



The British International
School of Brussels

Newsletter for the week of October 22nd, 2021

And the Special
Operations
Executives are
OFF... Cornimont
here we come!



Dear All,

It's been another special and busy week across the school with the Acorn building buzzing with activity in every classroom and the Years 3 and 4 settling back and enjoying having the Oak building to themselves, while the Years 5 & 6 Special Operations Executives set off for a hugely challenging, and thoroughly exciting week at Cornimont.

This area of Belgium was at the heart of the Belgian Resistance movement during and after WWII, and very many of the local population were actively involved in the efforts to escort allied airmen out of occupied Europe and over the Pyrenees to neutral Spain. The children had an amazing week navigating the forests and rivers on foot and in kayaks, improving their mountain climbing skills on an indoor climbing wall, signing the Official Secrets Act and preparing false identity papers necessary for fleeing the country, and practising forest survival skills, aircraft identification and physical feats for a modern pentathlon. To say nothing of the delights of a great playground, mini-golf course and the brand-new disco light ball – an essential part of the annual talent show 😊. They may well never want another rationed lunch of cheese or chicken wraps, but I have heard that the baked beans and mashed potato (with vast quantities of potatoes being hand peeled by willing recruits...), accompanied by sausages and vegeburgers, were much appreciated! They worked hard, played hard, stretched themselves well beyond their normal comfort levels, and came home exhausted, exhilarated and extremely proud of what they had achieved. Well done to them all!

As ever, the success of such a week is the result of the huge dedication, creativity and sheer stamina of Mrs. Tranter, Mr. Stedman and Mr. Tranter (who appears to have survived a back-to-back fortnight at Cornimont!) They were on duty around the clock making sure that everything ran smoothly, posting late-night photos and daily reports to keep everyone in touch with the latest events and helping to create memories with the children that everyone will keep for a very long time. Many thanks to them – I sincerely hope they are not on night exercises this weekend!



Take a look at the fantastic photos on the website – it was a great week!



We counted them
all on ... All aboard
the Cornimont
Express!



Well done to everyone for a week of hard work, and a particular well done to the following:



Stars of the Week



Nursery:

Everyone for their amazing autumn leaf printing and description of the colours they could see in each leaf.

Reception:

Yug, for his good concentration when working independently on the letters and sound workbook.

Shivaan, for trying really hard when cutting out with scissors, it was difficult, but you made it!

Year 1:

Shivang, for marvellous Maths work, comparing numbers in school and then he went home and did more for fun! Well done Shivang.

Kyra, for a very detailed portrait where she used colours very effectively to convey emotion.

Year 2:

Bhuvana, for concentrating well in mathematics, and making great progress adding and subtracting multiples of 10.

Viswajit, for thinking hard and persisting in mathematics problem solving.

Year 3:

Jinisha, for her accurate measuring of length and capacity.

Karan for his creative transformation and performance of our 'My Sister' limerick.

Year 4:

Kecia for great work in science, showing that she knows the name and function of the types of teeth and parts of the digestive system.

Aashish for good work with understanding unit fractions and how they are related to division.



The Years three and four enjoying the playground



Fun in Art club creating bold pastel drawings for the House Display

Information for the week



- Next week is the last week of the half term and there are still families that have not returned all of the forms. It is essential that we have the **Contact Form**, as this has all of your up-to-date information if we need to contact you urgently.
- **Parent-Teacher meetings:** Everyone should now have received an invitation for an individual zoom meeting with your child's class teacher/s for next week. Please check your class Edmodo page or contact your class teacher via email if you are unsure of your time. If you would like to meet with either Mme Scharf or Mme Halvorsen to discuss French, or with Miss di Fine to discuss Music, please contact the School Office and we will arrange a suitable time.



- Please note that lessons in each building start **promptly at 9h every morning**. In order to make sure that lessons are not interrupted by children arriving late, the entrance doors in both the Acorn and Oak buildings will be closed at 9h each morning after half term.

It is very disruptive for the class and the teachers when children arrive once the session has started. It is also difficult for the child who arrives late to integrate easily into a class that is already involved in a lesson, particularly for the younger children when the rest of the class are no longer in their own classroom as they have moved to another room for French or for Music. In the Oak building teachers are teaching on the upper floors and have to interrupt their teaching to answer the front door. This wastes valuable lesson time.



- The KS1 children, starting with the Year 2 class, will be returning to the Castle Club in Wezembeek for swimming lessons after the November half-term holiday. Details will follow next week.



- Please note that there is **no** school for children on **Friday, 29th October** as the Parent-Teacher meetings are scheduled throughout the week and during the whole of Friday. Children therefore finish school on Thursday, 28th October for the half-term break. The new term starts on Monday, 8th November.

- **Garderie:** Please inform the office at the **beginning** of the week if you would like your child to attend garderie.



- Please note that the 90-day deadline for written notice of departure for the end of the February half-term (Thursday, 24th February) falls on **Friday, 26th November**. Please notify us before this date if your child will be leaving BISB; this will ensure that your deposit can be refunded.



- **Late pick-ups:** We do understand that this may be unavoidable due to traffic or unexpected events, but please note that any children remaining in school after the pick-up time will be in garderie

in the Acorn building and should be collected from there. A garderie fee will be charged. Please inform School office or the Oak GSM number if you are going to be late.



- GSM number for the Oak Building (Years 3, 4, 5 &6) : **0468 45 87 76**

And a fitting thought to end another adventurous week ...

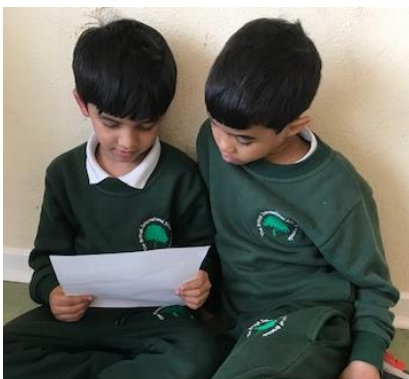
“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”

—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



The brave, inspirational Year 1 poets paid a visit to Oak to share a poetry experience with the Year 3s!

The Year 1 poets wrote their own poems and shared them with a friend



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