

## Newsletter – 24 May 2019

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

- For Nursery      Tell mummy and daddy the names of the colours in the rainbow song that we are practising for our show. When do we see real rainbows?
- For Reception    Can you think of a clever way we can help nature and the mini-beasts?
- For Year 1        Describe all the animals you saw on your walk through the jungle.
- For Year 2        What detective skills did you use during your end-of-year tests?"
- For Year 3        In our Famous Five book the children listen to a campfire story about ghosts. Do you believe that ghosts exist? Why? Why not?
- For Year 4        What was the most enjoyable activity during Human Footprint Week and why?
- For Year 5        What did you learn about chocolate this week? Is it actually healthy and should you eat it?
- For Year 6        Are you worried about moving to secondary school?

Please don't forget that the **school will be closed on Thursday and Friday** of next week for the Ascension Day and Half Term holiday.

Could we ask **Infant parents at the end of the school day** not to stand on the newly seeded flower beds but instead to stay on the concrete parts of the pavement? Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

The **annual BISB Juniors Phoenix V Unicorn after-school cricket matches** will be taking place starting next week on Monday 27th May and followed by a second match on Monday 3rd June.

The games will take place in the Junior department from the usual end of school time of 15:25 until around 17:00-17:30. In between innings, there will be light refreshments for the children. If your child is taking part then please make arrangements for your child's return home after the match. Parents are, of course, very welcome to attend as spectators.

On Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> our 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. We are planning to picnic in the park Elisabeth after the workshop. This is a "small bag pack day".so children should therefore bring a drink, snacks and easy to eat packed lunch. Children may also bring pocket money if they wish to buy chocolate in the museum.

Last weekend BISB had 7 finalists taking part in the National Final of the **FBJM (Fédération Belge des jeux Mathématiques)**. We are still waiting for confirmation of their achieved results.

Similarly the results for the online **SuperT maths final** in which our children were competing with ¼ million children from all around the world will be published on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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. In some classes it might still be possible to get a place for continuing but unfortunately not in others

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    Aashrita for being really good at practising jumping and rope

- skipping in PE this week!  
Hem Ruthvik for great progress in his writing and for being a helpful and kind friend!
- Year 1 Stavros for an excellent rainforest lift-the-flap picture  
Samanvitha for great work in Phonics on all the Phase 5 sounds
- Year 2 Trishan for his great achievement in learning all of his lines in a week and for researching the class quiz question.  
Mokshith for his total determination to crack the clues and achieve amazing results.
- Year 3 Akshat for being an excellent cricket captain for our year 3 team in the Junior department cricket final.  
Thomas for excellent composure and a great performance in the Junior department piano concert.
- Year 4 Netra for excellent problem-solving and code-cracking.  
Pranaya for excellent work on Roman Numerals and then 2D shapes.
- Year 5 Suhas for super results in his arithmetic tests and always being polite and well-mannered.
- Year 6 Deepesh for finally 'turning a corner' and working really hard in class and doing his homework!

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

“Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.”

- King Whitney Jr.

## Summer Term 2019

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
Wednesday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Planckendael Zoo
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
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Football / Netball Inter School sports tournament
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