

We are organising a great chance to enjoy the Autumn / Winter shades of colour in the woods for all parents, children and members of staff and this will be **this 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 but it is not designed for children in push-chairs. The starting point will be the front of the Colonial Palace in Tervuren which has both good parking and access by public transport. The nearest stop is Tervuren Station on the 44 tram from Montgomery, which is the stop at the end of the line. The exact location can be seen via this link

<https://www.google.be/maps/@50.8283143,4.5147046,19.79z?hl=en>

The weather forecast is very good so dress warm and we look forward to seeing you all then.

Last week, 20 children in our Junior department were entered in the UK's annual **Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC)**. They sat a tough problem-solving paper and all made a super effort they can be proud of. In particular, we congratulate Maanas and Bhargav for winning Gold Certificates, Aadit and Catriona for achieving Silver Certificates and Shubham and Tharun, Bronze.

<http://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/what-is-the-pmc>

Parents should note that anyone arriving late for the start of the day in the Infant department is not allowed access to the school between 09.10 and 10.15 to avoid disturbing the class with children who arrived on time. On time means arriving by 09.00 but we have noted a worrying number of parents who seem to think that it is OK to arrive between 09.00 and 09.10. It is not OK and if this trend continues then **we will simply reduce the courtesy of arriving up to 09.10 so that the cut off time becomes 09.05**. Please try to arrive closer to 08.30 than 09.00.

Please be aware that Mrs Scharf's **Year 3/4 French group** will be going to the local library ‘Thomas Owen’ on Friday, November 30 for a ‘kamishibai’ presentation. This is a form of Japanese street theatre and storytelling using a combination of picture and text to convey a story. The other Year 3 / 4 French group will go on Friday December 7th.

On Wednesday November 28th **our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will have the opportunity to go to see a concert by the Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra** directed by Stéphane Denève in the Flagey Concert Hall. Not only will they see the orchestra performing live but they will also participate in the performance using actions, songs and body claps previously learned in class. This concert will focus on Beethoven 5th Symphony and will link our previous work on the background of the French revolution, Napoleon and the

industrial changes that occurred at that time with Beethoven's own revolution in his way of writing music.

On Wednesday December 5th **our Year 1 and 2 children will also enjoy the chance to participate with the Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra** at the Flagey Concert Hall This concert will cover stories talking about magical creatures, told by the music of Dukas "l'apprenti sorcier" (best known in Disney's Fantasia) and Franck "les Djinns", a story around maleficent Arabic spirits.

Today saw the first visit of 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 visited our Year 6 class today and will be visiting BISB to carry out another exciting morning workshops with Year 2 on Wednesday, November 28th. These will tie in with science and topic work being studied in each class.

As well as the show dates listed below please note that **the Nursery Show** will this year be on Monday 17 December at 11.30am. This show for parents will be held in the infant department.

Please don't miss the dates **for the other end of term shows in December**. 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:-

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| For Nursery | When do we need to have an X-ray? Have you ever had one and why? |
| For Reception | Why do animals hibernate in winter? |
| For Year 1 | What is your favourite part of the 'Stick Man' story, and can you remember the rhyming words for that part? |
| For Year 2 | If you wrote a book, what would it be about and would it be fiction or non-fiction? |
| For Year 3 | What have you learned so far about China? |
| For Year 4 | Turner went to extremes to paint: what unusual things do you do to be creative or play? And why? |
| For Year 5 | What does the term ageism mean? Discuss this |
| For Year 6 | What did you enjoy about debating? |

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 Aabhir for working hard on his hibernation worksheet!
 Preetisha for really good work with shapes this week!
- Year 1 Camilla for learning her Christmas show lines so quickly and saying them with such enthusiasm.
 Dhriti for making up a super rhyme for our class rhyming story.
- Year 2 Diya for her enthusiastic participation in the play rehearsals and for being very helpful and responsible.
 Pranav for always trying hard, listening well and being kind and helpful to everyone around him.
- Year 3 Anjika for lots of super artwork in class and being courageous at the swimming pool.
 Aasya for good work in maths with making her own number lines.
- Year 4 Alex for being an 'homme des bois': a king of the forest (leading from the front).
 Wahed for double victories in the class SuperT competition.
- Year 5 Aahil for perceptive and thoughtful diary entries for both Liam and his mum.
- Year 6 Deepesh for his enthusiastic attitude towards our Year 6 Book Club - well done for trying to read so many new genres!

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

“I was brought up to believe that the only thing worth doing was to add to the sum of accurate information in the world.”

- Margaret Mead (1901-1978)

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday November 20 th	Visit to Junior department by the author Alex Marchant
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.
Wednesday November 28 th	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 visit to Flagey Concert Hall to see Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra
Thursday, 29 th November	Year 6 theatre trip to see 'Hamlet' by William Shakespeare
Wednesday December 5 th	Years 1 and 2 visit to Flagey Concert Hall to see Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra
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 11.30 in the Infant department	Nursery 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