



The British International
School of Brussels

Newsletter for the week of January 21st, 2022

Oak Department
assembly featuring
the first BISB News
channel broadcast
with reporters from
each class



Dear All,

Another week has flown past, full of concentrated learning and activity across the school. There is always a fresh buzz of energy in classrooms at the beginning of a term as new cycles of work are introduced, exciting new class books and stories begin to be shared, and above all, new topics take off with all the promise of limitless horizons and the unknown waiting to be explored!

There are challenges and discoveries across the curriculum in every classroom – from the joys of real cooking in Nursery, to crawling through the entrance to the new space station in Reception (although Mrs. Davies did get stuck in it yesterday!), the magic of traditional stories in Year 1 and the digging up of last year's garden beds to discover living things in Year 2.

Year 3 are taking a look further afield, studying earthquakes, geology and the wonders of the world, both ancient and modern, while Year 4 travel north towards Scandinavia, studying different landscapes and cultures – it will be interesting to see how persuasive their holiday brochures are in Literacy in a few weeks' time! Year 5 are on an intergalactic mission, exploring the solar system and Earth's place in the universe, and taking in the delights of science-fiction in their quest for answers to 'Life, the Universe and Everything'. They could be gone for a while! The Year 6s are deep into the complex and sensitive issues of the Holocaust, reflecting on the power and importance of memory, and exploring their own experience and reactions to the Covid pandemic of the last two years, as well as drawing on the real-life stories of class family members in the first half of the 20th century. Their second Holocaust workshop with an international school in Spain next week will give them the chance to share their work and experiences in a wider context.

In addition to this new work, Maths and Literacy assessments have also been completed in each class, ensuring that each child is well on track to meet the required standards at the end of the academic year. It was a busy week!

Friday saw the exciting launch of the BISB News Channel during the Oak Department zoom assembly. Well done and congratulations to the Year 6 Newsroom for organising and coordinating the reporting from correspondents and presenters in each of the classes – and for the impressive technical know-how required to set it all up! Watch this space as the reporting evolves...

Enjoy a peaceful weekend!



Hands-on cookery
skills in Nursery.

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



Stars of the Week



Nursery:

Prakhar for his great biscuit making skills! Well done!

Abdul Khaaliq for his amazing chef's skills in the role play area! Great cooking!

Reception:

Rudransh, for his wonderful creativity making aliens out of play dough, they were amazing!

Aavya, for working independently on her phonics worksheet and blending short words.

Year 1:

Loshinimai, for being so happy at playtimes with her friends!

Sri Lyka, for super wow words when writing a letter to Goldilocks.

Year 2:

Bhuvana, for some super quick mental maths.

Jahnavi, for trying extremely hard and persisting in the maths assessment!

Year 3:

Avni, for neat work on the layers of the Earth and a super start to her text about earthquakes.

Arhan, for great work on the Seven Wonders of the World, and a super drawing of Chichén Itzá.

Year 4:

Camilla, for her fabulous holiday brochure. Her use of descriptive language, testimonials and hook questions definitely make me want to read on and visit Norway!

Krishav, for excellent progress in his reading comprehension.

Year 5:

Rhithul for a great performance, improvement and love for reading.

Year 6:



Tanvi for her outstanding effort in maths during the holidays and participating so enthusiastically in all our sporting activities. You really are a star pupil.

Year 6 hard at work in French this week

Information for the week

- We have a growing pile of 'lost' clothes in each building – mainly because they are not clearly labelled with a child's name. Please could you make sure that your child's clothes all have their name on the label (and also remember to renew the writing once the item has gone through the washing machine several times!) Thank you.



- The Year 4 children will be visiting the **Montagne Magique theatre** in the heart of Brussels to watch a performance of '**Kosmos**' next **Tuesday, 25th January**. The play is in French and forms an important part of the French curriculum.

This is the story of the world before time began, with all the magic of 'Once upon a time' and 'Long, long ago ...'. It looks at what came before us, and where we come from, bringing in ideas from the Greek myths and scientific answers from the solar system, to say nothing of magical story-telling along the way. Take a look at the clip from the play to see what will be in store....<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTO9kJ9dmWo>

The trip is in school time, with the children travelling to and from the theatre by private coach, leaving at 9.05 and returning in time for lunch at school. Please ensure that your child is in clean, smart uniform (not PE uniform), and that they have a coat. Please also make sure that they arrive at school **before 9h**, as we have to leave promptly to reach the theatre in time.



- The Year 6s will be visiting the Jewish Museum of Belgium on Tuesday, 8th February to take part in a 'Meet a Jew' workshop in connection to their work on the Holocaust. Details will be posted on Edmodo.



- Please remember that **lessons start promptly at 9h** in each building. We have seen this week that certain children are beginning to arrive late, which disrupts the start of the day for the class and the teacher and can also be difficult for the child, who has to walk into a classroom where everyone else is already working, or finds that the class has already gone to a French or Music lesson.

Please let School Office know if you are delayed due to transport problems or if you have a visit to the commune or a medical appointment. We can then inform the teacher and open the door when you arrive.

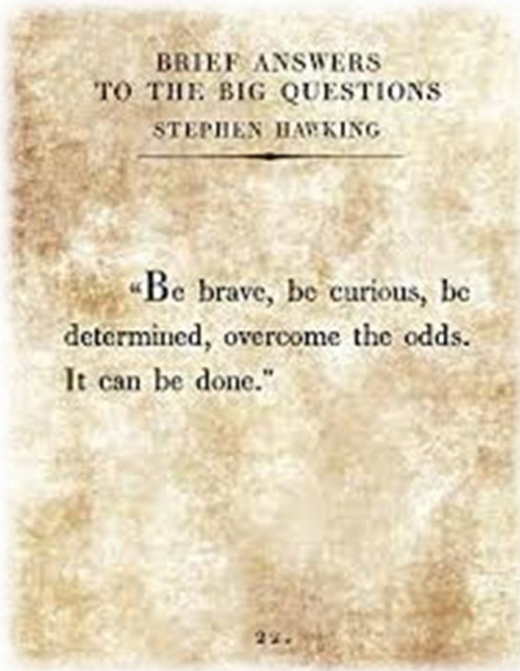


- Please remember that there is **no** school for children on **Friday, 25th February** as the Parent-Teacher meetings are scheduled throughout the week and during the whole of Friday. Children therefore finish school on Thursday, 24th February for the Spring half-term break. The new term starts on Monday, 7th March.



- Please remember to let us know if you think that you may be leaving at the end of the first half of the summer term (Wednesday, 25th May 2022). The **90-day notification deadline** for written notice of departure is **Thursday, 24th February 2022**. Please notify us before this date if your child will be leaving BISB; this will ensure that your deposit can be refunded.

And a fitting thought to end a week of hard work and new challenges...

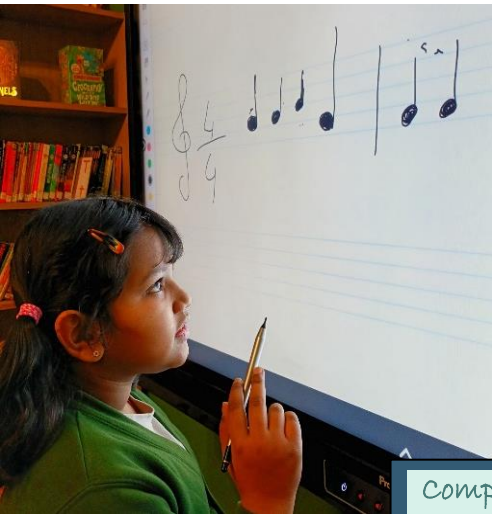


Year 2s enjoying a music lesson brought to life by the new interactive screen!

Aliens landed in Reception!



Year 6s interpreting a map of Belgium in French history and geography lessons



Composition in Year 5.



Exploring poetry in a LAMDA drama session.



Musical games in Reception.