

Newsletter – 16 November 2018

Please don't forget that we shall be hosting our **Autumn and Diwali Craft evening** this evening (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.

In the next 2 weeks **we will be welcoming a small group of polar scientists from APECS** Belgium into school (Association of Polar Early Career Scientists). They are a group of enthusiastic graduate students, postdoctoral researchers and other scientists working with different aspects of polar biology, glaciology, and climatology, based at the University of Liege. They will be visiting BISB to carry out morning workshops with Year 6 children on Friday November 23rd and with Year 2 on Wednesday, November 28th. These will tie in with science and topic work being studied in each class.

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 next weekend 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 in next week's newsletter 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 to be held in the Infant department, 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 Why do we need to take care of our teeth? What will happen if we don't?
- For Reception Which hibernating animal do you like? Where does this animal hibernate?
- For Year 1 What body parts do we use to breathe, and what happens to the air we breathe in?
- For Year 2 What questions would you like to ask the Antarctic scientists?"
- For Year 3 How has childhood changed since your parents were young?
- For Year 4 What did you learn about yourself in the forest, good and bad?
- For Year 5 What would you incorporate into an obstacle course to make it both skilful and enjoyable?
- For Year 6 What do you know about 'Hamlet'?

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 Hari for excellent work in maths and for enthusiastically and diligently practising her numbers!
Akira for excellent work in phonics and being really good at finding the beginning sounds of words!
- Year 1 Abir for excellent work in Literacy – phonics, story-writing and handwriting.
Hargun for great independent work on dice addition.
- Year 2 Kuval for his enthusiastic singing in music and his great topic work.
Chethan for making a big effort with his listening skills and for trying very hard on his penguin writing.
- Year 3 Tharun for great effort with some difficult problems in the primary maths challenge.
Thomas for coming up with some imaginative ideas for our 'life in a box' writing activity.
- Year 4 Akhil for being a 'forestier': a king of the forest (and going swimming afterwards!!)
Aarav for being a 'forestier': a king of the forest
- Year 5 Arnav for consistent good work in both numeracy and literacy.
- Year 6 Eashan for his brilliant tennis skills – he flies around the tennis court returning every serve!

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

“It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.”
- Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

Autumn Term 2018

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
Friday November 23 rd	APECS visit to Year 6
Sunday November 25 th 14.00 – 16.00	Walk in the Woods
Wednesday November 28 th	APECS visit to Year 2 class.
Thursday, 29th 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