



The British International  
School of Brussels

## Newsletter for the week of March 18th, 2022

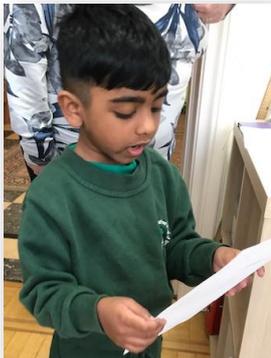
The Year 2s  
preparing a meal  
in French ...

Bon appétit!



Dear Parents,

We've had a lovely week with lots of happy, productive activity in both buildings. Anyone who lives in the vicinity of the Oak Department will know that the children have been singing their hearts out every afternoon as they practised for their performance of *Aladdin* next week – finally, after so many delays! The weather wasn't quite as warm for outside rehearsals as we had hoped, but Mr. Stedman's ingenious choreography ensured that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the dance routines and had plenty of exercise to keep out the chilly wind. It's great to see all the children really enjoying dancing and working together to bring the production to life – it's going to be a real treat!



Writing and  
performing poems  
in preparation for  
the Poetry in the  
Park Day for Years  
1 & 2, on World  
Poetry Day next  
Monday



While the Oak children were singing, acting and dancing, the Year 1 and 2 children have been busy writing and practising their very own poems to share with anyone who happens to be in Park Josaphat on Monday morning. Their 'Poetry in the Park' party looks set to be a real celebration, and the children are hugely proud of the lovely poems that they have written. In Nursery and Reception, castle engineers and artists have been hard at work and imaginations have run riot – apologies for the paint-spattered hair and clothes!



Rehearsals for  
*Aladdin* in full  
swing as the washing  
line goes up!

Many thanks for the generous donations of clothes and materials this week for Ukrainian families arriving in Schaerbeek. They were delivered to Nasci, where they will now be sorted and distributed to families in the commune. 🙏

We are also very pleased to welcome Kirill and Mark to our community. It was a long journey for them from the Ukraine, but the Year 5s have been as warm and kind-hearted as ever, and we hope that both boys feel happy to be with us – even if our British International School is not exactly the same as the one in Kiev!



## Information for the week

- The Oak department will be performing *Aladdin* at 17.15 on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at De Lijsterbes Theatre in Kraainem.

De Lijsterbes Theatre  
Lijsterbessenbomenlaan 6  
1950 Kraainem  
Tel: 02721 28 06  
delisterbes.be

The Oak Department children will eat lunch at school and be taken to the theatre by coach. They will spend the afternoon rehearsing the play on the stage and, after a snack and a drink (provided by school), will be ready for the **performance to begin at 17.15**. After the show the children will **return home with parents**.

### Directions to the theatre:

Take the 318/410 bus (Direction Moorsel – Leuven) from Avenue Eugene Plasky (Meiser) to Kraainem Dezangre (14 stops), followed by a 2-minute walk to the theatre.

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\*Please make sure that you allow enough time to reach the theatre, as there will inevitably be the usual late-afternoon delays going out of the city. There have been occasions when parents have arrived very late for the shows due to these delays – which is hugely disappointing for everyone, children and parents alike! The performance will start promptly at 17.15, and you are welcome to arrive from 16.55.

We're looking forward to seeing you all there. If you are unable to come to the theatre, please let us know who your child will be returning home with.



- Please note that this is a short term and that the last day of school before the Easter holidays is **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April**. School starts again for the Summer term on **Tuesday, 19th April**.



- Please remember to let us know if you think that you may be leaving at the end of the Summer term (i.e: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022). The **90-day deadline** for written notice of departure is **Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**. Please notify us before this date if your child will be leaving BISB at the end of the academic year; this will ensure that your deposit can be refunded.



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



- On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Parc Josaphat to celebrate World Poetry Day with a Poetry Party in the park. Please be sure that your child wears school uniform PE kit, with comfortable walking shoes and a warm coat. They will eat their snack in the park: please make sure that it can be eaten easily, does not require too much handwashing before or after, and does not need a spoon or fork! Thank you. We will be leaving school at 9.15, so please don't be late.

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



## Stars of the Week



### Nursery:

Atyudarini, for sharing her holiday adventures and her super dragonflies with everyone.

Victor, for using his really super listening ears during circle time.

### Reception:

Rudransh, for his concentration and focused work on his pencil control activities

Nithara, for her fantastic and detailed castle landscape piece of art.

### Year 1:

Myra, for always being so willing to help. Thank you, Myra.

Ayaan, for writing a beautiful alliterative spring poem.

### Year 2:

Sudeeksha, for excellent thinking and persistence in maths.

Aaradhana, for her enthusiasm in reading, which has paid off with excellent progress.

### Year 3:

Aryansh, for mastering the expanded column method of addition for 3-digit numbers – very well done!

Avni, for careful, accurate work on telling the time on analogue and digital clocks.

### Year 4:

Arjun, for good work with calculating time intervals and remembering to show his method.

Camilla, for a fabulous piece of independent writing based on Aaron Becker's book 'Journey'.

### Year 5:

Nevaan, for being an outstanding First Day Friend.

Arka, for super acting on both stage and on video.



### Year 6:

Daswanth for always volunteering to do the preposterous - wait and see!



*And finally, a fitting quote for a colourful,  
creative week that heralds the start of Spring*

*...Happy Holi 🌸*



Jane Still, Headteacher

