

## Newsletter – 8 February 2019

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

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| For Nursery   | On what day of the month and in which month were you born? Which country were you born in?   |
| For Reception | Why did no one help the little red hen bake the bread? Why did no one get to eat the bread once it was ready                           |
| For Year 1    | Think up another person who goes on a journey and picks up some passengers, like Mr Gumpy does. Who will get on, and what will happen? |
| For Year 2    | Which animal would you have included in the Chinese zodiac story, and where would it have come in the race?"                           |
| For Year 3    | Would you rather have been in the navy, the air force or the army (soldier) during World War 2? Why                                    |
| For Year 4    | Apart from tissue paper, what else do we use for its absorbent properties? How many can you think of?                                  |
| For Year 5    | If you could ask Jane Goodall a question, what would it be?  |
| For Year 6    | Non-standard English - discuss   |

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.

Our Year 6 children will be visiting **the House of European History** on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February. Please see <https://historia-europa.ep.eu/> for more information.

The Junior Department children will be visiting an exhibition about the history of children's food - 'Kids Menu' - at the Mill at Evere (Moulin d'Evere); this will include a cookery workshop. Years 4 and 5 were scheduled to be visiting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February **but due to the proposed national strike next week** on Wednesday, we have managed to change the date of this outing for Years 4 & 5 to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the morning. Years 3 & 6 will be visiting the Mill as scheduled on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Please see <http://www.moulindevere.be/j/images/stories/agenda/kidsmenu/kids-menu-flyer-bdef2.pdf> for more information.

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.

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 27<sup>th</sup>.

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>.

As there is now 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](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> March as March 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:

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| Reception | Hem Ruthvik for being really good at practising his cutting and his colouring skills!<br>Viaan for doing a great job with 3D shapes and for being really good at practising his writing! |
| Year 1    | Manasv for great work on the a-e split digraph in Phonics.   |

- Vibha for excellent knowledge of 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and a very interesting contribution to circle time.
- Year 2 Huma for trying her very hardest in every lesson and for working well in her castle group.  
Aahid for working hard on his maths and for his excellent listening skills.
- Year 3 Aasritha for super work on making shapes in gymnastics.  
Akshat for being an honest and hardworking member of year 3.
- Year 4 Janani for great guided reading and metaphor work.  
Srija for guts and bravery - having a go.
- Year 5 Parvesh for some super maths and excellent ball skills.
- Year 6 Divgun for her excellent work with shape and space – we are very impressed with your ability in this topic!

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

“Only if we understand, will we care. Only if we care, will we help. Only if we help shall all be saved.”

~Jane Goodall

## Spring Term 2019

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| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February                                   | Junior department visit to Mill<br>Year 3 / 6 children) |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February                                   | LAMDA drama examinations in school                      |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February                                  | Year 6 visit to<br>the House of European History        |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>st</sup> February                                | Years 3/4 (AH group)<br>visit to Thomas Owen library    |
| Monday March 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Friday March 8 <sup>th</sup>       | Half Term<br>Holiday                                    |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                                   | Junior department visit to Mill<br>Year 4 / 5 children) |
| Monday April 1 <sup>st</sup>                                       | Year 4 visit to the Montagne Magique                    |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April<br>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