

Newsletter – 01 February 2019

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

For Nursery	Why do we need to take turns and share the toys in nursery
For Reception	Was everyone mean to the Ugly Duckling? Has anyone ever been mean to you because you were different? Have you ever been mean to someone because you thought they were strange or different?
For Year 1	Do all children in the world have the same type and number of toys?
For Year 2	What would it have been like building a medieval castle, and which part would you like to have built?"
For Year 3	Why do we have a skeleton? What do our bones do for us?
For Year 4	What practical things could you do to improve air pollution?
For Year 5	What did you enjoy most about the weather this week?
For Year 6	If you could take one item with you in your Anderson shelter, what would it be?

BISB have 12 candidates this year for the **LAMDA examinations** and these will take place on Monday 18th February. Please make a note of this in your diary, if your child is involved.

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, 23rd April – Friday, 26th April 2019. Please note that the 23rd 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.

At the same time **our Year 2 children** will spend the week in the Junior department which will therefore have Year 2 and Year 3 working within it.

Mrs Halvorsen's Year 5 / 6 French group will be the last group of Junior department children going to visit the local library Thomas Owen. This will be on Wednesday February 27th.

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 30th March, 2019 i.e. 90 days before the end of the school year Friday June 28th.

As there is no a very significant demand for school places at BISB throughout the year we ask for notice of withdrawal so that we are informed when the school place is going to be available and can be offered to other families joining BISB.

Therefore in any notice of withdrawal we look forward to receiving a confirmation of when your child's last day in school will be so that the place can be given to another family immediately after that date.

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 March as March 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:

- Reception Aashrita for doing a fantastic job with CVC words this week and for being so very good at practising her reading and her writing!
 Magizhvini for doing a great job with doubling this week and for always being so good at practising her numbers!
- Year 1 Yuvanathi for a super re-telling of her story about the Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark.
 Akshita for great work on 3-D shapes in Maths.
- Year 2 Trishan for his imaginative and detailed dragon description.
 Suhail for working so well in his castle group and for having such fantastic ideas that he was able to share with everyone.
- Year 3 Shanvitha for being such a responsible and enthusiastic member of the school council.
 Anjika for excellent work with finding the perimeter in maths.
- Year 4 Wahed for being 'on fire' this week - spectacular speed testing and creative composition ideas
 Hana for creating great images in writing
- Year 5 Arnav for his Wind in the Willows creative writing and for being consistently polite and helpful.
- Year 6 Catriona for her outstanding, emotive writing about the view from Bruno's window.

And finally this week's thought for the week is:-
"A ruffled mind makes a restless pillow."

- Charlotte Bronte

Spring Term 2019

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)
Monday 18 th February	LAMDA drama examinations in school
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