



The British International
School of Brussels

Newsletter for the week of 25th June 2021

Happy 20th Birthday
to B/ISB!
Minibeasts and Cats
hit the town!



The Year 5s' stunning interpretation
of Macavity the mystery Cat

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week of sport, celebration and excitement as KS1 enjoyed their Sports Day, the Archery tournament hit the mark, and we all finally came together, for the very first time since March 2020, to celebrate the 20th Birthday of BISB with an extravaganza of costumes, singing and dancing – what a very special day!

The children were quite amazing – with their bright headbands or their stunning cat face paint and origami claws, they brought the playground to life and filled it with energy, singing and dancing. If ever we as teachers sometimes wonder what we are doing at the end of the day, a morning like today makes us remember just how lucky we are to have such fantastic children, who always rise to the occasion, give their all and bring the sunshine back. There is no doubt that the last year and a half has been challenging for everyone, but today's celebration shows just how resilient our children can be. They have the enthusiasm, determination and sheer joy of life to overcome difficulties and to make the most of every possible opportunity. From the smallest Nursery children, who sat absolutely transfixed for the entire two-hour performance, to our oldest Year 6s who will be leaving us next week, they all made us very proud. A special mention goes to the year 6s, who not only performed their songs and dances beautifully, but also took on the organisation of the Oak department contributions – making sure that everyone knew what to do, and when, and coordinating costumes and stunning face painting. And then there were the two comperes for the day, who definitely deserve another special mention – Rohan and Abheer are stars in the making with natural talents for event management, to say nothing of comic touches that could take them far as a duo! Mrs. Tolentino did a great job recording the show and it will be up for you to see after the weekend. We're so sorry you couldn't share it with us live, let's hope next year will be different and that we can all enjoy the shows together again.

This is the last Home School Letter of the year, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all as parents for the constant support and encouragement that you have given us over what has been another challenging year. It has made a real difference and been much appreciated by all of us. I would also like to highlight the extraordinary determination and hard work of all of the teachers, who have done their utmost (and beyond!) to ensure that this year was as positive and successful as possible. We are all, like the children, looking forward to breaking the bubbles and enjoying life beyond our own classrooms, and also to welcoming you back into school again!

We hope you all have a very safe, peaceful holiday and wish all of those families leaving us the very best in the future, wherever you are. As ever, the end of a school year also brings the departure of our Year 6s. They have been a truly wonderful group and we wish them good luck and happiness in their new schools – we will miss them all, but we are quite sure they will continue to do extremely well and take our BISB values and determination with them. We would also like to thank Mrs. Gazeau for her sterling work on our project development over the last two years and wish her well in the future. For all of you, the doors at BISB are always open and we look forward to hearing your news.

The School Office will be open until July 16th and re-open on August 16th. Please don't hesitate to contact us by phone or by email during the holiday period should you need to. We look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday, 1st September, when the doors will be open at 8.30!

Jane Still, Headteacher

Information for the week

This term finishes on **Wednesday, 30th June**, which will be a **half day for everyone** (not just for Reception and Nursery), with school finishing at **12.15** in the Acorn building and **12.25** in Oak.



- The **new academic year 2021 – 2022** starts again on **Wednesday, 1st September**. Information will be sent out towards the end of the holidays with details for the beginning of term.

PLEASE!
NOTE

- The **90-day deadline** for written notice of departure before the end of the Summer term (i.e., before 30th 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 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.

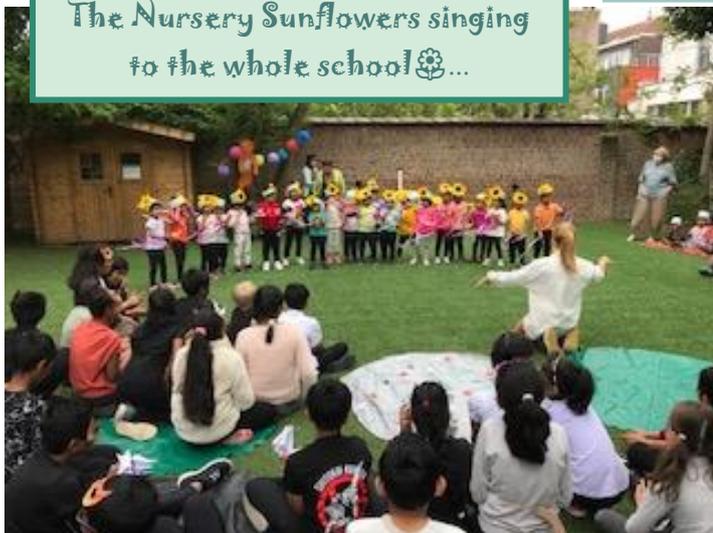


Year 4 cats get ready for the show ...



Reception frogs on logs ...

The Nursery Sunflowers singing to the whole school 🌻...



...Who listened spellbound



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 super Nursery Sunflowers' singing at the birthday celebration.

Reception:

Kyra, for her hard work and concentration on her written work, well done!

Kria, for her outstanding and vibrant collage, full of colours!

Year 1:

Aradhya for her super singing and learning all of the words to our 'Fly' poem so well.

Shreyash for good effort with his work this week and trying to learn the songs for our BISB party.

Year 2:

Avni, for her careful cutting and arrangement of her collage pieces to create a beautiful piece of art.

Hem Ruthvik, for his detailed instructions on how to make a perfect, healthy sandwich.

Year 3:

Shaurya, for finishing the year's mental maths programme with a flourish.

Yuvanathi, for a super, carefully created ink-painting of a unicorn.

Mr T for a life-long learning star – ALWAYS check that what you put into a recipe is what you think it is!

Year 4:

Ragha and Hasini for their beautiful Haiku poem about life at BISB. Great imagination and teamwork!

Year 5:

Crishelle, for super science (particularly graph) knowledge this week.

Anwitha, for fantastic dancing.

Year 6:

The Year Six pupils who have organised all the Oak activities so efficiently. Thank you for all your hard work.



Construction time in Nursery ...



And a thought for the holidays, whatever the weather ... Have fun!

“I know it is wet
And the sun is not sunny.
But we can have
Lots of good fun that is funny!”

THE CAT IN THE HAT



And two very special stars for the most improved performances in mental maths.



Aradhana in Year 1, for the best performance in June



Great teamwork in the Year 2 3-legged race!



And Anjika in Year 5 for the most improved performance over the whole year!!



...the Hares win the trophy in the KS1 sports day



...the Oak Department and 'Memory'