



The British International
School of Brussels

Newsletter for the week of May 20th, 2022

*The wonderful concert
by the Becel Trio with
their harp, viola and
flute*



Dear Parents,

The week got off to a fantastic start with concerts for all the children by the Becel Trio, three professional musicians who are passionate about their instruments; the harp, the viola and the flute, and who take great pleasure in inspiring their audiences with the wide range of music they play. We listened and clapped to folk dances, short classical extracts, and then longer magical arrangements based on South American influences with bird sounds, whale noises and crystal notes from the harp. The children – from Nursery to Year 6 – were totally spellbound. Question sessions followed with some remarkable knowledge on display, and everyone went away with plenty to talk about. The perfect way to spend a Monday morning, and who knows? One day this concert may well have inspired a child, or children, to learn an instrument and to play in an ensemble.



Tuesday was a special 'non-uniform' day for children in the Oak Department in a fund-raising initiative to support the 'Splash' sponsored swimming event, which should have been held this weekend. Unfortunately, this has been cancelled, but the children have decided to donate the funds raised – an impressive 172 euros, to The Scale Dogs charity, which trains guide dogs for visually impaired people, and who came into school with one of their dogs earlier in the year. Thank you to Freja and Crishelle in Year 6 for organising the event, and

to everyone for the generous donations; 150 euros is enough to fund the purchase of the basic material needed for a puppy (food bowl, basket, crate,...). <https://scaledogs.be>

The Cricket tournament continued in Oak on Tuesday with the **Fifteen15 Cup 3rd PLACE PLAY-OFF (Losers Final)** in which the SixerPros won the toss and put the Cricketers into bat. The Y3 Cricketers were 34 all out, and the Y4 SixerPros - 35 for no wicket. Y4 therefore won by 5 wickets

and come 3rd. Y3 take 4th and the wooden spoon but demonstrated a huge amount of potential and **THEY WILL RETURN!**

Catches win matches and Y4 took all theirs, following it up with a textbook singles run chase to sew things up before the PowerPlay. (And Vihaan's hat-trick was quite useful too!!) Well done the **SIXER PROS!** 🏏️ ⚡️.



In the final week of the **Oak Inter-House Archery Competition** this week, there was a lunchtime deluge and then the sun came out for the Year 5s to decide the result of the competition.

Here are the results: 1st place: **Woodpeckers** – 135 points, 2nd place: **Hares** – 131 points, 3rd place: **Owls** – 46 points. Best individual scores: 1st – Vinesh – 44 points, 2nd – Nevaan – 41 points, 3rd – Abhih – 38 points.

An excellent result for Woodpeckers, especially as they had only 5 players against Hares' and Owls' 6 each – well done!



The Y5 worthy Woodpeckers were not enough, however, to change the overall standings - after 4 rounds, the final scores are: 1st place: **Hares** – 521 points, 2nd place: **Woodpeckers** – 481 points, 3rd place: **Owls** – 342 points



The BISB Inter-House Archery Trophy will be presented to the Hares at some stage before the end of term, possibly at the conclusion of the archery knock-out tournament, which starts after the short half-term holiday. Thanks to Mr. Tranter for organising the competition and for training the archers!

Information for the week



- Don't forget that school is **closed** on Thursday and Friday next week (26th and 27th May) for the short Spring break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, 30th May for a prompt, 9h start.



- Unfortunately, the Splash swimming event planned for this Sunday, has been cancelled due to the low number of organisations participating. Well done and thank you to all of our valiant swimmers, and to parents who were looking forward to the event. We will make sure that we have a great turn out next year and aim for an even bigger BISB Splash! A particular thank you goes to Thomas in Year 6 for his hard work in organising our participation.



- There have been several instances of confusion over children being picked up recently. If your child needs to go home with another child, please make sure that you notify School Office (preferably before 13h) of the name of your child and the person who will collect them. We cannot send a child home with another person if we have not received notification by email or by phone. Thank you for your understanding.



- The first **BIG CLOBBER CRICKET** match takes place on **Monday, 23rd May** from 15.40 – 17.30. This week is the turn of the Woodpeckers and the Hares. Parents are very welcome to come and watch, but otherwise please collect your child between 17h and 17.30.



- 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.



- 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:

Aadvika for her beautiful singing to Mrs Davies in the mornings and in music sessions! Well done!

Mishika for her fabulous art creations and helping other children to complete theirs! Great Job!

Reception:

Veara for lovely reading and discussion whilst reading.

Saahithi for her calm mature manner and for doing beautiful work.

Year 1:

Rehat, for working hard on her Maths quiz this week.

Aqsa, for super work on number bonds in Maths.

Year 2:

Bhuvana, for her unique, valuable contribution to BISB, her hard work and her passion for learning, creating and sharing.

Year 3:

Ishaan, for excellent vocabulary in writing and a great result in his reading assessment.

Saksham, for consistently high scores in Maths, and for super bowling in cricket.

Year 4:

Saksham, for a super 'Summer' poem that used some great metaphors.

Inaaya, for writing some very thoughtful memories on her yearbook page.

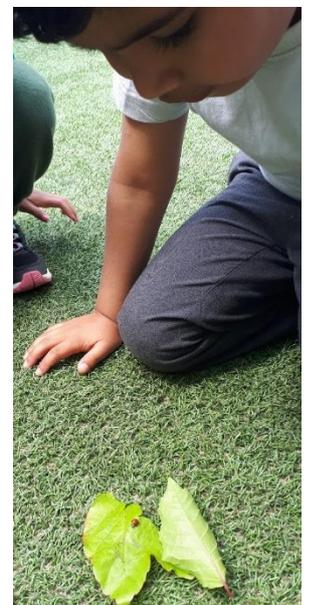
Year 5:

Nevaan, for expressing great verbal reasoning about a chemical process and converting fractions.

Hasini for finishing off her striking Pollack painting.

Year 6:

Crishelle and Freja for organising the non-school uniform day and collecting all the generous donations - great job!





The Year 3 and 4 cricketers .. and the famous wooden spoon!



"I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning."
— Plato



The Trio Becel



Fun Friday Olympic Games in Parc Cinquantenaire



Jane Still, Headteacher



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