

Newsletter – 7 June 2019

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

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| For Nursery | Describe what you think a mermaid might look like. |
| For Reception | Now that it is getting warm outside, what is your favourite thing to do outside? |
| For Year 1 | Now that you have seen inside a zoo, do you think zoos are good places to keep animals from the jungle and the savannah? |
| For Year 2 | What do you enjoy about poetry, and why is it important? |
| For Year 3 | Who is your favourite character from the summer show and why? |
| For Year 4 | Are you like your character which you play in the Summer show? |
| For Year 5 | How do you see the role of women in a marriage, politics and the work place? Discuss. |
| For Year 6 | I do (and I don't) want to leave BISB? – discuss. |

Please don't forget that the **school will be closed on Monday** of next week (Monday 10th June) for the National Holiday of Pentecost.

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.

BISB had 12 finalists in the on-line **SuperT maths final** in which our children were competing with around 250,000 other children from all around the world. The results that they achieved were all really excellent as our 'worst' result of the 12 was 381st out of 28000 finalists which is still absolutely a tremendous achievement. Our best result was achieved by Marco in Year 2, who came 14th out of 12810 children in his category. Well done to Marco and all of the children who took part.

Please note that the **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Show** is taking place on Monday 17th June at 17.00 and this will be taking place at De Lijsterbes. However the **Year 1 and 2 Show** will be on Friday 21st June at 17.00 at the De Kam theatre. We have used both these theatres recently and detailed directions will appear in next week's Newsletter.

Our **International Day this year** will be held on Saturday 15th June from 12.00 to 14.30. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the many different nationalities that we have throughout the school. So far we have around 15 nationalities represented but there is still the chance for you to be involved in hosting or supporting the stall for your particular country if you wish to.

More details have been sent out today, by email, 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 make your country special.

Stallholders can come and set up stalls between 10.00am and 12.00 on Saturday. Tables will be ready for you so please let us know if you will need more than 1 table. We also need to know if you will require access to an electric power point. Displays are entirely up to you, but possibilities are: a tablecloth or other covering from the country of your choice; displays of local arts and crafts; carvings, pictures, photographs, dolls, posters. You are of course most welcome to come along in your national dress.

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 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.

Please be aware 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 3rd of each month. The next deduction will be on Wednesday 3rd July. 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 Kabir for doing great in maths this week and for being a kind and caring friend!
 Ayesha for great improvement in reading and for always trying her very best!
- Year 1 Aadya for excellent work in reading comprehension and for working so hard on her lines for the show.
 Yuvanathi for being speedy and accurate in all our Maths work this week.

- Year 2 Marco for his amazing achievement in the SuperT Grand Finals and for being a super class member all year!
Prajwal for his positive attitude to work, his excellent concentration and for trying really hard during play rehearsals.
- Year 3 Freja for being so helpful and kind in class.
Shanvitha for learning her lines so well for the summer show.
- Year 4 Tanvi for superb TU x TU layout and accuracy as a result
Akhil for reaching the semi-final of the SuperT Challenge Cup and slaying a Year 6 to do it.
- Year 5 Aishwarya for displaying good manners by putting her hand up instead of shouting out in class.
- Year 6 Divgun for knowing all her lines and cues for the production – what an example you were to everyone! Thank you, Divgun

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

“What we see depends mainly on what we look for.”

- John Lubbock

Summer Term 2019

Wednesday June 5 th	Year 1 trip to Planckendael Zoo
Monday 10 th June	School Closed - Pentecost Holiday
Saturday 15 th June	International Day
Monday 17 th June 17.00 at De Lijsterbes	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Show
Friday 21 st June 17.00 at De Kam	Year 1 and 2 Show
Monday 24 th June 11.30	Nursery and Reception 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