



## PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 6

For week beginning 25 November 2013

### Messages

- **Uniform Reminder:** It is expected that all students wear the formal BISS school uniform. In winter this includes a school sweater or cardigan, with fleeces available for PE and outside play. Boys should wear long school trousers and girls should wear school skirts with black or grey tights or long socks. Students should wear a dark coat and black shoes should be worn by all; boots are not permitted.
- Jewish museum trip – Thursday 28 November.
- World War Two Day – Friday 6 December.
- Please remember to send a healthy snack and filled water bottle in with your child and a coat in cold weather. Children can refill their water bottle at school but filling their water bottles is currently taking up a lot of morning registration time.
- Please remember to label your child's P.E. and swimming kit with their name and class.
- A reminder that all native Mandarin homework is now available on Moodle. You can access Moodle by using the following username and password.

**Username: moodle-guest**

**Password: bisspuxi**

### Literacy

Students will explore the genre of 'mystery'. The students will look at features of mystery stories and create their own introduction to a 'who dunnit' narrative. Our spelling rule focus will investigate 'their/there/they're and 'were/ we're/where'. The students will continue refining their motor skills during 'handwriting' sessions which develop their abilities to complete tasks with accuracy and precision.

### Maths

Our key skills lessons will concentrate expressing fractions as percentages and percentage as decimals. The central focus of the week will be equivalent fractions, using the symbols  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $=$  to compare fraction values and converting proper and improper fractions. Our problem solving lesson will develop the ability to use the simpler numbers to solve complex calculations. The students will also focus on reading and interpreting scales to measure capacity.

### Themed Learning

The students will develop what they are going to 'showcase' in the upcoming 'World War Two Day'. They will be creating an interactive presentation and 'High performance Learning' lexicon. In computing students will continue to use 'Scratch' to create their own animations and games and enter a competition.

### Vocabulary

**Literacy:** clues, suspect, witness, evidence, investigate, detective, alibi

**Maths:** fraction, numerator, denominator, proper number, improper number, greater/less than

**Themed learning:** strategy planning, self-regulation, collegiate, imagination, originality,



### Dutch

De leerlingen van groep 4 t/m groep 7 hebben drukke en spannende tijden in het vooruitzicht met het bezoek van Sinterklaas deze week. De voorpret begint met de Grote Pepernoten Bak Wedstrijd van maandag tijdens de Dutch Club (hier kun je je nog steeds voor aanmelden bij juf Chris). De week staat in het teken van het schrijven van Sinterklaasgedichten en de taalopdrachten zijn ontworpen door Zwarte Piet. Groep 6 en 7 richt zich deze week weer op het zoeken van de persoonsvorm en het onderwerp in de zin en het verdelen van de zin in zinsdelen. Ook houden ze zich bezig met de tegenwoordige en verleden tijd van het werkwoord.

### Mandarin Y6 Panda

Topic: This is my family

Key Characters: 爸 ba/Dad; 妈 ma/Mum; 几 ji/how many; 个 ge/measure word

Key Sentences: 这是我的 Zheshi wode..... / This is my...; 我爱我的 Wo ai wode...../ I love my...

Activities: Making a poster of their family members with illustration of key sentences patterns

### Mandarin Y6 Monkey

Topic: The Festivals in China and the West

Key Characters: 朋友 pengyou/friend; 新年 xinnian/new year; 放鞭炮 fangbianpao/see off the firecrackers; 春节 chunjie/the Spring Festival

Key sentence pattern: 比如 biru/ for example

Activities: Make a red pocket

### Mandarin Y6 Horse

Topic: Helping with Housework-Continued

Key Characters: 先 xian /first, 然后 ran hou /then, 做 zuo /to do

Key Sentences: 在 zai...呢 ne/...is in the middle of doing...; 又 you.....又 you..... / both (adj.) and (adj.); 已经...yijing...了 le/already...; 先 xian.....然后 ranhou.....最后 zuihou... /first... then... lastly...

Activities: Continue the poster and do a presentation describing the poster

### Mandarin Y6 Tiger

Topic: The Pets Shop-Continued

Key Characters: 聪明 congming/smart; 小狗 xiaogou/dog; 胖乎乎的 panghuhu de/chubby;

Key sentence pattern: 又 you.....又 you...../ both...and...; 因为 yinwei/because

Activities: My pets

### Mandarin Y6 Dragon

Topic: A Piece of Ancient Story

Key Characters: 强壮 qiangzhuang; 翅膀 chibang; 厉害 lihai

Key Sentences: 又 you.....又 you..... both...and ...

Activities: Spot the differences

### Mandarin Y6 MNF

本周我们学习课文《奇异的世界》，正确抄写生字和词语，并完成练习册。同时我们将复习本上学期学过的内容，准备期末测试。

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