



The British International  
School of Brussels

## Newsletter for the week of October 16th, 2021

*The Year 6s enjoying  
the high life in the  
Atomium*



Dear All,

What a great week! The Year 6s had an exciting night sleeping (or not!) at the Atomium and making the utmost of being the last children to have the privilege of doing so before the children's sphere closes. We will have to find another destination for our classic Year 6 sleepover for next year. I'm not sure that Mr. Stedman was quite as delighted at the short night, but he and Mrs. Tranter did a great job of staying awake for the rest of the week and will hopefully have time to catch up on some sleep before setting off for Cornimont (and 5 short nights!) tomorrow!

In the meantime, Years 3 and 4 all earned their knight's spurs and certificates after a truly wonderful week away at Cornimont in the Ardennes. Considering that none of the children had been away on a school residential week before, they were all amazing – enthusiastic, (relatively)organized, eager to have fun and to take on all the challenges we threw at them, and really good at spending time together, discovering new friends, working and playing together collaboratively and learning to adapt to so many new routines and ways of doing things and to different food. It was a pleasure to have such a special time with them all and to see how they rose to every occasion – being brave on the impressively high climbing walls, hiking through the forests and up and down dale (pretty much without any moans and groans!), behaving impeccably in public places and earning well-deserved compliments from passers-by and the people organizing activities, practising their French as they ordered drinks over a picnic lunch in a very posh restaurant, concentrating really hard to follow the French audio-guide through a fascinating museum (and feeling that great sense of achievement as they realised just how much they could understand!), the list is endless and they can all be very proud of themselves. Take a look at the hundreds of photos on the website! As ever, huge thanks go to Mr. Tranter,



*The Years 3 & 4 arrive  
in the Ardennes*



Mrs. Rutayisire and Mrs. Tolentino for working pretty much around the clock to make sure that the children were well looked after, safe and happy and to reassure parents that all was well. Residential trips are wonderful and a very special part of school life, creating memories that will last a lifetime, but they do require an enormous amount of preparation and stamina!

Mrs. Tranter and Mr. Stedman have been busy preparing the Year 5s and 6s for their adventures at Cornimont next week. Most of the

children have already been away and are old hands at residential trips, so their challenges will be different, and the pace of the week will, I'm quite sure, be intense and exciting – there are plenty of great activities in store!

Back at school in Acorn it has been a busy, but peaceful week enjoying lots of learning and the pleasures of autumn, with time in the garden and seasonal fun and games in and out of the classroom. The Home School letter this week concentrates on the Acorn classes and gives a lovely overview of everything that is going on. Let's hope we have a couple more weeks of autumn sunshine and colour to end this half-term well.

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



## Stars of the Week



### Nursery:

Uddhav for super counting skills using the conkers

Jacklyne for taking such good care of our baby dolls.

### Reception:

Sai Krishna, for the interesting vocabulary used during our subject The Human Body.

Saahithi, for her good work in our literacy sessions and trying hard to remember the letter sounds.

### Year 1:

Hridhya, for always being so kind and friendly and for fabulous estimating work this week.

Bhavin, for using beautiful descriptive language when writing a poem this week.

### Year 2:

Ektha, for a great start as Eco-monitor.

Aasvi, for excellent progress in reading since the beginning of term.

## Information for the week



- Please make sure you have returned the **permission and contact forms to the school office** so that we are able to contact you if we need to speak to you urgently.



- Years 5 & 6 are leaving for their residential trip to Cornimont on **Sunday afternoon, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 14h**. Please make sure that you arrive on time as the coach will leave promptly and **we cannot wait** for anyone who is late! 🚌 🏃 🏃 🤖



- Please note that there is no school for children on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **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 5 and 6.



- Please note that the 90-day deadline for written notice of departure for the end of the February half-term (Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February) falls on **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Please notify us before this date if your child will be leaving BISB; this will ensure that your deposit can be refunded.

*And a fitting thought to end a happy week across the school ...*



Friendship, teamwork and collaboration were the words of the week at Cornimont

Thinking hats on for a sorting activity in Nursery!



The Year 2s Dragon Hunting in Acorn Playground