

Newsletter 6th September 2019



Welcome back to BISB for what promises to be an exciting, hard-working year full of new challenges for everyone. It was a real pleasure to see everyone on Monday morning and to hear the school buildings fill with excited chatter once again.

We would like to offer a warm welcome to our many new families and hope that you are already feeling 'at home' and part of the BISB family. Our traditional '**Welcome Coffee Morning**' is planned from 10h to 12h this Saturday 7th September, in the Infant building and we look forward to seeing everyone there.



Points to remember this week



The **Curriculum briefing evenings** will be held on Wednesday 11 September at 18h in your child's classroom. (**Not** for Nursery) These are important information meetings during which each teacher will set out the work to be covered during the year and explain the way in which the class will work. (Please note that there is no garderie and that the meetings are not intended for children).



Clubs: The information on after-school clubs and extra-curricular piano lessons was sent out this week, please don't forget to let Patricia in the school office know if you would like your child to participate in an activity. There are still places left in some of the clubs.



Permission forms: Thank you to everyone who sent their signed forms back promptly. Please could you check that your child's forms are not lurking in the bottom of their bags as the information is important and we need to have the forms back as soon as possible.



Uniforms: The children look wonderful in their smart, clean uniforms and are clearly proud to be wearing them. Please could you ensure that each item is clearly labelled with your child's name? You can write the name on the label in pen, but please check it after washing. This helps to reduce our large box of anonymous green jumpers!



Shoes: Children should wear trainers with their PE uniform (green BISB jogging trousers, white t-shirt and green school jumper) and smart black, brown or navy **school shoes** with their normal uniform. Nursery children do not have to wear school shoes.



The weather is already starting to change so please make sure that your child brings a **coat** to school – it may look sunny in the morning, but that can change very quickly during the day.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you may be leaving in this autumn term i.e. any time up till December 2019. The 90-day deadline for the end of this term for written notice of departure, after which deposits will not be refunded, will fall on Thursday 19th September. For 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. For families making their first domiciliation payment there is always a slight delay as the bank processes and enters the new information.

Every week in the Newsletter we set out a **Talk Topic** for each class for the coming week. These give you the opportunity to be actively involved in your child's language development by spending a little time over the weekend talking about the topic. In this way you will be actively encouraging their listening and talking skills, helping them to express their own ideas and giving them the possibility to share with you work they have done during the week. Children in our Junior department are embarking on an exciting new project this year, preparing topics that they will debate in a formal setting. This will extend their communication skills even further, develop their confidence and self-esteem and challenge them to form and defend their own opinions. I'm looking forward to seeing how they rise to the challenge and I'm quite sure that we, and they, will discover hidden talents.

Here are the talk topics for next week: -

Nursery: The first topic will be for next week.

Reception: *'Can you tell us something special you and your family have done lately?'*

Year 1: *'Where do we find most of the water on Earth, and who lives in it?'*

Year 2: *"Discuss the most interesting things that you notice in your surroundings this weekend".*

Year 3: *'What should our class Viking longship be called and why?'*

Year 4: *'What did homes in your home country look like in 500AD?'*

Year 5: *'What do you know about the history of school uniforms? Do some research and discuss this with your parents'.*

Year 6: *'Which countries tend to have school uniforms?'*



**Stars of the
Week**



We've already seen lots of examples of stars of the week around the school – children helping others, working hard, demonstrating excellent manners and kindness, being brave, making new children feel welcome, working cooperatively in groups... the list is endless, but a particular 'Well done' goes to these children this week:

Reception:

Vihan for doing a great job with his letters and sounds.

Adil for being very brave and feeling quickly confident in his first week of school.

Year 1:

Vedant for showing good Maths skills this week.

Akira for a lovely first piece of independent writing.

Year 2:

Ishaan for his excellent story writing this week.

Asritha for her brilliant artwork this week.

Year 3:

Mokshith for helping Mrs Tranter at lunchtime and contributing lots of ideas and enthusiasm in class.

Chethan for his super drawing of a pirate and being great in our first art lesson.

Year 4:

Saumya for top free spelling and enthusiasm.

Aditya for a great, understated first week.

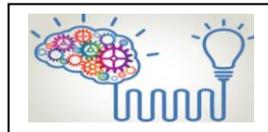
Year 5:

Suhaavi for settling down so well in our class.

Year 6:

Dev for being such a terrific role-model for other students: polite, kind, smartly dressed, enthusiastic and conscientious.

We would also like to congratulate a very special Star in Year 6 – Maanas Guggilla, who, having succeeded in several rounds of the 33^e Championnat International des Jeux Mathematiques et Logiques, participated in the finals in Paris this summer. This is an international competition and Maanas came 43rd in his category, which is an amazing achievement. Maanas should be very proud of himself for having the confidence to go to Paris and compete against fellow mathematicians from all over the world – we certainly are. Well done, Maanas!



We look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Coffee Morning tomorrow and wish you a very happy weekend. Let's hope the sunshine continues and that we can make the most of some time outside.

Thank you to everyone, parents, staff and children, for your contributions to making this first week a great start to the new academic year. Here's a thought to last for the year to come:

We all have possibilities we don't know about. We can do things we don't even dream we can do.

Dale Carnegie