

Newsletter – 9 November 2018

We are this year once again supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal which is designed to commemorate and help the many casualties of war. This is particularly significant this year with Sunday being exactly 100 years since the end of the First World War. These artificial poppies are worn by many people throughout the UK and Commonwealth countries leading up to Armistice Day on November 11th. A box of poppies and a collection tin is located in the entrance hall of both the Infant department and the Junior department. **Please feel free to place some coins in the collection tin to make your donation and then you can take a poppy or a bracelet to wear.**

For everyone who celebrated Diwali this week I would like to wish them a Happy Diwali for the occasion. Unfortunately this weekend wasn't possible for the school's commemoration and so we shall be hosting our **Autumn and Diwali Craft evening** on Friday 16th November from 18.00 to 20.00. This will be in the infant department but open to children and families throughout the school. This will be great fun for all family members so please make a note in your diaries now for next week and we look forward to seeing everybody there.

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, on Wednesday 14th November. There will be stops for snack and lunch and the walk will include a visit to the Forest (Jan van Ruusbroec) Museum. All children must have strong shoes for walking and a warm waterproof coat even though the current forecast is for a dry day.

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 25th 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,

Parents should make a note of the **dates for the end of term shows in December** which are also listed at the end of this newsletter. They will be on Tuesday 11th December at 11.30 for the Reception show, on Thursday 13th December for the Year 1 and Year 2 show at 17.00 at the De Kam Theatre and on Monday 17th December for the Junior department show at 17.00 at the De Kam Theatre. Please note that the De Kam Theatre is a different theatre to the one we used for the summer shows.

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

- For Nursery When do we need to go to the dentist?
For Reception What is your favourite book? Tell us about it!
For Year 1 When do we use our sense of touch?
For Year 2 What would you like to find out about if you went to Antarctica?
For Year 3 Which part of the Van Gogh experience did you enjoy the most and why? What have you learned about Van Gogh?
For Year 4 What's the most dangerous thing in a forest? And in a Brothers Grimm Forest?
For Year 5 Which is your favourite painting by Van Gogh? Discuss why you like this particular painting.
For Year 6 What are the true 'facts' about the Koh-i-Noor?

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 thus the next deduction will be on Monday 3rd December.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception Sangamithirai for being really good at practising her letters and doing great work in phonics!
Ishaan for having learned all the days of the week and for being good at recognising today, tomorrow and yesterday!
- Year 1 Shashwat for excellent work on teen numbers all week
Atharva for his enthusiastic participation in all our Literacy sessions
- Year 2 Hasini for her interesting writing on Antarctica.
Surya for his excellent reading and for always trying hard in all his work.
- Year 3 Shanvitha for a super impressionist painting based on Van Gogh's 'A Starry Night'.
Saumya for sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm about how Diwali is celebrated.
- Year 4 Kashvi for being brave, intuitive and a pleasure at Sortilege last week.
Hana for great test performances and great work with organism food chains.
Rohan for seriously super subtraction
- Year 5 Marina for her excellent perceptive comments and observations during literacy this week.
- Year 6 Sandra for displaying outstanding negotiating skills and ability to look at both sides of an issue in our warm-up to the Koh-i-Noor debate.

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

Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness; no laziness; no procrastination; never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

- Lord Chesterfield

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Autumn Term 2018

Monday November 12 th	Visit by Year 3 and 5 children to the Van Gogh immersive experience at the Bourse at De Broukere
Wednesday November 14 th	Year 4 map and compass walk through the Foret de Soignes,
Friday November 16 th 18.00 – 20.00 Infant department	Autumn & Diwali Craft evening
Sunday November 25 th 14.00 – 16.00	Walk in the Woods
Thursday, 29 th November	Year 6 theatre trip to see ‘Hamlet’ by William Shakespeare
Tuesday 11 th December 11.30 Infant department	Reception show
Thursday 13 th December 17.00 De Kam Theatre	Year 1 and Year 2 show
Monday 17 th December 17.00 De Kam Theatre	Junior department show
Friday, 21 st December at 12.15	End of Autumn Term

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