



The British International
School of Brussels

Newsletter for the week of May 13th, 2022

*Years 5 & 6 arrive in
Acorn to perform their
brilliant
interpretation of
'Imagine'*



Dear Parents,

The week has absolutely flown by, full of so many different events, in addition to the usual work and play activities in all of the classrooms. Once again the wonderful weather has made a big difference as we make the most of the outside spaces and what seem like extra-long days as we spend time in the gardens.



It is always special, and adds excitement to the week, when one department or class visits the other building, and this week was no exception, with some of the Year 2s setting off for the Oak department to participate in the SuperTmatik mental maths competition, taking on the older children!



They arrived to find the games underway in the sunshine, and were soon welcomed into the circle as the fun began – Thanks to Mr. Stedman for organising the ongoing rounds, and to Mrs. Tolentino for her enthusiastic encouragement of the Year 2s.



There was then great excitement in Acorn as the Year 5 & 6s arrived to perform their interpretation of 'Imagine', complete with superb piano accompaniment from Tharun, intricate guitar playing from Aadriyan, and great rhythm in the percussion section with a whole variety of instruments. It was a very special moment, with moving explanations from the children of why the song is an important anthem for peace in the world – very appropriate and clearly understood and taken on. Well done to all the performers, it was a great performance and a real testimony to your confidence and enthusiastic participation. Thanks too to Miss di Fine for organising the event.

In the **FIFTEEN15 2nd Semi Final**, the Yr 3 Cricketers lost the toss and were put into bat against the Yr 5 Cosmic Stars. The Cosmic Stars won by 5 wickets, scoring 26 for no wicket, with the Cricketers being all out for 22. This means that the Yr 5s meet the Firewings in the Final in a fortnight. The 3rd Place Play Off next week will, therefore, be between the SixerPros and the Cricketers. The losers of this match will get the dreaded Wooden Spoon, traditionally received from the winning captain!





The LAMDA entrants, representing BISB, and ready to present their exam entries live on Zoom to London!

The week finished in a real burst of activity as the Year 3s set off on their Science trip to Technopolis in Mechelen, the LAMDA entrants from Years 4, 5 and 6 prepared to take their exams on Zoom in front of the examiners in London, and the rest of the Oak department set to work transforming the empty playground walls in Oak and doing sport in the Park. What a day!

Well done to the LAMDA candidates for their hard work since September in preparing the poems and texts for their performances. It takes hard work, concentration, imagination, and, above all, courage to stand up and interpret and perform pieces in exam conditions, listening carefully to the examiner's questions and reflecting on the answers. It has been more difficult this year as the exams were delayed, and still had to be taken via Zoom, but, as usual, everyone took up the challenge and were great ambassadors for BISB – with smart uniforms, impeccable manners and calm, confident presentations, to say nothing of taking care of each other between the sessions to make sure that everyone's nerves were calmed! Many thanks to Mrs. Tranter for the hours and hours spent preparing texts and running the drama sessions throughout the year.



In the Oak Inter-House Archery Competition this week, it was the turn of the Year 4s to take aim. Well done to Vihaan – 40 points, Akshathsai – 27 points, Inaaya – 24 points, and Priyanshi – 23 points! (and Dhriti for spearing the tree!)

After 3 rounds (Year 6, Year 3 and Year 4), the overall scores are: 1st place: Hares – 390 points. 2nd place: Woodpeckers – 346 points. 3rd place: Owls – 296 points.

So, it will be down to the Year 5s next week to determine the result of the competition!

And as for that wall.... well, who needs Banksy, Haring or Magritte when we have the Oak Department artists? Give them a pencil, a paintbrush and ... let the magic begin 😊



During the Oak Friday SKILLS day, the design sketch pads came out, along with the pencils – time to tackle the newly-cleaned white playground wall and to give it new life.

And by the end of the day – a total transformation had been achieved. What a work of art!

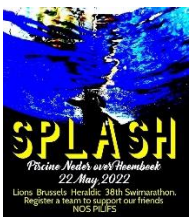


Information for the week



- On Monday, 16th May, the Trio Becel, a group of professional musicians, is visiting BISB to perform concerts in both buildings. The concerts are targeted at each of the different age groups and will give the children the opportunity to see real live musicians performing and playing the instruments that they have learnt about in music lessons.

<https://www.facebook.com/trioBECEL/>



- Two teams from BISB will be participating in the Lions Club Brussels Heraldic annual 'Splash' event at the Neder-over-Heembeek swimming pool next Sunday, 22nd May. Well done and a big thank you to Thomas Carp in Year 6 for organising the event (with the help of Mr. Stedman!). We will be swimming in lanes 1 & 2 between 13h and 14h. Check with Thomas if you need more information.

This is a sponsored event and the children are raising money in aid of local charities, including **Nos Pilifs**, a charity based in Brussels that takes care of handicapped children (from the age of 6) and adults. In order to encourage everyone to participate in the fundraising, we are having a **'No-uniform day'** in **Oak** on Tuesday, 17th May – with all those **not** wearing uniform contributing a **minimum of 1 eur**, which will be added to the sponsorship money of those swimming next Sunday. Join in the fun and help to make a difference to other people's lives!



- 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 at 17h on June 14th, at De Kam Theatre in Wezembeek.

Please make sure that you block the date as rehearsals are underway and it will be the perfect way to end the year on a high with a theatre performance in front of a real live audience!



- 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:

Uddhav, for helping to keep the nursery toys, tidy and in the correct boxes. Great job!

Drisha, for remembering how to pack her bag away after snack time. Great job!

Reception:

Nithara for displaying compassion and friendship skills.

Yug for working well and reading very nicely.

Year 1:

Loshinimai, for delivering her lines for the show with such expression.

Kyra, for super place value work in Maths.

Year 2:

Viswajit, for his outstanding work in maths.

Sudeeksha, for excellent work in maths, and for the care she took over her art work.

Year 3:

Reyansh, for careful, accurate recording of magnet strength in Science, and a great geometric painting.

Anish, for always using imaginative and atmospheric language in his 'Wolves in the Walls' sentences.

Year 4:

Aashish, for super spelling and his persistence and determination to solve a very tricky maths problem.

Kecia, for good work in science on our bridge building topic.

Year 5:

Diya for a super Pollack painting.

Year 6:

Tharun and Aadriyan for their outstanding performance at the Oak Rock Concert - such talent!

And finally, an echo of the Year 5 and 6's performance of Imagine ...

IMAGINE
 ALL THE PEOPLE
 LIVING LIFE IN
PEACE
 YOU MAY SAY I'M A DREAMER
 BUT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE
 I HOPE SOMEDAY YOU'LL JOIN US
 AND THE **WORLD**
 WILL LIVE AS ONE



Zlata's 'Green Man' sculpture in the Garden Art club



Inspiration strikes in French!

Moments of peace and quiet in Yoga club



Jane Still, Headteacher

