

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

- For Nursery The Sun is a planet, is this true? If it isn't true, then what is the Sun?
- For Reception Why did the troll want to eat the goats? And why did each goat say that it was ok for the troll to eat the other, bigger goat?
- For Year 1 If you could programme a toy, what would you make it do?
- For Year 2 What do you think it would have been like to live in a medieval castle?"
- For Year 3 If you were to write your own cookbook what recipes would you include?
- For Year 4 What can you see from your bedroom window? Do you like or dislike it? Why? Describe it poetically!
- For Year 5 Spring is just around the corner. What signs can you see already?
- For Year 6 What do you know about quinine?

Our hope that the work **upgrading the pavements of Avenue Emile Max**, would see the stretch in front of school done whilst the school is closed for the scheduled holiday did not materialise. Still the access situation after they have removed the old paving is quite good. The whole work is estimated to last around 12 weeks, up until Friday 10th May but we hope to see the new pavement completed in front of the infant department sometime next week.

On Tuesday **the School Council**, consisting of representatives from each of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, has a meeting to discuss the proposed design plans and colour scheme for the refurbishment of the Junior Department Library.

The **LAMDA examination candidates and Mrs Tranter** would like to thank all the pupils in the Juniors for arriving early on Monday morning and being so quiet throughout the morning; this was much appreciated. The 12 children taking the LAMDA exam thought the examiner was very kind, so let's hope that the results are good. We now have to sit back and wait for them.

Today Friday 22nd February saw 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 Swimarathon, ‘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 all the 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. Information was presented to our Year 1 and Year 2 children this week and there are 8 places available (4 for Year 1 and 4 for Year 2 children), so if you would like your child to take part (and raise money for charity), please request the required sponsorship form.

Years 3 & 6 visited the Mill at Evere as scheduled last week 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 and the group will be accompanied by Mrs Read and her group of children.

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 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 Nishaank for being really good at practising his cutting and for doing an excellent job on his 3 Billy Goats Gruff artwork!
Adrian for being really good at practising his writing and practising his reading!
- Year 1 Anirudh for great work on odd and even numbers and counting in 2s.
Shashwat for good work on our new /ie/ sounds, and for a great start in swimming.
- Year 2 Pranav for his amazing dragon illustration and his hard work in maths.
Marco for his excellent work, for always being helpful and for being kind and respectful to those around him.
- Year 3 Thomas for speedy mental addition of two and three digit numbers.
Jacob for great work in our gymnastics unit on shape.
- Year 4 Aarav for great Literacy and SuperT heroics.
Hithaishi for outstanding guided reading.
- Year 5 Sai Shreyas for great maths in class and a valiant effort in the SuperT final.
- Year 6 Deepesh for his engagement and research in our WWII topic – excellent work!

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

“It's too bad the only people who know how to run the country are busy driving cabs and cutting hair.”

- George Burns

- 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 Friday March 8 th	Half Term 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
- 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