



The British International
School of Brussels

Newsletter for the week of September 10th, 2021

Ball skills in Year 3



Dear All,



What a wonderful, sunny week! We have certainly made the most of being able to be outside and the children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to run around or sit and chatter happily. It has been great to start the autumn term with several picnic lunches in Oak (usually a summer term treat) and a lovely way for children to take a little more time to eat sociably, and to enjoy their time out of the classrooms in the fresh air.

Sunny days in Nursery



The term has got off to a calm, purposeful start, with classes quickly finding their new rhythms and settling down to work. A huge well done has to go to our new children, all of whom have adapted amazingly easily and quickly to life in and out of the classroom right across the school, finding new friends and fitting into the BISB way of life as if they have been here for months. It does have to be said though that there were a few with very sore feet and achy legs on the walks to and from the SKILLS scooter rally in the park today, and several bemused faces when we said we couldn't catch a bus to return to school! The cobbled pavements in Brussels are particularly hard on the feet when you're not used to them. Never mind, it's all good practice for the Years 3 – 6 residential weeks in the Ardennes, which are coming up soon in mid-October.



Scooter rallies in Parc Josaphat



Thank you for taking the time to attend the Zoom curriculum meetings this

week. Although we certainly miss meeting you all in person, it is good to see you on screen. Thank you too for the positive feedback – don't forget that you can always contact your class teacher via the teacher email address or via a message on Edmodo if you have any questions or concerns. We will get back to you as soon as possible. If you need general information or need to leave a message for a teacher, then please contact Patricia in the School Office and she will do her best to help you.

Friday SKILLS in the year 6 classroom

We are looking forward to seeing parents of years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children at the Cornimont Zoom meeting next Tuesday, 14th September, at 17h. Information for both weeks; Years 3 & 4 from 11th – 15th October, and

Years 5 & 6 from 17th – 22nd October, is up on Edmodo, but we will cover the arrangements in detail during the zoom session.



Excitement is definitely building already, with the years 5 & 6s regaling the years 3 & 4 with stories of their adventures from last year – medieval banquets, fun in the kitchen, sporting challenges and talent shows ... we're in for a great fortnight this year! Time for everyone to clean up the walking shoes and get out and about for some stamina building 🏃🏃!

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



Stars of the
Week



Nursery:

To all new and old starters, you are all superstars this week and have settled into class beautifully, BRAVO!

Reception:

Viewara, for her concentration during the work done with the letters in her name.

Tia Moushmee, for her enthusiasm in our number hunt and being super fast at finding all the number cards.

Year 1:

Nathan, for being a superstar! He helps to look after our classroom by keeping it tidy and is excellent at following instructions.

Kria, for her wonderful ideas about our shared book this week. She made interesting predictions about what she thought would happen.

Year 2:

Florent, you created some excellent sentence with full stops, capital letters and ambitious vocabulary – well done!

Rajakumaran, you have settled really well into your new class and your skill of doubling even large two-digit numbers was super!

Year 3:

Mihir, for fast Maths and super reading.

Ovi, for neat work in Topic and very good independent writing.

Year 4:

Geoshan for super work in our spelling lessons this week, particularly with his 'focus five' words.

Kyle for showing a great attitude towards his studies; completing all his work carefully and to a high standard.

Year 5:

Abhih for a super start to the year!

Year 6:

Disha, for her presentation in French - your pronunciation is excellent, Disha

Information for the week



Uniform sales: Nearly everyone now seems to have the correct uniform and the children are looking extremely smart. Please remember that **all** polo and t-shirts should be uniform items, with the school logo on them. Jogging bottoms should also be green and feature the logo. Please contact Patricia in the School Office if you need help or extra uniform items.

We are already beginning to accumulate 'spare' jumpers and cardigans that obviously belong to someone, but that don't have a name in them. You can write your child's name on the label using a permanent marker – this will last a good few washes and is a great help at the end of a hot afternoon!



- The date for our **Welcome Walk-in-the-Woods**, scheduled for Sunday, 26th September has been changed to **Sunday, 3rd October**, due to the major bike races being held in Tervuren during the weekend of September 25/26th.

This is a family walk for parents, staff and children through the woods and around the lakes in Tervuren, with everyone welcome to come and catch up with old friends and to meet new faces. The autumn colours should already be spectacular and, even if it rains, the trees provide plenty of cover.

The park is easily accessible by tram and perfectly safe for children to run and play. If the weather has been wet it can be very difficult to push a buggy –although we have been known to carry them across the muddy patches! Further details will follow in a later newsletter, but please do block the date 😊.



- Please could you return **all** of the **permission forms** sent out this week. It is particularly important that we have the **Contact Form**, as this has all of your up-to-date information in the case that we need to contact you urgently.



- Apologies for the mistake in the permission form, which states that it covers the year 2020-2021. Rather than sending out the form again, we will change the date on forms that are returned to cover the Academic Year 2020-2021, so **by returning the form you are giving your permission for 2021-22**. Thank you to those people who noticed it!
- **Garderie:** Please inform the office at the beginning of the week if you would like your child to attend garderie.



- Please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you may be leaving in the Autumn term. The 90-day deadline for written notice of the child's last day at school at the end of this half term has already passed, but please note that the deadline for written notice of departure for the end of the Autumn term (Wednesday, 22nd December) falls on **Thursday 23rd September**. If we are notified after this date, the deposit is **not** refundable.



- **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**

Please use this number if you need to contact the Oak department if your child is going to be late due to a medical appointment, or if you need to let us know about a change to pick-up arrangements.

If your child is being collected by someone **who is not a school parent**, we will need to see a form of identification in order for your child to leave.

And a fitting thought to end a happy, purposeful week



"HAPPINESS LIES IN THE JOY OF
ACHIEVEMENT AND THE THRILL
OF CREATIVE EFFORT."
-FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

