

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

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| For Nursery   | What was your favourite story this week, and why?  |
| For Reception | What was your favourite book in Book Week, and why?  |
| For Year 1    | What are you looking forward to seeing or hearing, as Spring begins?                             |
| For Year 2    | Do you think it is true that ‘Every picture tells a story?’ Why are illustrations so important?” |
| For Year 3    | What’s your favourite type of plant, and why?  |
| For Year 4    | Which superhero or comic strip character are you most like, and why?                             |
| For Year 5    | Why do you think a book like ‘Journey’ was so interesting, considering it has only pictures?     |
| For Year 6    | Why are we (in Year 6) able to discuss and debate controversial issues? Why can’t grown-ups?     |

This week we have been enjoying a **fabulous Book Week** which has included Story Workshop sessions, Illustrated Book choices read by classes throughout the school on which some great art work has been based and a highly successful Book Fair when children of all ages were able to come in, browse through a wide selection of books and purchase one to take home with them. Many thanks must go to Mrs Still, our Literacy Co-ordinator for putting in the effort required to organise all of these events for the children.

Last month 15 children from BISB entered the quarter finals of the **FFJM Belgium Maths and Logic Puzzle Championships** and I am very pleased to be able to inform you that all 15 have qualified for the next round of the competition. Many congratulations to all of the participants as this is a tremendous achievement!

This semi-final will be held tomorrow on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March and will take place at the Institut Saint-Vincent de Paul - Avenue Fontaine Vanderstraeten 11, 1190 Forest at 1.45pm. Parents of the children participating have already received full information but please see <https://www.ffjm.org> for more information.

Please take note that the **BISB Calendar for the 2019 / 20 academic year** is attached to the end of this weekly newsletter and so it will be available each week for the next 15 months.

Even though the pavement in front of our Infant department has been completed there is still **parking and traffic disruption in Avenue Emile**

**Max**, at the moment and this will continue for a while as the whole work is estimated to last around 12 weeks, up until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Once again, **BISB will be participating in the Brussels Lions Club Swimarathon, 'Splash 2019'** and this will be on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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**, (and there is still chance to do so) 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 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.

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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month thus the next deduction will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Also please note that we send the domiciliation information to the bank a few days before the 3<sup>rd</sup> so any request made 24 – 48 hours before the scheduled date to pause a payment is usually too late for us to act upon.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

- Reception     Shriyans for doing a great job with his story-board group this week and for his positive attitude!  
                    Hari for great improvement in reading and for always trying her best!
- Year 1            Aadya for good story work on the book 'Tidy', and for participating enthusiastically in all our Book Week discussions.  
                    Pragnan for great work on telling the time in Maths.
- Year 2            Kuval for his fantastic garden painting and his great work on rhyming words.  
                    Ragha for always trying her very hardest and for her amazing spelling!
- Year 3            Anika for being so kind to everyone in class.  
                    Anwitha for great teamwork when making the collaborative story-board.
- Year 4            Rohan for fantastic work over the first half of the Spring Term  
                    Hithaishi for being a comic-strip expert and a museum guide in her own right.
- Year 5            Ronit for a very commendable effort in writing about 'Journey' and good effort in the swimming pool
- Year 6            Juliana for making such an outstanding effort with her 'War Diary'; it was a real pleasure to receive this detailed piece of work.

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

"The great secret of power is never to will to do more than you can accomplish."

- Henrik Ibsen (1828 - 1906)

Spring Term 2019

Tues March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to MOOF (comic figure museum)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior department visit to Evere Mill Year 4 / 5 children)
Weds March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to the forest for 'I'm a 9 year old get me out of here'
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

BISB School Calendar – Academic Year 2019 / 2020

**Autumn Term**

**Monday, September 2, 2019**

**Start of Autumn Term**

Wednesday, September 11 Curriculum Briefing Evening

Friday, October 25, 2019 School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

Monday, October 28, 2019 Half Term  
- Friday, November 1, 2019 Break

Monday, November 11, 2019 Armistice Day Holiday

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 12.20** **End of Autumn Term**

**Spring Term**

**Monday, January 6, 2020**

**Start of Spring Term**

*Friday, Feb 21?, 2020* *School Closed – Staff Training Day*

Monday, February 24, 2020 Half Term  
- Friday, February 28, 2020 Break

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

**End of Spring Term**

Friday, April 3, 2020 School Closed – Parents’ Appointments Day

**Summer Term**

**Monday, April 20, 2020**

**Start of Summer Term**

Friday, May 1, 2020 May Day Public Holiday

Thursday, May 21, 2020 Ascension Public Holiday  
Friday, May 22, 2020 Half Term Holiday

Monday, June 1, 2020 Pentecost Holiday

**Wednesday July 1 2020 at 12.20** **End of Summer Term**

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020