

Newsletter – 03 May 2019

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

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| For Nursery | What do seeds need to grow? name as many things that will help them grow, as you can. |
| For Reception | Go to a garden or a park over the weekend and see how many mini beasts you can find and tell us all about them! |
| For Year 1 | If you were going on a walk through the jungle, what would you take with you, and why? |
| For Year 2 | What are the similarities between plants and humans? |
| For Year 3 | Have you ever put up a tent? What do you think are the stages of putting up a tent? |
| For Year 4 | Which is the scariest planet and why? |
| For Year 5 | Discuss the character of Jean Passepartout |
| For Year 6 | How could we improve our residential trips? |

Don't forget that tomorrow (May 4th, 10.00 – 12.00) we will be holding our Coffee and Craft Morning in the Infant department. The children talking about it in school are very excited so we hope that many of you are going to come along. This will fit in nicely with the open day at the European Parliament as you can come to the Craft morning for coffee in the morning then go along to enjoy the events at the Parliament.

We are still looking for 1 or 2 people to help with some of the activities and we would also like to offer face painting as an activity tomorrow so if there are any mums or dads out there who are able to paint simple designs or just help at a table then please let us know by email. Everyone is welcome to come along to what is a fun and relaxed social activity. We look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow.

Next week on Tuesday (7th May) our **Year 2 children will be going to the Warandeborg park** in Wezembeek to study the plant and animal life in a small, but wonderfully diverse environment.

As part of our Human Footprints Environment week, **Years 1 & 2 will be spending the morning of Thursday 16th May in the Josaphat park** in Schaerbeek. This is a Science trip during which we will be looking at the environment and considering ways in which nature is affected by humans.

On the morning of Wednesday May 15th (9:30 to 11:30) our **Year 5 and 6 children will be going on a trip to Bibliothèque Sésame**, where they will be involved in a French programme 'Le zeste qui compte' which is an activity about food (why we eat and what we eat, the five senses in various cultures, advertising and cinema, organic food etc.)

On Tuesday May 28th the French teachers are organising **an outing to the Belgian Chocolate Village Museum**, from 10:00 to 12:00 am (departure 9:00 am) for our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children

Our **summer term clubs start next week from Monday 6th May**. The full list of clubs has been circulated to parents by email. Please let us know if you haven't received the list.

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 .

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 28th, 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 3rd of each month. The May deduction was scheduled for today but will now occur on Monday as the bank did not process the information in time. The next deduction will be on Monday 3rd June. Also please note that we send the domiciliation information to the bank a few days before the 3rd so any request made only 48 hours before the scheduled date to pause or add a payment is usually too late for us to act upon.

This week's star pupils of this week were:

Reception Stairya for doing a great job in maths this week and for improving in focusing on her food during snack and lunch time.

- Reyansh for doing a really good job with all of the maths this week and for being really good at practising his numbers!
- Year 1 Yeshwanth for a super fact-sheet about snakes
- Year 2 Hemitha for great work on adding three single digit numbers
- Rhithul for being kind, attentive and helpful in and out of the classroom and for his excellent listening.
- Chethan for working and concentrating very hard, particularly on his science work.
- Year 3 Sóley for super spelling.
- Priyal for good work with the grid method of multiplication.
- Year 4 Tanvi for perseverance and commendable patience kayaking on the Semois River
- Hana for perseverance and not giving up kayaking on the Semois River
- Year 5 Arjun for excellent cricketing skills and for winning the super T matik round.
- Year 6 Bhargav for his outstanding performance at the Botassart Talent Show – you have an amazing voice!

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

“If indeed you must be candid, be candid beautifully.”

- Kahlil Gibran

Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 1 st May	School Closed - May Day Public Holiday
Saturday 4 th May 10.00 – 12.00	Summer Craft Morning Infant department
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 2 children visit to the Warandeborg park in Wezembeek
Saturday 11 th May Parc Cinquantaire 05.00	Darkness Into Light - 5km walk for Mental Health Awareness
Monday 13 th May	Start of 'Our Human Footprint' week
Wednesday May 15 th 9:30 to 11:30	Year 5 and 6 children trip to Bibliothèque Sésame
Thursday 16 th May	Years 1 & 2 Science trip to Josaphat park
Tuesday May 28 th 10:00 to 12:00	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 outing to the Belgian Chocolate Village Museum
Thursday, May 30 th Friday, May 31 st	Ascension Public Holiday Half Term Holiday
Monday 10 th June	School Closed - Pentecost Holiday
Saturday 15 th June	International Day
Monday 17 th June	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Show
Friday 21 st June	Year 1 and 2 Show
Friday 28 th 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 28th 2019 at 12.15

End of Summer Term

Provisional start of Autumn Term - Monday, September 2nd, 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 1st, 2020