



The British International School of Brussels

Newsletter for the week of February 4th, 2022

The new swimming group in Year 2 taking to the water and having a great time! 🐣🐣



Dear All,

Finally, it feels as if the days are beginning to get a little brighter – we can actually see each end of the road in the mornings and watch the buses arrive, and the evenings are gradually getting lighter with less of that winter chill in the air. The first bulbs are beginning to peep through in the garden boxes and there is a definite morning chorus as the birds begin to return – great news for playtimes and outdoor activities! The Reception children have just come in from lunchtime play all rosy in the face and announcing they are hot (everything is relative after all 😊!)



The Oak Department Friday S.K.I.L.L.s sessions really take off as the weather improves, and this week was no exception, as you can see if you take a look at the photos on the website. From netball to relay races, to roving reporters practising their lines in the playground – there’s always plenty of action in each of the parks we visit. Thanks to Mrs. Tolentino, who does a great job as the press photographer and spends hours transferring all of the photos to the website. The year 6s are not the only proficient ‘techie’s around, although they did manage brilliantly this afternoon when the laptop refused to cooperate in the transition between the ONNC News Broadcast and the weekly quiz. Mrs. Tranter and I were in awe!

You will have received, or will be receiving shortly, the parent-teacher zoom meeting schedules for the end of this term. The teachers are looking forward to meeting you to discuss your child’s progress reports and to look at their individual targets for improvement for the rest of the year. The progress reports will be sent home with the children at the end of this half term. Please remember that the children’s last day is Thursday, 24th February, as the teachers will be holding parent meetings all day on Friday 25th February. There is then a week’s holiday for half-term, with school starting again on Monday, 7th March. Please contact School Office if you would like to talk to the French or Music teachers on zoom. Mme. Halvorsen, Mme. Ilhan and Miss Di Fine would be very pleased to meet you and will arrange a suitable time.



And to end on a piece of very good news – Miss Bird, our Year 2 teacher, finished school last Friday and had her baby girl early on Monday morning – perfect timing! All is well and we wish them the very best, along with all the other babies born over the last few months to school families.

Congratulations to you all. 🤍🤍

Percussion games in Reception Music

Enjoy a peaceful weekend – hopefully with a little bit of sunshine...

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



Stars of the Week



Nursery:

Everyone for their creativity and enthusiasm during our Chinese New Year celebrations! Great job Nursery!

Reception:

Advik, for his involvement and good work on telling time.

Shivaan, for his careful and neat work on his solar system mobile.

Year 1:

Aqsa, for super work in Maths recently – especially with number bonds and counting on.

Sushruth, for super sounding out in Phonics lessons and whizzing through his sums in Maths.

Year 2:

Tanay, for being observant and helpful to all his friends.

Yashneil, for his skills of co-operation and teamwork.

Year 3:

Juan, for learning his poems for LAMDA with enthusiasm and performing them with gusto!

Karan, for writing some great non-fiction sentences about earthquakes.

Year 4:

Aashish, for super effort in swimming this week at the NATO pool.

Ishaan, for his super weaving skills, managing to make all three of the Danish 'Julehjerter' designs.

Year 5:

Diya, for a super Nightwalker poem

Arka, for very poetic writing and imagery.

Year 6:

Priyal for excellent work in Science - super science write-up about the flying teabag!



Eating noodles
with chopsticks in
Nursery!



Postcards on their
way...

Information for the week



- The Year 6s will be visiting the Jewish Museum of Belgium on Tuesday, 8th February to take part in a 'Meet a Jew' workshop in connection to their work on the Holocaust. Details on Edmodo.



- The Year 6s will be visiting the **Montagne Magique** theatre in the heart of Brussels to watch a performance of '**Le Moment Cle**' next **Thursday, 10th February**. The play is in French and forms an important part of the French curriculum.



- Well done and thank you to everyone for making a great effort to arrive before 9h – maybe it's the lighter mornings, but there's a definite improvement and nearly everyone is here on time.

Please let School Office know if you are delayed due to transport problems or if you have a visit to the commune or a medical appointment. We can then inform the teacher and open the door when you arrive.



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



- The Year 1 class will be spending part of the morning of Thursday, 24th February at the Warandepark in Wezembeek-Oppem. Details will be posted shortly on Edmodo.



- **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.

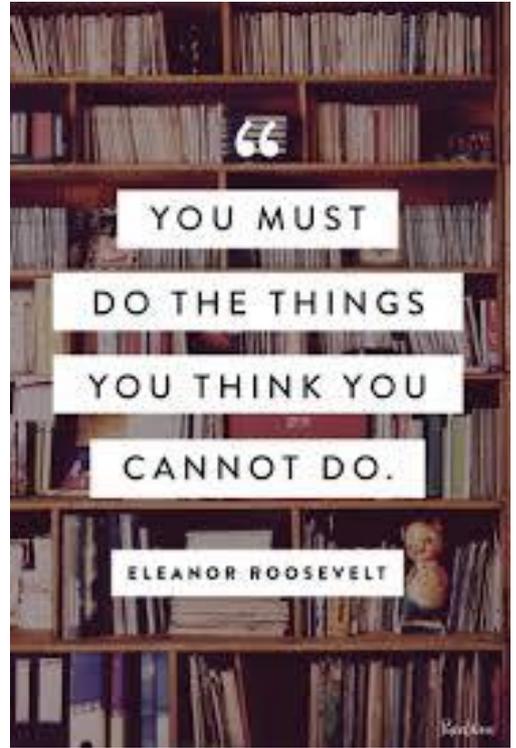


The Year 5 hideout in the playground 🤫

Netball for the Year 6s

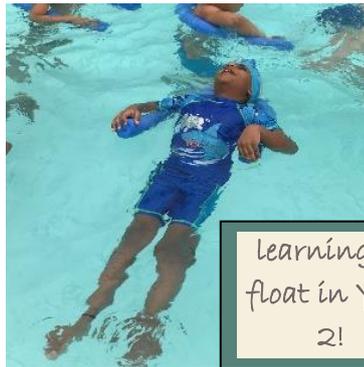


And a fitting thought to end a week of challenges in and out of the classroom ...



Mrs. Nagy demonstrating her chopstick skills!

A productive morning in Reception.



learning to float in Year 2!

Playing the glockenspiels in Year 4.



Making pancakes in French lessons to celebrate the 'Chandeleur' or the Festival of Light.



Relay races in the Park with Year 4s



Yr 2s Exploring different media in Art.

The Year 1s take a trip around the block to post their letters - just like the Jolly Postman!

