

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

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| For Nursery   | Where do vegetables grow, what do they need to help them go from tiny seeds to the yummy food we eat    |
| For Reception | What was your favourite thing that happened on our farm trip? Which animals did you like the best?      |
| For Year 1    | What will you be doing in the Easter holidays?  |
| For Year 2    | What would you plant in the new flower beds outside school, and how else would you improve the street?" |
| For Year 3    | What are your plans for the Easter break?   |
| For Year 4    | How will you remember anyone leaving from our class?  |
| For Year 5    | Which subjects and skills do you think our adventure assemblies involve? Discuss the benefits.          |
| For Year 6    | What do you understand by education?  |

Once again, **BISB will be participating in the Brussels Lions Club Swimarathon, ‘Splash 2019’** and this will be this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March (swimming 12.00 – 12.55). <http://lionsheraldic.net/splash/pool-occupancy-2019> . Children from both departments of BISB are participating and we should point out that parents are welcome to take part too. Don’t forget that even if your child is not a strong swimmer they can take part using one of the school’s flotation jackets.

This annual event is a swimming relay in aid of charities in Belgium and this year, the monies raised by sponsors of the swimmers (and all the amounts, however large or small, are very welcome) 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.

In the pool, we will have 3 BISB teams swimming from 12.00 to 12.55.

**Therefore all participants should meet in the Reception area of the swimming pool by 11.20 and get changed to be poolside by 11.50. (Pool address Omnisport Neder-over-Heebeek Sports centre, Rue du lombardsijdestraat 120, 1120 Brussels).** Each team member will need to wear a swimming cap and they have to swim one length (25m) before handing over to their waiting teammate who will complete the next length. People can sponsor the whole team for how many laps they can do in 55 minutes.

Years 4, 5 & 6 will be going on **their residential trip this year** 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 the children 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 26<sup>th</sup> April is 1600. . Please see <http://www.saint-servais-botassart.be/> for more information. During the same four days **our Year 2 children** will spend the week in the Junior department which will therefore have Year 2 and Year 3 working within it.

As **next week is the last week of this term** there will be no after school activities during this week. Please also note that the term finishes on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April as on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April the school will be closed for Parent-Teacher interviews.

For all new families arriving in Brussels 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) .

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.

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 tomorrow 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 Akira for doing an excellent job with her maths assignment this week and for always trying her very best!  
Ishaan for doing a really good job in literacy this week and also for practising to use his quiet voice inside!
- Year 1 Camilla for doing so well in her reading assessment this week.  
Dhriti for good work in Maths on 10s and 1s, and adding and subtracting 10.
- Year 2 Mokshith for his fantastic result in reading and for sharing his great general knowledge about kings and queens.  
Sharvi for her detailed, well-constructed story and her beautiful handwriting.
- Year 3 Dhanishka for her enthusiasm and success with reading.  
Aditya for great work with the grid method of multiplication.
- Year 4 Lavanya for a phenomenal reading test result  
Akhil for PIRA test improvement and creative coding
- Year 5 Dev for very quick mental maths skills in working out the nth terms in linear equations.
- Year 6 Oscar for his excellent work in our SATs maths revision exercises this week – brilliant effort!

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

“I have never been especially impressed by the heroics of people who are convinced they are about to change the world. I am more awed by those who struggle to make one small difference after another.”

- Ellen Goodman

## Spring Term 2019

Weds March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to the forest for 'I'm a 9 year old get me out of here'
Friday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Junior department visit to Osseghem Park for Easter Orienteering
Friday March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Reception class visit to La Ferme Maximillian City Farm
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      Ascension Public Holiday  
Friday, May 31 2019      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