



The British International
School of Brussels

Newsletter for **SCIENCE** week : June 4th, 2021

Dear Parents,

As you will see from both the Home School Letter class accounts and all the photos on Edmodo and the Science Wakelet boards, this has been an extraordinarily exhilarating and busy week in every classroom.

At the beginning of this academic year, we decided to put Science firmly at the heart of our curriculum and adopted a new Science scheme across the school, increasing the time spent on science in each class every week. This week's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) week is the celebration of all the work that has been done, the learning achieved, the horizons opened, and the way in which our children, at every



20 minutes to design
and make a raft in
Year 4

level, heartily embrace the passion and excitement of Science in all its forms. Huge thanks go to all the teachers for the energy and enthusiasm they have invested in making the week such a success, and, in particular, to Miss. Bird, our Science coordinator, who has spent months organizing the event, arranging for the visits of the Cap Sciences and Green Light for Girls scientists, and for creating a dedicated Science lab in each building. The experiments were non-stop and loud and generated huge discussion and excitement. Squeals of delight could be heard from two laboratories and from classrooms, and the children haven't stopped talking about the experiments all week!

It was also a huge relief and pleasure as more classes finally set off on class outings – each time taking a private coach to avoid public transport and selecting open-air spaces with plenty of room to enjoy the wonderful weather this week. The excitement was sky-high as Reception departed for the Forest – and I'm quite sure they slept well in the evening as they were exhausted on their return! The Year 1s left to discover the Middelheim Sculpture Park near Antwerp – again a great success and a new venue that we will definitely be visiting again. It sounds as though it would also be a good weekend visit if you are looking for somewhere new to explore. Meanwhile, closer to home, the Year 2s and 4s made the most of a Friday out at the park to continue science experiments in the great outdoors.

We hope you too have enjoyed listening to all the recounted experiments as the children have returned home each day. Apologies for the ink, glue or fruit-stained t-shirts and hands – there's nothing quite like mixing 'potions' and enjoying hands-on experiences, whether you are trying really hard not to lick fingers in Nursery, creating lakes of water on the floor when testing out rafts in Year 4, or walking on eggs in several classes. We've all certainly had great fun this week!



Walking on Eggs in
Year 1

Reception children
meet the Green Light
for Girls team



Victor mixing
potions and
lotions in
Nursery...



Information for the week

PLEASE!!
NOTE

- Please remember to let us know if you are travelling to, or returning from, India, 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.



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



- On Tuesday 15th June 2021, Year 3 will visit the railway museum at TrainWorld, next-door to Schaerbeek station, to link with 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.

Bubbles in Year 2



The Year 1s meet
a bear at the
Sculpture Park

Reception having
a rest in the
forest!



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



Stars of the Week



Nursery:

Each and every super-star, sequined-hat Scientist in Nursery!

Reception:

Anujan, for his keen interest in all the experiments we did in class and remembering hard scientific words.

Rehat, for her interesting observations when talking about how our brain works.

Year 1:

Aabir, for some super ideas about what scientists do.

Ruthvika, for careful observations about which materials will be reflective in our Be seen, be safe experiment.

Year 2:

Magizhvini – for thinking like a scientist all week – posing interesting questions and analysing her results to write up her conclusion, giving reasons.

Havish – for careful observations and for understanding what needs to be done to make something a fair test.

Year 3:

Kecia, for being an all-round super scientist – calm, methodical and focused.

Krishav, for always seeking to expand his knowledge, and also for excellent reading this week.

Year 4:

Diya, for her excellent, thorough and enthusiastic science investigations this week.

Kuval, for super science in every experiment – organized, calm and with great ideas.

Year 5:

Freja for finding out and showing us that it is when we try everything that we discover our true talent and character.

Tharun for colossal captaincy and being the King of comprehension.

Year 6:

Abheer for his coding skills - As soon as we had set up the Microbits - Abheer was creating his own code - amazing!

And finally, **extra special** Stars of the Week go to all those who participated in the

Super T Grand Finals

... and particularly to **Reyansh** in Year 2, **Trishan** in Year 4 and **Aadriyan** in Year 5, all of whom ranked in the **World's top 10** for their categories. Well done to everyone who took part – World top 10 rankings start with eating bananas around the desks at snack-time with Mr Stedman and Mrs Tolentino! Thanks to Mr. Stedman for making it all happen!



The Year 2s
improving our
urban
environment
and planting
their seed
balls...



Water resistance
'Eureka moment' in
Year 5

Creating
parabolic
designs in Year
2



Exploring a life-size
sculpture in Year 1



Nursery meet the
scientists in the
Acorn science lab

Jane Still,
Headteacher

And a relevant quote after a super week of non-stop Science and adventurous outings...

“Science is to see
what everyone
else has seen but
think what no one
else has thought.”
Albert Szent-Gyorgyi