

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

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| For Nursery   | Why is it important to be environmentally aware?  |
| For Reception | Do you recycle at home? Do you think it is important to recycle? Why do you think that?   |
| For Year 1    | Describe your favourite rainforest animal. What does it look like, which layer does it live in and what does it eat?                    |
| For Year 2    | Why is it important to have parks and green spaces in big cities?   |
| For Year 3    | What have you learned from our 'human footprint' workshops? What can you do to reduce your 'human footprint'/impact on the environment? |
| For Year 4    | How will you make your carbon footprint smaller? 5 smart targets thinking, what? how? when? success?                                    |
| For Year 5    | Be part of the solution, not the pollution. Discuss how you can put this into practice with your family.                                |
| For Year 6    | What are your strategies for dealing with pressure?   |

This week in school we have been holding our **Human Footprint Week** when we looked at the many ways that people affect the Environment and seeing what everybody can do to ensure that this effect become positive rather than negative over the next few decades. In the Junior department we are only half way through their Human Footprint Week as they still have two workshops out of the total of four to complete.

This weekend sees the National Final of the **FBJM (Fédération Belge des jeux Mathématiques)** which is taking place at ULB, Campus de la Plaine – Forum C et D in Ixelles. (Saturday 18 May at 13.45). BISB has 7 finalists taking part which is a very creditable achievement, especially as the competition is, as usual, taking place in French. We wish them all 'Good Luck' and trust that they will continue to uphold the high success rate that BISB has enjoyed in this competition in previous years.

This will be the second maths final in just over 24 hours for some of our young mathematicians as this morning 12 BISB children who won their age group competitions that have been ongoing since October entered into the **SuperT maths final on the Eudactica website**. They sat 3 timed speed tests and the best time was recorded and then the times of all the ¼ million children participating around the world will be ranked. We look forward to more success for BISB.

Congratulations are also due to our entrants into the **LAMDA drama awards** as we have this week received the results and BISB children achieved great results with 3 merit certificates and 9 distinction certificates.

Our **International Day this year** will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 12.00 to 14.30. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the many different nationalities that we have throughout the school. Please let us know if you wish to be involved in hosting or supporting the stall for your particular country this year by sending an email into the school office. Next week we will send out more details but the idea is that the stall will give other families at the school the chance to see, hear and taste some of the sights, costumes, food and drink that makes your country special.

On Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> 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

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 let us know as soon as possible if you think that you may be **departing for your summer holiday** before the end of June 2019.

As there is a very significant demand for school places at BISB, particularly at this time of the year we are already finding that **some of our classes are already scheduled to be full in September**. This means that if you have already informed us that you are leaving and you find that your plans change so that you wish to continue at BISB then please let us know immediately and we will see what is possible.

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. The next deduction will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. 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 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 Akira for doing great at halving this week and for being a kind friend!

- Year 1 Mihir for brilliant reading and for always trying his very best!  
Aarush for very careful work on his food chains picture  
Vibha for her excellent contributions to all our discussions this week about science and nature
- Year 2 Pranav for his enthusiastic participation in class discussions and his excellent work in science.  
Mohith for his superb attitude to work and his great concentration skills.
- Year 3 Saumya for making some very good points in our debate about bird conservation.  
Tharun for great work finding the perimeter of shapes in maths.
- Year 4 Netra for academic bravery: giving poetry a good go.
- Year 5 Ronit for really understanding the use of Standard English in relation to adjectives.
- Year 6 Juliana for her excellent presentation about the role of Canada during WWII.

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

“Enjoy when you can, and endure when you must.”

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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Summer Term 2019

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of 'Our Human Footprint' week
Wednesday May 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 11:30	Year 5 and 6 children trip to Bibliothèque Sésame
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 1 & 2 Science trip to Josaphat park
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	SuperT maths final on the Eudactica website
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 13.45	National Final of the FBJM (Fédération Belge des jeux Mathématiques) at ULB, Campus de la Plaine – Forum C et D in Ixelles.
Tuesday May 28 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 12:00	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 outing to the Belgian Chocolate Village Museum
Thursday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> Friday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Ascension Public Holiday Half Term Holiday
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
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 11.30	Nursery and Reception 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