

## Newsletter – 26 April 2019

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

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| For Nursery   | What do farmer's use to dig over all of the soil in their fields?  |
| For Reception | What kinds of mini beasts can you find in your garden or in a nearby park? What kind of food do you think the mini beasts eat? |
| For Year 1    | How would you describe a snake?  |
| For Year 2    | Why is it so important for us to understand how plants function and grow?"   |
| For Year 3    | What is your favourite story character and how would you describe them?  |

Our Year 4, 5 & 6 children have all returned safely from their **residential trip this year** to Botassart, in the Ardennes. They were all tired but happy and will undoubtedly sleep well this weekend. On their behalf I would like to extend a big thank you to their accompanying teachers, Mrs Tranter, Mrs Vetter and Mr Stedman, who arranged, organised and participated in all of their exciting activities throughout the week.

The **Year 2 children who spent this week in the Junior department**, practising for September when they become our Year 3 class, will be returning to their normal classroom next week.

Because many of the teachers and children have been away this week and next week is another 4 day week we have decided to **start our summer term clubs from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. The full list of clubs will therefore be circulated at the start of next week. The one exception to this is the **Dance club** which is being run by an external teacher and this **will start on Monday of next week i.e. 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Please let us know if your child wishes to take part in the Monday Dance club.

Please don't forget that **the school will be closed on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, for the national May Day holiday.

**The works in Avenue Emile Max will continue next week** when the workmen will return to resurface the road outside our Infant department. Therefore all parking will be banned from Monday morning and it will not be possible to drive or cycle down the street throughout the whole of next week.

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, i.e. 90 days before the end of the school year Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, has now passed.

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. Please note therefore that **if you have written to give us notice you can assume that the school place has already been given to another family.**

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 so the next deduction will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. 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     Aabhir for brilliant progress in English and for always doing a great job at tidying up!  
                    Jagrav for doing a great job practising his number bonds and his teen numbers!
- Year 1           Niteesh for great independent writing about his holidays  
                    Anirudhkrishnan for a huge improvement in his handwriting and for doing so well in spelling
- Year 2           Sharvi for working independently and completing all her work in both maths and literacy.  
                    Suhail for an excellent week's work and for his enthusiastic participation in our Science discussions.
- Year 3           Crishelle for having a great first week at BISB.  
                    Hiya for excellent participation in class this week and working very hard.

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

“The price of greatness is responsibility.”

- Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

## Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of Term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 09.00 depart	Year 4, 5 and 6 children to Botassart for Residential week
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 16.00 arrival	Year 4, 5 and 6 children return from Botassart after Residential week
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 11.00-12.45	Year 1 trip to park at Wezembeek
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	School Closed - May Day Public Holiday
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00 – 12.00	Summer Craft Morning
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May Parc Cinquantaire 05.00	Darkness Into Light - 5km walk for Mental Health Awareness
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of ‘Our Human Footprint’ week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed - Pentecost Holiday
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	International Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Show
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 1 and 2 Show
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June at 12.15	End of Summer 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