



The British International  
School of Brussels

## Newsletter for the week of February 11th, 2022

Year 2 exploring  
woodland habitats  
in the park

Dear All,

There has been a slight feeling of a 'normality' returning to school life this week as some of the classes began once again to venture out on trips.

The Year 6s had a very thought-provoking week, with a fascinating trip



to the Jewish Museum, which left us all pondering philosophical questions about our own identity, culture and

ideas on the passing on of traditions and heritage. This was followed by a trip to the Montagne Magique theatre, where they watched a play in French on the themes of poverty and homelessness. This was presented with the usual 'grain of magic' that is the hallmark of these French plays, but it nevertheless left them with a marked impression and definite food for thought.

The Year 2s headed off for the park looking for woodland habitats and took advantage of the spectacular rain to discover the delights of the local garden centre, where they chose some beautiful new plants for the Acorn window boxes. They then turned into gardeners and planted the boxes out when the sunshine finally made its appearance.



This encouraged everyone out into the playgrounds for some much-needed fresh air, without being bundled up in quite so many layers of scarves, hats and gloves!

Brains worked overtime during lunchbreaks in Oak as the children set about this year's SuperT maths challenges with Mr. Stedman, and the Oak classes headed off for Park Josaphat and outdoor challenges during the Friday S.K.I.L.L.s day – not, much to the general disappointment of all the children, the much looked forward to orienteering challenge. This was postponed due to an accumulation of 'unfortunate' events over the week with people seeming to overlook the importance of

looking after property and classrooms, as well as forgetting the usual exemplary tolerance and kindness that is normally shown by all of our children towards the whole school community. Let's hope that the weekend will have given everyone time to reflect on the values of respect, consideration and care for each other and our surroundings, and that a page is turned by Monday so that the last two weeks of this term can be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Have a lovely weekend – admiring the first signs of spring...



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



## Stars of the Week



### Nursery:

Drisha, for settling into nursery with a smile!

Abdul Khaaliq, for eating the most Chapatis and still having room for more!

### Reception:

Rachit, for building an amazing rocket with Duplo and explaining how it works.

Ishitha, for her good concentration when writing all the letters in her name on the rocket made of squares.

### Year 1:

Dhanvitha, for joining in discussions and asking lots of questions.

Nathan, for consistent excellent work and for always doing his very best.

### Year 2:

Aradhya, for working with passion and enthusiasm in the topic work.

Saanchi, for her effort and progress in reading.

### Year 3:

Ishaan, for some very interesting and well-constructed sentences in our non-fiction text about earthquakes.

Nishaank, for bringing his boundless enthusiasm and amazing knowledge to our Science, Topic and English lessons this week.

### Year 4:

Akshathsai, for great enthusiasm and participation in class discussions.

Shaurya, for writing some good metaphors and similes this week in our Mrs. C. lessons.

### Year 5:

Sujathaa, for being on terrific form all week.

Kuval, for his brilliant breakthrough at the end of Maths.

**Year 6:** Tharun, Aditya and Thomas for their amazing skills as the 'Techie Team' in producing the weekly news broadcast. Inspirational!

Reaching for the stars  
in Reception...



## Information for the week



• We have had a case of head lice in the Oak Department. Please could you check your child's hair carefully and treat any eggs or lice. Visit your local pharmacist for information on the current treatment and please only send your child back to school once their head is egg and lice free as they spread very easily! Thank you.



• 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, 24<sup>th</sup> February for the Spring half-term break. The new term starts on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022). The **90-day notification deadline** for written notice of departure is **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. Please notify us before this date if your child will be leaving BISB; this will ensure that your deposit can be refunded.



• We are beginning to notice that some children are coming to school in damaged or incomplete uniform. We encourage children to be proud of their appearance and to be aware that a smart uniform is an important part of their BISB identity, so, if you need new items of uniform, please let Pat know in the School Office and she will make sure that the items are sent to the relevant class.



• The Year 1 class will be spending part of the morning of Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Warandeborg Park in Wezembeek-Opem. Details will be posted shortly on Edmodo and in next week's newsletter.



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

If you need to leave a message to say that there is a temporary change to your drop off or pick up times, please leave a WhatsApp text message or an SMS rather than a voice mail. These will be checked during the day and at the end of the afternoon. It is not always possible to answer the phone directly in Oak as the teachers are teaching in the classrooms. You can also ring the School office and we will pass the message on.

These French lessons are  
such fun! Year 2



Quiet time on the  
carpet in Reception,  
listening to  
relaxing music ...





*And a fitting thought to end a thought-provoking week in and out of the classroom ...*



Practising LAMDA in the Park on Friday SKILLS day

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

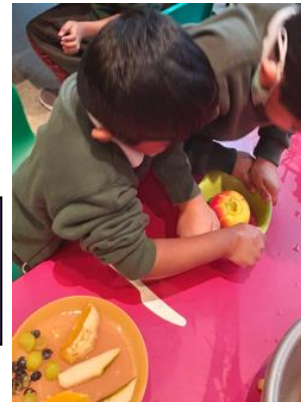
-Maya Angelou



Examining documents at the Jewish Museum



Making fruit salad in French in Year 1!



The Yr 2s getting ready to go into the big pool 🌊



Finishing a new space jigsaw in Reception.



The Year 2s choosing new plants for the school window boxes!



The Yr 4s learning to play 'Twinkle little star' on the glockenspiels.

