

Newsletter – 15 February 2019

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

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| For Nursery | What happens to the trees and plants when the sun shines on them? |
| For Reception | Why did the emperor go to the parade without any robes on? Why did the tailors lie to the emperor? And why did the emperor believe them? |
| For Year 1 | Last week you created your characters for a ‘Mr Gumpy’ story. This week create your story ending - what happens to the vehicle and its passengers?" |
| For Year 2 | How does it make you feel now that the days are lighter, and the flowers are beginning to come out?" |
| For Year 3 | Do you think it is easy to present a cookery show on TV? Why? Why not? |
| For Year 4 | Why is the ocean important and what can we do to conserve it? |
| For Year 5 | What is self-confidence? How can I build up my own self-confidence? |
| For Year 6 | Discuss how you felt during the air raid? |

Next week will see the start of extensive work **upgrading the pavements of Avenue Emile Max**, the home of our infant department. Whilst this will be a good thing in the long run it will give us the possibility of disruption while the work is going on. This is estimated to be around 12 weeks, up until Friday 10th May. We are hoping that the stretch in front of school will be done whilst the school is closed for the scheduled holiday. If not we will have to see how the work progresses to be able to advise further as to how it will affect the arrival and departure of children from school.

We have today said **farewell to Mrs King**, our part time Junior department assistant. She is leaving us to take up a full time post at another school. We all wish her well in her new role. Her place will be taken by Mrs Irakoze who is returning to BISB after a few months away, after having her first baby.

BISB have 12 candidates this year for the **LAMDA examinations** and these will take place on Monday, 18th February. Please note that all Year 4 Lamda candidates are to arrive at school before 0845 as their examinations will begin at 0900. Therefore all Junior Department children should arrive before 0855 on this day, to avoid interruptions from the door bell and any noise in the entrance hall; this would be very much appreciated by the candidates themselves. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. After these LAMDA examinations all new LAMDA children may attend the afterschool club on Thursday, 21st February.

On Tuesday, 19th February, the **Year 6 students will be visiting the House of European History** to take part in a workshop about WWII. This will be a small backpack day as we shall have a picnic lunch at the venue. Please see <https://historia-europa.ep.eu/en> for more information.

Next Friday 22nd February will be the **first Adventure Assembly of 2019** for the Junior department. Other Junior department outings coming up later this term will be the Year 4 trip to MOOF, the comic figure museum on Tues 12th March (Please see <http://moofmuseum.be/?lang=en> for more information). On Wednesday 20th March the Year 4 children will also be going on an outing but this time to the forest for the activity entitled 'I'm an 9 year old get me out of here'.

Once again, **BISB will be participating in the Brussels Lions Club Swimathon, 'Splash 2019'** and this will be on Sunday 31st March. <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/pool-occupancy-2019> . Children from both departments of BISB are very welcome to participate and even if your child is not a strong swimmer they can take part using the school's flotation jackets. This annual event is a swimming relay in aid of charities in Belgium and this year, the monies raised will go to a refuge for young and handicapped people who are experiencing temporary family difficulties; also to buy new Tobii technology - a communication system with ocular control that enables disabled children interact with computers using their eyes; and this will help registered disabled athletes at the t'Vojse athletics club for a Special Olympics.

Should your child wish to take part, they will be asked to collect sponsors to raise money for these charities. One year, one family raised €160 but the all amounts, however large or small, are very welcome.

In the pool, we will have 3 BISB teams. Each team member will have to swim one length (25m) before handing over to their waiting teammate who will complete the next lap. People can sponsor the whole team for how many laps they can do in 55 minutes.

Years 3 & 6 visited the Mill at Evere as scheduled today to visit an exhibition about the history of children's food - 'Kids Menu' - at the Mill at Evere (Moulin d'Evere); which included a cookery workshop. Years 4 and 5 will be going on the same visit on Wednesday 13th March in the morning.

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, 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 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 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 Saimaathmika for being really good at practising writing in lower case letters and for always trying her best!
 Reyansh for being really good at practising his reading and his writing!
- Year 1 Asritha for answering lots of questions in class and drawing super pictures of toys.
 Abir for excellent work with our 'long e' sounds and good knowledge of magnets.
- Year 2 Chethan for trying very hard with his dragon description and for concentrating all week.
 Vihan for his excellent reading and his detailed, imaginative work

- on his group's castle.
- Year 3 Tharun for writing an excellent interview script for interviewing Julia Child.
- Year 4 Freja for great improvement with her handwriting.
Hana for great information work on wind turbines
Shinnosuke for fantasy football - his sporting epiphany - and mental maths
- Year 5 Marina for a perfect result in her maths test. 100%!
- Year 6 Aadit for designing such an interesting and amazing experiment about light – excellent work!

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

“Holding onto anger is like grasping onto a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else. You are the one who gets burned.”

- Buddha

Spring Term 2019

Friday 15 th February	Junior department visit to Mill Year 3 / 6 children)
Monday 18 th February	LAMDA drama examinations in school
Tuesday 19 th February	Year 6 visit to the House of European History
Friday 22 nd February	First Adventure Assembly of 2019 Junior department trip to forest
Wednesday 27 st February	. Years 3/4 (AH group) visit to Thomas Owen library
Monday March 4 th	Half Term
Friday March 8 th	Holiday
Tues March 12 th	Year 4 trip to MOOF (comic figure museum)
Wednesday 13 th March	Junior department visit to Mill Year 4 / 5 children)
Weds March 20 th	Year 4 trip to the forest for 'I'm an 9 year old get me out of here'
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 Half Term
- Friday, November 2, 2018 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 Half Term
- Friday, March 8, 2019 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 Ascension Public Holiday
Friday, May 31 2019 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