and this will be on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November. This **‘Walk in the Woods’ event** will take place from 14.00 to 16.00 and will not be too strenuous so all children attending the school will be able to participate. Exact details of the starting point will be circulated nearer the date and we look forward to seeing you all then,

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

- For Nursery Why are fruit and vegetables so good for us? How many should we eat each day?
- For Reception What are all the different things you can do with a pumpkin?

- For Year 1      What do you like best about Autumn?  
 For Year 2      We have watched whales and wandered in the woods. Which animal habitat would you like to visit next, and why?"  
 For Year 3      How do you make pumpkin soup?  
 For Year 4      What are the biggest difficulties or dangers facing an astronaut?  
 For Year 5      Do you think Michael will ever leave the island?  
 For Year 6      What is your fondest memory of our night in the Atomium?

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      Reyansh for doing a great job with numbers this week.  
                       Shriyansh for excellent drawing and colouring.  
 Year 1          Aadya for great work on our phonics sounds of the week.  
                       Asritha for a great effort in our 'Big Writing' session.  
 Year 2          Aahid for trying really hard with his maths and reading, and for his great team work.  
                       Vihan for persevering so well with his science work, and for his excellent listening skills.  
 Year 3          Hiya for great work using the frog method for subtraction.  
                       Priyal for her super artwork during space week.  
 Year 4          Alex for Guided Reading at its best  
                       Rishi for a hugely satisfying writing assessment  
 Year 5          Swarnima for always trying to do her best in all areas of school.  
 Year 6          Catriona for her outstanding teamwork skills during the science workshop – gently encouraging the less confident children to participate - a delight to watch!

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

“Before we set our hearts too much upon anything, let us examine how happy those are who already possess it.”

- Francois de La Rochefoucauld

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## Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday October 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Photograph day
Thursday October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Outing to the Atomium
Friday October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 return from Atomium sleep-over
Monday October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Pumpkin Week
Tuesday October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 trip to SORTILEGE the adventure experience
Wednesday October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dressing up day for Pumpkin Week
Friday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed to children for Parent - Teacher Appointments Day
<b><i>Monday, October 29, 2018 - Friday, November 2, 2018</i></b>	<b><i>Half Term Break</i></b>
Tuesday November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to the park, to look for signs of Autumn.
Monday November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Visit by Year 3 and 5 children to the Van Gogh immersive experience at the Bourse at De Broukere
Wednesday November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 map and compass walk through the Foret de Soignes,
Friday November 16 <sup>th</sup> 18.00 – 20.00	Autumn & Diwali Craft evening
Sunday November 25 <sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 12.15**

**End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019