



The British International  
School of Brussels

## Newsletter for the week of April 22nd, 2022

The spectacular  
cherry trees in  
bloom outside  
school



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! It was lovely to see the children back this week, full of smiles and delighted to recount their adventures over the holidays, whether here in Belgium or further afield. Welcome also to the new families that have joined us, we hope you are settling into life here and that you are beginning to feel a little 'at home'!

It's hard to believe that we are already so far into the year, but the summer term is always special, and it seems as if this one will be particularly busy as everyone makes the most of being able to be out and about, and particularly to plan trips, which we have missed out on over the last two years. The Year 2s are heading off for the Folon Fondation Museum next week, set in the middle of the wonderful Solvay park in La Hulpe, which is well worth a visit on a sunny weekend. <https://fondationfolon.be/visiter-parent/museum/?lang=en>. The children will follow a guided visit and then have an art workshop based on the work of the famous Belgian artist, Jean-Michel Folon, a pioneer of nature conservation, which is very much reflected in his work.

Much of the new work in classrooms this term relates in some way to the environment and living things – the perfect opportunity for making the most of our outside spaces and for going further afield to discover different natural habitats. Work continued in the Oak building playground over the holidays, with special, natural grass blocks being laid to replace some of the synthetic surface. This gives us increased growing area for plants and shrubs, and also a really pleasant 'natural' space to sit and enjoy the shade of the tree as the days get warmer. Watch out for the photos as we redesign the playground and begin to replant and create new garden areas! The vegetable garden boxes created and planted last year in Acorn are already providing the ideal environment for discovering creepy crawlies for the new Reception topic, and Nursery are about to set to work on their own garden boxes – there's really nothing better than digging, planting and watching things grow!

The summer term after-school clubs start next week and there are still plenty of places left for each activity. Please do take a look at the choices on offer and let School Office know on Monday if your child would like to participate in any of the clubs.



Fun with  
phonics in  
Reception

Year 6s,  
proud of their  
French  
presentations



# Information for the week



- On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, the Year 2s will be going to the Folon Foundation Museum in La Hulpe for a guided visit and art workshop on the work of artist Jean-Michel Folon. The workshop is on the theme of *Le Bateau*, which links to the new class topic on Journeys.

The children will leave school at 9h and be back by 15.30. Please ensure that your child wears smart school PE kit. As we will be eating both snack and lunch at the museum and in the surrounding park, your child needs a snack and lunch which are easy to eat.

**Children must be at school before 9h** as the coach will leave promptly in order to be at the Museum for the start of the guided visit.



## • Summer term after-school clubs

There are still places in all of the clubs, so take a good look at the choices and see if there is something that your child might like to try!

The clubs start NEXT week and continue for 8 weeks, ending during the week of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

The clubs cost 6€ per session and **the total cost** for the term is indicated below. The clubs start straight after school and children should be collected from the respective buildings at 16.30. (Please note special time for Wednesday Reception Art club).

Day	Club	Year	Building	Cost	Comments
Tuesday	<b>Chess</b>	Years 1 & 2	Acorn	60€	
Tuesday	<b>Spanish</b>	Years 3/4/5/6	Oak	60€	
Tuesday	<b>Cross stitch sewing</b>	Years 3/4/5/6	Oak	60€	
Wednesday	<b>Garden art</b>	Years 3/4/5/6	Oak	60€	
Wednesday	<b>Lego</b>	Years 1 & 2	Acorn	60€	
Wednesday	<b>Dance</b>	Years 1 & 2	Acorn	60€	
Wednesday	<b>Art 12.30 – 13.30</b>	Reception	Acorn	60€	Reception children will eat an EASY lunch at school followed by the activity.
Thursday	<b>Yoga</b>	Years: Reception 1 & 2	Acorn	60€	
Thursday	<b>Summer sports</b>	Years: 3/4/5/6	Oak	60€	

Clubs start in the week of April 25<sup>th</sup> and end during the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. **Please note** that Chess, Yoga and Summer Sports will finish during the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>, due to the long weekend at the end of May and the Acorn show on June 14<sup>th</sup>.



- 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)

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



## Stars of the Week



### Nursery:

Prakhar for his excellent scarf twirling in music! Great moves!

Michelle for collecting the most catkins in the garden and counting them so beautifully!

### Reception:

Ishitha, for her brilliant construction skills, building houses with construction toys and showing each room in them.

Tia Moushnee, for her interest in minibeasts and investigating through our fact books to find information about them.

### Year 1:

Prisha, for working hard in all subject areas but doing exceptionally well to produce a beautiful page on Crocodiles in her non-fiction book.

Reyansh, for making lots of new friends and settling in to his new class.

### Year 2:

Ruthviksai, for his excellent performance in the arithmetic test.

Shreyash, for his courage in sticking to his opinion when everyone else disagreed.

### Year 3:

Mihir, for a great start to our new writing unit and for being a super swimmer.

Stairya, for super work in Maths, adding and subtracting fractions.

### Year 4:

Krishav for a marvellous Monet inspired river painting.

Ishaan for writing some magnificent metaphors.

### Year 5:

Ovee for graft and grasp in numeracy and sentence stacking.

### Year 6:

Saumya for her excellent reasoning skills - I have been impressed with your contributions to discussions this week - keep it up.



*And finally, a fitting quote for a week of exciting new topics and challenging work in the classroom, along with sharing, sunshine, and the joys of outside learning. ...*

*If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.*

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

