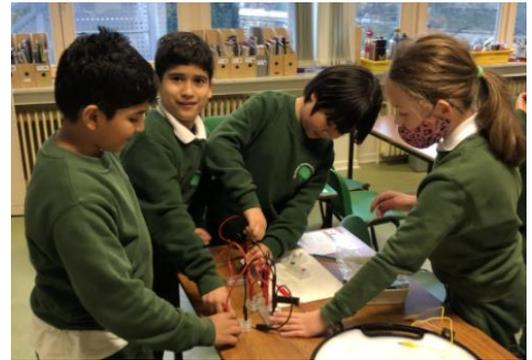




The British International
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Newsletter for the week of November 26th, 2021

Making electrical circuits in Year 4 Science lessons



Dear All,

After an uncertain end of week trying to fathom the constantly changing government recommendations for managing the current Covid-19 situation, it has been a real pleasure (and genuine relief!) to put this week's Newsletter and Home School Letter together. Reading through the summaries from each class and choosing from the fantastic range of photos of happy children engrossed in their activities is a wonderful affirmation that, whatever the anxiety and confusion in society outside the school doors, within the buildings the children are benefitting from a rich wealth of experience and learning that is allowing them to grow and flourish in a safe, stimulating environment that keeps their world as 'normal' as possible.

The music and creativity have continued this week with rehearsals across the school for each of the shows, and yet more scenery and props appearing at the end of every day. There have been some ingenious transformations as we take on the recycling message and adapt objects and backdrops made over previous years. It's amazing what you can find hidden under boxes in very large cellars ... antique penguins have been given a make-over, in the Oak building Mr. Tranter's steam locomotive has been dismantled and re-engineered into a rickshaw, (amongst other things!), the costume store is revealing hidden treasures and we're currently on the hunt for the snowflake t-shirts ... have they already been transformed?! Watch this space!

On a more serious note, the KS1 & 2 Winter Shows are scheduled to take place next Monday and Thursday at the usual theatres in Wezembeek and Kraainem. Unfortunately, the government meetings on Friday did not include all of the decisions for school events and procedures, and these will be taken at another meeting on Monday morning. We will therefore let you know on Monday what the final arrangements for the shows will be.

We realise how excited the children are about the shows, and how much work and effort they have already put in to making them so special. We will obviously do our utmost to find the best solution possible in the current circumstances and to make sure that their energy, enthusiasm and commitment are valued and showcased. We also know how special it is for you as parents to share the excitement of the shows and to be a part of the very special school memories that they create. We too will be as creative as we can in finding solutions, and, in the meantime, continue to make the most of the learning opportunities that music, theatre and dance provide.

Thank you for your continued vigilance with regard to colds, coughs and runny noses. It is far better at the moment to be cautious and keep children off school if they seem to be slightly unwell, but please remember that they need a medical certificate if they are off school for more than three days. Thank you too for continuing to inform School Office of travel and quarantine dates, and for being so respectful of the required quarantine periods if family members have travelled.

Tuesday's football club



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



Stars of the Week



Nursery:

Everyone in Nursery for their amazing boomwhacker composition!
Well done!



Reception:

Veera, for her enthusiastic participation in Music class and for making a good effort in learning all of the Christmas show songs.

Maanav, for working hard on literacy and making an important effort to remember the sounds of the letters worked on in class.

Year 1:

Myra, for completing a reading comprehension independently. Well done Myra!

Sri Lyka, for super independent writing on her penguin poster.

Year 2:

Viswajit, for his great courage in swimming around the pool all on his own and for making a big effort to listen carefully and follow instructions.

Rishmitha, for her beautifully expressive reading and discussion of the books she has read.

Year 3:

Anish, for using such wide and interesting vocabulary in his written work on 'The Magic Paintbrush'.

Saksham, for great work in adding 2-digit numbers and a perfect score in Mental Maths – well done!



Year 4:

Saksham, for writing some good 'hook questions' as part of our work on persuasive adverts with Mrs C.

Mehek, for her very carefully drawn bar chart with a title and clearly labelled axis.

Year 5:

Aadharrshini for her tsunamic progression from shallow pool to deep end at NATO.

Year 6:

Priyal for her continuous hard work and good humour throughout the term - what a joy!

Information for the week

Bletchley Park Workshop Year 6



The Year 6s thoroughly enjoyed their captivating afternoon workshop on codes and ciphers, along with a fascinating 'virtual' tour of the Bletchley Park complex and a well-enacted presentation of life at the heart of the code-breaking headquarters during WWII.



PMC (Primary Mathematics Challenge) RESULTS

Last week, 20 of the OAK Department's most proficient PROBLEM-SOLVERS were entered in the UK's Primary Mathematics Challenge.

<https://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/>

All 20 put in a fine showing of themselves and we congratulate them for their courage and commitment.

Overall, however, Thomas and Tharun achieved a **BRONZE CERTIFICATE**, Aditya and Trishan a **SILVER**, And Aadriyan a **GOLD**. 🏆

As best Lower Key Stage II entrants (i.e. Y3 and Y4s),

Kyle receives a **GOLD** Ishaan, a **SILVER** and Shaurya, a **BRONZE**

Well done everyone. 👍 🌟 🎉 🌟

Mr. Stedman



Congratulations to Kashinath in Year 5, for being the most improved Mental Maths Monster for the month of October

PLEASE!!
NOTE

Please note that the 90-day deadline for written notice of departure for the end of the Spring term (Friday, 1st April) falls on **Saturday, 1st January**. Please notify us before this date if your child will be leaving BISB; this will ensure that your deposit can be refunded.

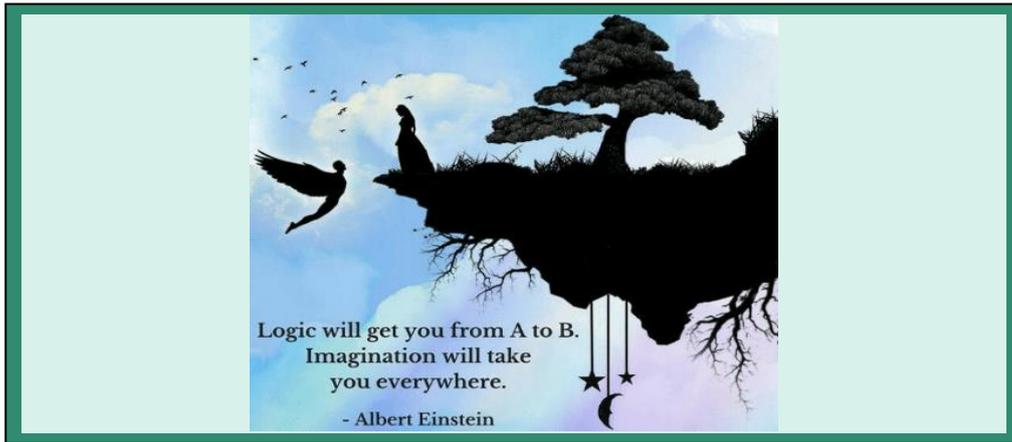


If you need a receipt for reimbursements or have questions about financial matters, please email Mr. Prescott at bisbbursar@telenet.be



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

And a fitting thought to end a creative week...



Music lessons in Year 1,
learning all about the
instruments of the
orchestra.



Thinking hats on for music
in Nursery!



And then there was the
scenery ... penguins ...



...polar bears ... and the
desert in Australia!



A giant recycling
sculpture in Reception

Jane Still Headteacher



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