

## Newsletter – 25 January 2019

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

- For Nursery Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system but which planet is the smallest?’
- For Reception Why did Jack take from the giant? Was it ok to take things from the giant? Why / why not?
- For Year 1 Use different animals to make your own version of the Three Little Pigs story.
- For Year 2 What did I most enjoy about the Museum, and what else would I like to find out about?”
- For Year 3 What makes a good poster? Keep a look out for advertising posters on your way to school or home.
- For Year 4 If you could have any super powers, what would they be? Explain why.
- For Year 5 David Attenborough said, “We are one world” What did he mean by that? Discuss this.
- For Year 6 What do you know about the work of a lawyer?

Years 4, 5 & 6 will be going on **their residential trip this year** but staying in Belgium as they are going to Botassart, in the Ardennes. This will be from Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Please note that the 23<sup>rd</sup> is the day we return to school after the end of Spring term holiday, and so we shall be departing from the Junior Department building at 0930 on the first day of the Summer term. Our provisional time for returning back to Brussels on Friday is 1600. Nearer the time, you will receive an information pack (similar to previous years); this information will also be available on Edmodo. Please see <http://www.saint-servais-botassart.be/> for more information.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, **Year 3 will be visiting the theatre**, La Montagne Magique to watch a performance of Pic-Nic. (Please see <http://lamontagnemagique.be/project/pic-nic-rendez-vous/> 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.

For our Year 1 swimming groups that take place each Tuesday morning (leaving school at 11.00) **we would still 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.

**Mrs Scharfe's Year 5 / 6 French group** will be going to visit the local library Thomas Owen this coming Monday January 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Children in the other Junior department French groups will be going on this library visit in February, on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> (Year 3 / 4) and on Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> (Year 5 / 6)

Please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you may be leaving BISB at any time before June 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, will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 i.e. 90 days before the end of the school year Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month thus the next deduction will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February as February 3<sup>rd</sup> falls on a weekend. Also please note that we send the domiciliation information to the bank a few days before the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

- Reception    Saksham for excellent work in phonics this week and for practising his colouring and cutting skills.  
                  Myrah for being really good at practising her writing and her letter sounds!
- Year 1        Aarush for a super 'wanted' poster about the Big Bad Wolf.  
                  Stavros for completing so much extra work, correctly, in Maths this week
- Year 2        Huma for her excellent attitude to work and for being so helpful and organised at the museum.  
                  Prajwal for his enthusiastic work at the museum and for his excellent behaviour.
- Year 3        Aadriyan for super spelling and good work with fractions.  
                  Sóley for good writing using speech bubbles and speech marks.

- Year 4 Anoushka for fantastic stroke technique in the swimming deep end.  
Lavanya for strong multiplication method and problem-solving.
- Year 5 Aahil for super maths work with mental multiplication strategies
- Year 6 Sandra for her enthusiasm and ability to interpret some of the complicated statistics that we have been studying.

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

“We all have a few failures under our belt. It's what makes us ready for the successes.”

- Randy K. Milholland

## Spring Term 2019

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Years 3/4 (RS group) visit to Thomas Owen library
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Years 5&6 visit to the Montagne Magique
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Years 1 & 2 visit to the Brussels Museum of Natural Sciences
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Years 5/6 (RS group) visit to Thomas Owen library
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 3 visit to the Montagne Magique
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Years 5/6 (AH group) visit to Thomas Owen library
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Junior department visit to Mill (younger children)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Junior department visit to Mill (older children)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 visit to the House of European History
Wednesday 27 <sup>st</sup> February	Years 3/4 (AH group) visit to Thomas Owen library
Monday March 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Holiday
Monday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 visit to the Montagne Magique
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 12.15**

**End of Summer Term**

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