

Newsletter – 18 January 2019

The **talk topics** for next week are as follows:-

For Nursery	If you could visit a different planet where would you go?
For Reception	If my life was a fairy tale, what kind of fairy tale would it be?
For Year 1	What sort of toys did your parents and grandparents have?
For Year 2	When we look around our environment, what are the most common materials
For Year 3	What do you think children who were evacuated to the countryside in World War 2 would have packed in their suitcase
For Year 4	How could the problem of the Uru Chipaya Indians be improved? Suggest 5 ideas
For Year 5	Would you have preferred to grow up in the 1930's or are you happy with growing up today?
For Year 6	What is philosophy?

For our Year 1 swimming groups that take place each Tuesday morning (leaving school at 11.00) **we would be pleased to receive the support of some parent volunteers** who could help the children with getting changed. If you would like to help in this way then please contact the school office. Thank you in anticipation.

Years 5 & 6 will be visiting the theatre La Montagne Magique on Tuesday, 22nd January to watch a performance of Nipt (Please see <http://lamontagnemagique.be/project/nipt/> for more information). This visit supports the teaching of the French curriculum in our school and offers the children an opportunity to visit a theatre and use their language skills. The group is expected to return before the end of the school day.

Another cultural focus that has been recommended as being of interest to our international school children is at the Kanal Centre Pompidou. Please see <http://kanal.brussels/en/exhibitions/colours-human-rights> for more details. This is a unique exhibition that is commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It contains 30 paintings by the Spanish artist, Cristobal Gabarron, one for each article of the UDHR together with 40 drawings from children all over the world who participated in the “Kids for Human Rights” international drawing competition

Years 1 & 2 will be visiting the Brussels Museum of Natural Sciences on Wednesday 23rd January to see the current exhibition about bears which is specifically tailored for young children, taking their love and knowledge of

toy bears and showing how these compare with the various species of real bears around the world.

Mrs Scharf's Year 3 / 4 French group will be going to visit the local library Thomas Owen this coming Monday January 21st at 10.00. They will depart school at 9:35. This exercise is part of the annual Prix Versele : children read or are read stories to and then vote for their favourite ones according to their ages. Mrs Scharf's other French group, with children in Year 5 and Year 6, will also be going for the same project on the following Monday, January 28th at 10.00.

Children in the other Junior department French groups will be going on this library visit in February, on Friday, February 1st and on Wednesday February 27th.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you may be leaving BISB by the end of the Spring term i.e. any time up till April 2019. Please note that the **90 day deadline for the end of next term** for written notice of departure, after which deposits will not be refunded, was on Friday 4th January, 2019 and therefore has now passed.

For all new families arriving in Brussels for the start of the spring term in January, you may wish to be aware that **children under 12 attending school in Brussels are entitled to travel for free on the Brussels public transport system**. However to do this they must have their own MOBIB card which costs 5 € and then load it with a free subscription J (abonnement J). They then use it every time they enter a bus, tram or metro. More information can be obtained from BISB or www.stib.brussels.

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 4th February as February 3rd falls on a weekend. Also please note that we send the domiciliation information to the bank a few days before the 3rd so any request to pause a payment made 24 – 48 hours before the scheduled date is usually too late for us to act upon.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

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| Reception | Havish for being really good at practising reading and for being a kind and caring friend!
Aadya for excellent drawing and colouring and for being really good at practising her writing! |
| Year 1 | Pranavi for super writing in her re-telling of The Three Little Pigs
Yeshwanth for good work all week on number bonds, addition and subtraction |
| Year 2 | Mohith for his superb bear map and his excellent contribution to |

class life.

- Year 3 Jay for working hard and doing well in every lesson - fantastic!
Hiya for her bold and colourful pop art in the style of Andy Warhol.
Saumya for super work in grammar with prepositions.
- Year 4 Akhil for great creativity on Lego Comic builder, painting and collaging
Lavanya for a super rainforest protection poster and fine Lego comic
- Year 5 Chetan for his enthusiasm and regular home research on our scientists.
- Year 6 Yatin for making such a terrific effort with his homework and being so enthusiastic in class.

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

“Think like a wise man but communicate in the language of the people.”

- William Butler Yeats

- Spring Term 2019

Monday 14 th January	Start of After School Activities
Monday 21 st January	Years 3/4 (RS group) visit to Thomas Owen library
Tuesday 22 nd January	Years 5&6 visit to the Montagne Magique
Wednesday 23 rd January	Years 1 & 2 visit to the Brussels Museum of Natural Sciences
Monday 28 th January	Years 5/6 (RS group) visit to Thomas Owen library
Friday 1 st February	Year 3 visit to the Montagne Magique
Friday 1 st February	Years 5/6 (AH group) visit to Thomas Owen library
Wednesday 13 th February	Junior department visit to Mill (younger children)
Friday 15 th February	Junior department visit to Mill (older children)
Tuesday 19 th February	Year 6 visit to the House of European History
Wednesday 27 st February	Years 3/4 (AH group) visit to Thomas Owen library
Monday March 4 th Friday March 8 th	Half Term Holiday
Monday April 1 st	Year 4 visit to the Montagne Magique
Thursday 4 th April at 15.30 (15.25 for Infant dept)	End of Spring 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