



The British International
School of Brussels

Newsletter for the week of May 6th, 2022

Dear Parents,

What a lovely week! It's such a pleasure to see children arriving every morning with big smiles, often running along the pavements already deep in important conversations with friends and coming through the doors bursting with news to share with the rest of the class. How lucky we are, and how important these special moments of friendship and sharing are, after the last few years of relative isolation for children. The same energy and enthusiasm can be felt across the school and are reflected in the children's work and interactions both in and out of the classroom. The sunny weather this week has been wonderful, with everyone benefitting from being outside in the fresh air.

Watching the
lunchtime cricket
match from the
stands!



A sunny Tuesday lunchtime was the perfect setting for the first FIFTEEN15 Semi Final between Years 4 & 6. With the Oak Department supporters out in force on the terraces and in the stands, cheering on each of the teams, the Y6 Firewings won the toss and chose to field. The Y4 Sixer Pros couldn't quite deal with the fast pace bowling and competent fielding of the Y6s and were all out for 18. – Some serious cricket practice is clearly called for! With the Firewings winning by 4 wickets, they will now be in the Final in 3 weeks' time and the Sixer Pros will wait to see who they face between the Cricketers or Cosmic Stars in the 3rd Place Play Off in a fortnight.

Congratulations to **Y4 Kyle**, **Y4 Ishaan**, **Y5 Trishan**, **Y6 Archana**, **Y6 Tharun**, & **Y6 Aadriyan**, who have all qualified for the FBJM (Fédération Belge des Jeux Mathématiques) Final, which takes place next weekend at ULB. They, along with many others, negotiated the challenging first rounds featuring a variety of maths 'games' and problem-solving exercises, and have been selected to participate in the Final, representing their home countries and BISB. Success in the Final could even see them going to Lausanne in Switzerland in the summer for the International Final! Very well done to everyone who competed in the earlier rounds – it's great experience and definitely a fun challenge requiring a clear head, excellent reasoning skills and the ability to step out of the box to understand what each problem is really asking (particularly as the questions are written in French and require rapid and accurate translation to make sense of them!)



In the Oak Inter-House Archery Competition this week, it was the turn of the Year 3s to take aim. Well done to Nishaank with 45 points, Mihir with 36 points and Zlata with 32 points (including one bullseye!). After 2 rounds (Year 6 and Year 3), the overall scores are: 1st place: **Hares** – 289 points 2nd place: **Woodpeckers** – 280 points 3rd place: **Owls** – 215 points. During the Oak Friday SKILLS day, it was time to learn some advanced knot skills before scaling the slopes in the park. Great teamwork and determination on all fronts!





The children in Acorn and Year 3 were delighted to meet their new French teacher, Ms. Kowalska, this week and enjoyed demonstrating their knowledge and skills, joining in enthusiastically with a different range of activities and singing along to new songs. Ms. Kowalska is also taking the Years 4, 5 and 6 for their general French lesson on Belgian Culture, History and Geography and we are very pleased to welcome her to BISB.

Spring arrives in the newly decorated French classroom

Information for the week

- Very well done to the Year 1 group who had their first swimming lesson this week. They did brilliantly in the pool but were also stars at getting changed sensibly and quickly. A big thank you to those who had labelled each item of clothing as it makes a huge difference when they get dressed again. It's perfectly fine to write the name on the label with a pen - anything that prevents a total mix up of socks and miscellaneous green articles!



- The Year 3s will be visiting Technopolis, the interactive Science Experience Centre in Mechelen on Friday, 13th May. This is to tie in with their class topic on Inventors and Inventions, and the Science theme of Forces and Magnets. They will leave school promptly after 9h travelling to Mechelen by coach and return in the afternoon.



- The Oak Department are setting off on a cruise on May 31st, discovering the canal system around Brussels on the new Waterbus service. Details will be sent home via a letter, but please note that children must be in school early as they will be leaving promptly at 9h.

<https://www.waterbus.eu/en/>
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Book the date! The Year 1 and 2 Summer production takes to the stage on June 14th, at De Kam theatre in Wezembeek. Please make sure that you block the date as the scripts have gone home this weekend, costumes and scenery are underway and the music is already ringing throughout the building. It sure to be another very special occasion to end the year on a high, and there's nothing like a full audience to bring the whole show alive 😊!



- If you need a receipt for reimbursements or have questions about invoices for next year, please email Mr. Prescott at bisbbursar@telenet.be

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



Stars of the Week



Nursery:

Atyudarini for her great explanation of feelings and how we can express them well.

Anush for playing very well in the big sandpit and sharing the digger with his friend.

Reception:

Shivaan, for his excellent and quick mental work with number doubles!

Sai Ananya, for her beautiful and dedicated artwork and paintings

Year 1:

Kria, for excellent work on a Maths quiz this week.

Jenil, for designing and making a beautiful card.

Year 2:

Rishmitha, for her beautiful poetry reading.

Florent, for taking the initiative to bring and share his very interesting non-fiction books.

Year 3:

Havish, for using exciting vocabulary in his 'Wolves in the Walls' sentences, and for great work in swimming.

Zlata, for super work in Maths, and a flying start in archery!

Year 4:

Shaurya for fantastic work with Roman numerals.

Dhriti for her impressive fitness and persistence in the beep test to be the last girl left running!

Year 5:

Kashinath, for chemical formulas and US mapping marvels.

Year 6:

Priyal for all the work she does in the Library - particularly chasing up children who have not returned their books! Thank you.

The new train books are a great success in Nursery ... And it seems there's no better place to read them than lying on the floor!



And finally, a fitting quote for another busy week of teamwork, hard work and play ...



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