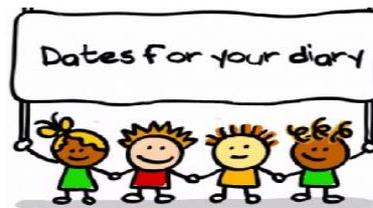


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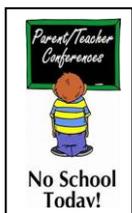
Dear Everyone,



This has been a busy week with the year 6 trip to the Atomium, tennis and swimming lessons for the year 2s and year 5s, all the clubs in full swing and plenty going on in every classroom. The children are well settled and the corridor and classroom walls are beginning to fill with amazing art and examples of work. It is also a pleasure to see children playing and working together, and to notice little acts of kindness as they look after and help each other around the school and in the playground.



Although the Friday Coffee morning will usually be held every two weeks, there **will** be one **next week on 11th October**, as the following week is School Photo day and the week after that is Parents' meetings, followed by the half-term holiday. Do come along and join us, swap your library books and share a pleasant morning relaxing before the weekend. We had a fantastic turnout this morning with lots of new faces. Thank you to everyone for coming and for bringing the snacks! Next week we will be preparing the crafts for our Diwali craft evening in November, so please come along and find out how you can help 😊.



The **Parent-Teacher meetings** will be held throughout the day of **Friday 25th October**. This is the occasion for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress over the first half term. You will shortly be receiving a note indicating your allocated time slot. Please note that these meetings are for parents to talk with the teachers, and that there will be **no school** on that day.



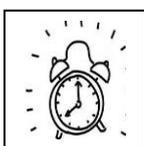
Points to remember



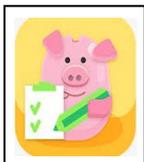
There are still some children coming to school without a coat. We go outside for as many playtimes as possible, even if it is windy or damp, as the children need to run around and play. They therefore need to have a jacket or coat to keep them warm.



Could you please make sure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name? We have already had cases of the mystery of the phantom jumper and, although everyone is convinced that their name is on the label, this is clearly not the case! If you use a pen to write names on the labels, please remember that it comes off in the wash and needs to be rewritten.



Please remember that children should be at school by 8.55. This is when children are taken to the classrooms, and the register is taken at 9h. If your child arrives late, they will miss the beginning of the lesson and the rest of the class will be disrupted. Teachers are teaching in the classrooms and cannot always answer the doorbell. Thank you!



School office

Please remember to let us know immediately if you think that you may be leaving in this autumn term i.e. any time up till December 18th, 2019. The 90-day deadline for written notice of departure for the winter term, after which deposits will not be refunded, has now passed.

Please note that the 90-day deadline for departures in the Spring term is January 3rd, 2020.

Please note that the rates for Garderie have been increased from 6€ an hour to 6.50€. The rate for half an hour is 3.25€. This takes effect from October 1st.

The domiciliation for next month will be taken on Friday 4th October.



The **14th SUPERTMATIK Mental Maths Competition** is a worldwide mathematical challenge for pupils aged 6 to 15 and aims to develop and consolidate children's mental maths skills.

This involves a simple arithmetic card game.

This week, the children in the Junior Building were invited to enter our whole school competition. Entries closed on Friday and a draw took place to see which children will play who.

Games will take place daily at snack time from now until May. Winners in each category then play an online game in the worldwide Grand Final.

The Y2s and the eldest children in Y1 will compete in their category in the Spring.

Should any child not be successful in the first round of the championships or decline to enter now, there is also the **BISB SuperT Challenge Cup** held throughout June.

Thanks to Mr Stedman for organising the competition – he can be seen hurtling up and down the stairs in the Junior Department every snack time, challenge cards and banana in hand! The children love it – a hush settles around the competing pairs and the game begins.... Great fun and an excellent way to make maths exciting.



As reported last week, **Year 6** went on their overnight trip to the Atomium on Tuesday night, and, from all accounts, it was 'Amazing', 'Fabulous' and 'Fantastic'. They enjoyed 'yumilicious pizzas', watched a film, practised pod-hopping (a new sport involving rushing from one pod to another), ate lots of thoroughly unhealthy snacks and '...had so much fun we felt like a year 6 family'.

The highlight of the morning was clearly the 'mystery person who lost their underpants' much to the general hilarity of all, and, after breakfast and a tour of the Atomium, they returned to a picnic lunch at BISB, before rushing off in fine form to the swimming pool. I'm not sure they had much sleep, although the boys reportedly enjoyed their 'beauty sleep' whilst others 'stayed awake for another 5 hours and 30 minutes pod-climbing'. Nobody mentioned the dramatic thunderstorm that night, I imagine they were probably making enough noise to not notice it!

It was really pleasing to hear that, due to the excellent behaviour and manners of previous BISB 6th years, our Year 6s had been chosen to be the first session for a new guide at the Atomium. This is quite an honour, given the number of schools that visit the Atomium every year. I am quite sure that the behaviour and manners of these Year 6s were just as exemplary as in past years - what a credit to us all. Well done!

Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Tranter, who made sure that everyone not only got a little bit of sleep, but that they also had a great time. They too came back to school and headed straight back out to swimming, swapping suitcases of supplies for shopping trollies of swimming noodles!



Here are the talk topics for next week:

Nursery: *'If you were allowed a pet, what would it be and how would you take care of it?'*

Reception: *'If you had your own 'Friend Ship', what animals would you invite to come along and sail the seas with you?'*

Year 1: *'Think of some things that we can do with water, in water or on water.'*

Year 2: *'How could we reduce our carbon footprint in our home?'*

Year 3: *'What do you need to do to be successful in a debate?'*

Year 4: *'Bogaerts School allows half uniform - half non-uniform: what's your opinion about this?'*

Year 5: *'What time do you go to bed? It is important for you to get 8-10 hours sleep a night. Do you get enough sleep?'*

Year 6: *'What issue would you like to debate next?'*



Stars of the Week



Reception: Pranav: for remembering the letter sounds and having a go at blending them.

Sashvath: for concentrating really well on his numbers during maths work.

Year 1: Kanav, for great reading this week.

Avni, for super sentence-writing this week.

Year 2: Pranavi for doing excellent work in all of our Global Warming work this week!

Niteesh for being super enthusiastic about our Carbon Footprint work and art piece!

Year 3: Hriday for being polite and trying hard to speak English.

Hasini for super story writing.

Year 4: Anjika for her excellent technical drawing of the top floor.

Crishelle for her technical design and being a great all-rounder.

Year 5: Hithaishi for using adventurous vocabulary to good effect in her story writing.

Year 6: Ronit for his positive, uplifting and enthusiastic approach to everything that we do in Year 6. You are a star, Ronit.

And to end the week: ***"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."*** Dalai Lama

Have a lovely weekend!