

Newsletter – 21 June 2019

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

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| For Nursery | Chat to mummy and daddy about everything you see when you are out and about over the summer holiday. |
| For Reception | If you were a mini-beast, what kind of mini-beast would you be? What habitat would you live in and what kinds of things would you like to eat? |
| For Year 1 | What have you enjoyed most in Year 1? |
| For Year 2 | What do you think went well in the show, and what would you have done differently? |
| For Year 3 | We've enjoyed finding out about the famous five adventures. Where would you send the famous five on an adventure? |
| For Year 4 | What 6 things will you remember most about Year 4? |
| For Year 5 | Detective Fix has drugged Passepartout. Discuss the reasons why he did this. |
| For Year 6 | Is it ever acceptable to steal? |

As next week is the last week of the term **there will be no after school activities**. The week will end on Friday at 12.15 (12.20 for the Junior department). Please note that there will be no Garderie service on this last day.

On Wednesday 26th June, from 15.30-16.15, Year 1 will be hosting an outdoor safari park event in the school playground. **Year 1 parents are invited to come and view their children's display of large-scale safari animals**, in the company of their very own safari guide!

The temperatures are set to rise for the whole of next week, with at least 4 days with the temperature well above 30 degrees! Therefore we are relaxing the rules on school uniform for next week and ask that you send your child to school in appropriate clothing for the heat e.g. shorts and T-shirt. Something very light and cool is required including a sun hat, so please leave the long trousers, warm jumpers and coats at home. If you choose to, it may also be a good idea to apply some sun screen to your child before they come to school. Please note that on Monday the **Junior department children** will be out of school for the final Orienteering exercise of the year and so they **should wear long trousers and shoes for their time in the woods**.

Our **Junior department children** (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be having their **last Orienteering Day of the year** in the Forêt des Soignes on Monday 24th June. This will involve completing outdoor challenges, team-building games and an orienteering course. We will also be having a cooked lunch at the Bosuil Cafeteria. The children will be arriving back at school just after 16.00 apart from children on the minibus who will follow their normal schedule and

children with a younger brother or sister in the infant department who will be back at school by 15.30 for their normal pick-up time.

The School Office will be **open through the summer holiday for phone calls and emails** even though this does not mean that there will always be some-one in the building during July and August.

Dates for your diary for the start of the September term are as follows:-

Tuesday 27 th August	10.00 – 16.00	Sales of School Uniform
Wednesday 28 th August	10.00 – 16.00	Sales of School Uniform
Thursday 29 th August	10.00 – 16.00	Sales of School Uniform
Friday 30 th August	14.00 – 15.00	1 hour briefing meeting for New Nursery families
Friday 30 th August	14.00 – 16.00	New Families (excluding Nursery families) welcome to drop into school at any time between 14.00 – 16.00 to have a brief meeting with their child's teacher.

Monday 2 nd September	Start of School	
Saturday 7 th September	10.00 – 12.00	Welcome Coffee Morning

Wednesday 11 th September	18.00	Curriculum Briefing
- finding out what is planned for the school year.		

Please note that **every child attending BISB must have the following school uniform items** all of which must have the school logo. These can be purchased from the school in August on the dates shown above:-

- white polo shirt, with the school logo (2 per pupil recommended)
- green sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo (2 per pupil recommended)
- white T shirt for PE, with the school logo (1 per pupil recommended)
- green jogging trousers for PE with the school logo (1 per pupil recommended)
- green school bag, with the school logo

As well as the above items each child from Reception upwards will need grey skirt or trousers (2 per pupil recommended). These can be purchased online from either of the following suppliers who do deliver to Belgium.

Marks & Spencer

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/c/kids/school-uniform>

Asda

<https://global.george.com/george/school-uniform/D10,default,sc.html>

John Lewis

<https://www.johnlewis.com/baby-child/school-uniform-shop/c6000034?rdr=1>

Please note that the grey skirt or trousers are NOT needed for children in Nursery or Pre-Nursery.

To complete the school uniform children should wear brown, navy or black shoes that are not trainers. Trainers are only to be worn for the designated day when PE is taking place.

Last week's International Day, was a great success with 15 countries represented. The day raised more than 950 euros and we have this week sent 1120 € (including the money raised by the previous craft morning) to Nasci (<https://www.nascivzw.be/index.php/en/index>) the local charity for women with children who do not have enough to satisfy the basic needs of their family. The school has supported Nasci for a number of years now.

Today's **Year 1 and 2 Show** will be at 17.00 at the De Kam theatre. You can get to the theatre on the 39 tram from Montgomery. The theatre is 350m from the stop 'Beek'. The theatre address is Beekstraat 172, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem. Please see

<https://www.google.be/maps/@50.8436526,4.4892453,16.75z?hl=en>

for the precise location. Once again the children will be provided with a snack at the theatre and will be picked up from the theatre by parents directly after the show at around 18.00. We hope to be welcoming as many parents as possible to this event.

On Monday 24th June we shall be hosting the **Nursery and Reception show**. This will be taking place at 11.30am, in the infant department playground, (weather permitting). The afternoon children are invited for the morning session on that day and there will be no afternoon session but if your child has a full time place, provision will be made if you wish them to stay-on after the show.

We understand that all parents and children want to know the **staffing arrangements for next year** and we are pleased to confirm that as from September 2019 our staffing arrangements will be as indicated below.

Nursery	Mrs Davies	Assistants Mrs Nagy & Mrs di Fine
Reception	Mrs Van Wassenhove	Assistant Mrs Julaton
Year 1	Mr Tranter	Assistant Mrs Bandaru
Year 2	Mrs Hafstein	Assistant Mrs Tolentino

Based in Avenue Emile Max

Year 3	Mrs Rutayisire
Year 4	Mr Stedman
Year 5	Mrs Vetter
Year 6	Mrs Tranter

Junior Department Assistants Mrs Irakoze Mrs Tolentino,

Based in Avenue de l'Émeraude

EAL / Learning Support Mrs Read
French Mrs Scharf, Mrs Halvorsen
Music Mrs Mayeur
Garderie Mrs di Fine

Headteacher Mrs Still

On Thursday 27th June next week the children will have a chance to spend part of the morning in their new class with their new teacher.

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 . **This will be essential for all children in the Junior department next year** as we shall be travelling to the new swimming pool that we are going to be using each week by public transport

Please be aware that **now half 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 Adrian for learning valuable lessons from doing mistakes and for doing great in maths this week!
 Shanvika for brilliant improvement in her reading and for always trying her very best with all her work!
- Year 1 Shashwat for always being keen to join in with our safari park project work (and for always being so polite and well-mannered!)
 Anirudhkrishnan for being a super class-mate all year, and for making such good progress. We were all sad when we heard today

- was your last day!
- Year 2 Aahid for making such a determined effort to do his very best in maths and for his great contribution to the show.
Ragha for her excellent creative writing and for having made such amazing progress this year.
- Year 3 Hiya for doing an excellent job of stepping into a bigger part in the summer show at the last minute – well done!
Anwitha for her enthusiasm and participation in sports this week.
- Year 4 Shinnosuke for top free spelling
Anoushka for top free spelling
Wahed for taking a colossal 4 minutes off his Clock Times speed test best!
- Year 5 Maanas for exceptional acting in the play and for getting through to represent Belgium in the FBJM maths tournament in Paris in August
- Year 6 Eashan for the mature and positive way he coped with his disappointment at not being able to participate in the sports tournament. What an example!

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

“It is simplicity that makes the uneducated more effective than the educated when addressing popular audiences.”

- Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)

Summer Term 2019

Monday 17th June
17.00 at De Lijsterbes

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Show

Friday 21st June
17.00 at De Kam

Year 1 and 2 Show

Monday 24th June
Forêt des Soignes

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) Orienteering Day

Monday 24th June
11.30 – Infant Dept playground

Nursery and Reception show

Wednesday 26th June,
15.30-16.15

Year 1 - outdoor safari park event
in the school playground

Friday 28th June
at 12.15 (12.20 Junior dept)

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