



The British International  
School of Brussels

## Newsletter for the week of 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

### Picnic time at last!

Dear Parents,

There really is nothing quite like the few weeks of school when the sun comes out to stay, the children take their jumpers off and run around without being cold, the cricket bats become a permanent fixture and the picnic mats finally come out. This has been one of those glorious weeks and we at last begin to feel, if tentatively, that life is returning to 'nearly normal'.

It has also been a real joy to watch the EYFS children as they discovered the delights of their new, climb-in sandpit – and to hear the squeals of excitement as the chilly water in the watering can washed the sand off from between every toe!

And then, as the end of term rapidly approaches, we have had the rehearsals and initial chaotic practices of class songs and dances for the school's upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. Unfortunately, we won't be able to celebrate this milestone event with families this year, but we have decided to make it special with a day of songs and sharing as all of the classes 'perform' their songs for each other. The Acorn playground is big enough for us all to sit outside in distanced bubbles, and just being all together again will be a very memorable day after the last long year of not seeing other classes. The buildings and playgrounds are once again ringing to the sound of songs and children practising lines – it is such a treat, and I'm sure that even the neighbours who share our rehearsals must be heartened to hear singing again!

The weather has been exceptionally hot and is likely to continue next week. Please do feel free to send your child into school wearing shorts with their school t-shirt or polo shirt. The shorts should be plain colours (preferably blue, black or grey), and girls may wear knee length leggings if they prefer.

### A bubble playground in the sunshine!



Please make sure that jumpers are clearly named as they are easily lost once removed in the playground! Thank you.

Fun in the sun ☀️





On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, **Year 3** will visit the railway museum at TrainWorld, next-door to Schaerbeek station, to link with

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this term's topic and give the children an

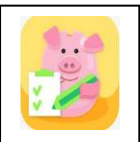
opportunity to view close-up some real-life railway engines and carriages. They will travel by private coach leaving school at 09.30 and return at about 14.30. Children will need an 'easy' meal, such as sandwiches, wraps, chapatis etc, which do not require cutlery and will not make a mess! Children should wear clean school uniform (not sport uniform) and should bring their snack and lunch in a small backpack.



- **Years 2 and 4** will be going to the Foret de Soignes on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June for an afternoon of woodland adventure. They will leave school at 14h (after the usual Fantastic Fun Friday events for Year 4) and travel by coach, returning to school at 17.30 for an evening meal together (in bubbles!), cooked by the Year 2 children as part of their Acorn Award Challenge to celebrate their move from Acorn to Oak. The evening will be filled with outdoor fun for the year 4s and a talent show and movie for the Year 2s.
- **Year 4 children** should be picked up from the Oak building at **21h on Friday** evening.
- **Year 2 children** should be picked up from the Oak building at **10h on Saturday**, 19<sup>th</sup> June after their celebratory breakfast.



- The **90-day deadline** for written notice of departure before the end of the Summer term (i.e., before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021), after which deposits will not be refunded, has now lapsed. We realise that there is great uncertainty about both travel and employment contracts at the moment, so please keep us up-to-date with your latest news and don't hesitate to contact Mr. Prescott at [bisbbursar@telenet.be](mailto:bisbbursar@telenet.be) if you have questions about financial matters.



- If you need a receipt for reimbursements or have questions about invoices for next year, please email Mr. Prescott at [bisbbursar@telenet.be](mailto:bisbbursar@telenet.be).



- On **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June** the photographer will be returning for a last time this year to take photos of the Oak Department children and the Acorn Department children. Please make sure that your child is wearing a **CLEAN, smart BISB t-shirt or polo shirt**.



- Please remember to let us know if you are travelling or if your travel arrangements have been delayed. Quarantine measures need to be respected by the whole family in accordance with government regulations and we will make sure that children who are absent are provided with the work being done in class, as well as having the zoom links for French and Music lessons.

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



## Stars of the Week



### Nursery:

Nithara for always eating her super healthy snacks with a smile!

Vasu for his super tower building with the Duplo.

### Reception:

Sushruth, for his positive attitude and keeping on trying when something feels difficult.

Lekya, for being a good sport in our PE lessons, especially in the dodgeball game.

### Year 1:

Yakshith for coming up with some super similes about the sun.

Rugved for coming up with lots of great ideas for things to pack in a holiday suitcase.

### Year 2:

Jinisha, for writing some excellent starter sentences to hook her reader in her instruction text.

Ayesha, for working very hard to learn to tell the time to five-minute intervals.

### Year 3:

Camilla, for overcoming one of her fears, and also for being a confident actress. Bravo!

Kyle, for excellent work in our final Science topic on forces and magnets.

### Year 4:

Chethan, for making great efforts with his concentration and his work in all areas.

Sujaatha, for her hard work and enthusiasm in reading and for always being kind.

### Year 5:

Daswanth, for being determined to single-handedly build his magnificent see-saw, which was a work of engineering excellence.

### Year 6:

Thank you, Anjali, for all your administrative and organisational support in what has been a very busy week!



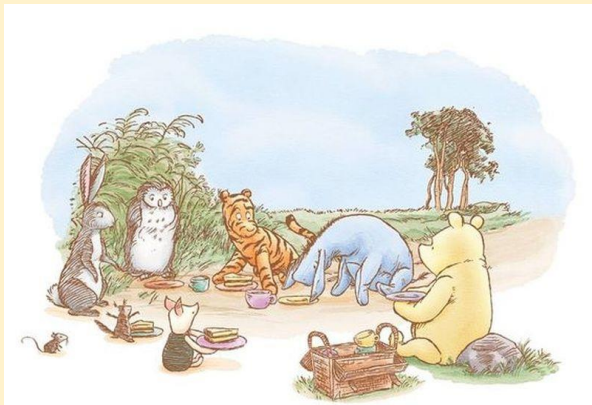




What could possibly be better than having your feet watered after playing in the sandpit?



And a thought for a week when it has begun to feel like a real BISB summer term ...



Everyday is a picnic when you're with friends



Out and About making journey sticks in Year 4



Cool feet in Reception PE!



Jane Still, Headteacher