



The British International
School of Brussels

Newsletter for the week of October 8th, 2021

*The Year 3s enjoying
their French lesson*



Dear All,

Thank you all for your help and support during our unexpected online adventure on Monday, it was strange to find ourselves back on screen but very encouraging to see just how much the children enjoyed the challenge and rose, as ever, to the occasion. There was great excitement as they all came back on Tuesday to share their 'best bits' and to look at the work they had completed at home, but also a renewed realization that there is nothing quite like sharing learning and friendship in school, interacting with people and working together.

The year 6s have been busy this week organizing and coordinating the House system and making sure that everyone knows exactly what each post of responsibility entails and how this will become a part of daily life, particularly in the Oak building. From Librarians preparing to take on the library, making sure that our new books are kept in order and well displayed to catch people's attention, to Eco-warriors who are busy sorting orange bags and working out how they can spread the message during the weeks at Cornimont, to House Captains and Class representatives, all taking a good look around them, listening to their peers, and putting forward ideas for improvements and changes to daily life – everyone is being encouraged to take responsibility for working together collaboratively, with the understanding that every person can make a positive difference.

At the same time, the excitement has grown exponentially over the week as the Year 3 and 4s prepare for their departure to Cornimont on Monday. The hall has gradually filled with overflowing boxes of bananas (180, carefully counted out in the supermarket to the bemusement of passers-by..!) oranges, rice and chocolate spread, to say nothing of the mountains of milk and cereals, soap, toilet rolls and grated cheese - we are definitely well-equipped and set for adventure! Mr. Tranter and Mrs. Rutayisire have been working non-stop on exciting plans for medieval fun and games, combined with Robin Hood forest challenges that will take us out and about into the beautiful, wild countryside around the house where we are staying and to the climbing wall at the local sports hall, as well as to an Agri-museum, heritage centre and local animal park – all on foot, so it's been great to see so many children wearing their walking boots already. Hopefully the weather will stay relatively dry, but the autumn colours will be beautiful and we will have an action-packed week – guaranteed to make sure that everyone is so tired at the end of the day that they sleep all night! (Well, that's the theory 🤖 🌍!)



Watch this space next weekend for the first photos, before the Years 5 and 6 set off for their turn. Please remember that the coach leaves promptly at 9h on Monday morning – there is a lot to pack so everyone needs to be at school early to make sure that everything and everyone is on board on time to leave. The first adventure awaits on Monday lunchtime, once we have dropped everything off at the house!

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



Stars of the Week



Nursery:

Parinika for her enthusiastic singing and dancing in music!

Prakhar for his super knowledge of different types of transport.

Reception:

Aavya, for her concentration and good work on letter sounds.

Rudransh, for being a very good friend, caring and sensible towards others needs.

Year 1:

Nithya, for working well with a partner and creating a super Carroll diagram so she could sort shapes to her own criteria.

Sushruth; as one of his online learning tasks, Sushruth made a beautiful underwater scene with a stunning coral reef and rainbow fish.

Year 2:

Rugved, for using Emerald Power to challenge yourself to take on some trickier Maths challenges.

Ruthvika, for taking your time and showing real care and attention when painting your beautiful shield.

Year 3:

Avni, for her excellent ideas about a clock-eating girl, and for her consistently good homework.

Vedant, for including so many of our 'success criteria' in his independent writing.

Year 4:

Ishaan his imaginative and superbly written story for our write stuff unit based on Charlie and the Chocolate factory.

Daksha for improved focus and effort in maths this week and having a go at working independently.

Year 5:

Trishan for crafting some fine, Kipling-esque Just So Storywriting..

Year 6:

Freja for the outstanding effort she is now putting into all her work - your 'double-page' spread is stunning.

Information for the week



- Despite numerous reminders we are **still** missing many of the **permission and contact forms**. Please return these to the school office so that we are able to contact you if we need to speak to you urgently.



- Years 3 are leaving for their residential trip to Cornimont on **Monday morning, October 11th at 9h**. Please make sure that you arrive on time as the coach will leave promptly and **we cannot wait** for anyone who is late!



- **Year 6 trip to the Atomium : Tuesday, 12th October.**

The **Year 6** children once again have the amazing

privilege of spending a whole night, not at the museum, but at the Brussels Atomium. The children will set off after school on Tuesday, spend a wonderful evening admiring the spectacular view from the Children's Sphere, hopefully sleep well all night in the eight mini spheres known as raindrops (designed by a Spanish artist especially for the project), and then come back to school after breakfast and a guided tour of the building. A picnic lunch will be waiting for them on their return.

Please remember that children should bring their swimming kit in on Tuesday, the night of the Atomium, for NATO on Wednesday! 🏠, and please also note that children may **not** wear jewellery!



- Please note that there is no school for children on **Friday, 29th October**, as Parent-Teacher meetings will be held throughout the week and all day on the Friday. Please make sure that you have either completed the paper form, or contacted your class teacher via Edmodo to arrange an appointment.



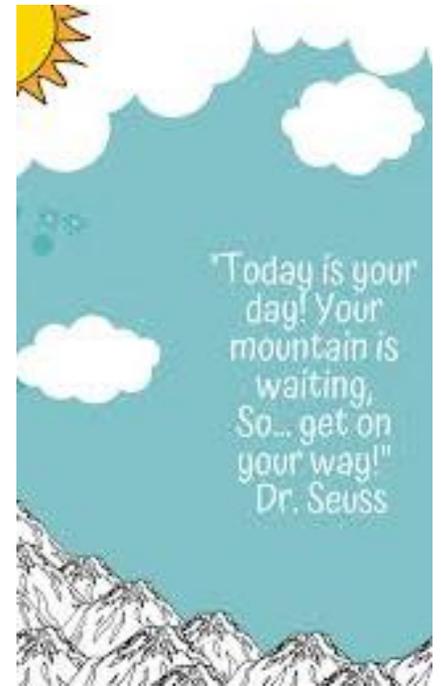
...enjoying
the new books
in Nursery!

- **Garderie:** Please inform the office at the **beginning** of the week if you would like your child to attend garderie. Please note that garderie cover is **not** available next week as several teachers are away in Cornimont with the years 3 and 4.



- 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 is refunded.

And a fitting thought for the weekend before a great adventure for Years 3 & 4...



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Jane Still
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