

From the Principal

Winter seems to have arrived a little late, but with a bite this week. We do ask all who come and go to and from the schools to be extra careful on icy roads. *May we remind parents with cars who come to Fred Roeskestraat that they should not park in, or indeed enter, the road outside the school. If we have vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians together at peak times, we increase significantly the risk of accident, particularly in cold or wet weather.*

On another matter regarding Fred Roeskestraat, I will be sending by e-mail a separate letter to parents of Junior and Secondary pupils, who pick up from there at the end of the day. Please take time to look at it; we greatly appreciate your cooperation.

At the risk of overkill, I must add a third and final reminder to parents whose children will not be returning after the Easter holiday. The Notification of Leaving form must be received in the Administration Department by **Friday February 17th** if the registration deposit is to be refunded. Best wishes

John Light

Junior School News

This week, Class **3R** are presenting their **class assembly** on Wednesday at 2.40pm in the main hall. All parents of children in Mrs Rathe's class are invited to come and see what the children have been learning about so far this term. **On Friday**, children who attend **EAL lessons in Year 3** will be presenting a play at 09.00 in the hall—all parents of these children are welcome to come and watch! *Year 4 EAL children will perform their on 17th February.* We had a great response to the **Expatriate Art Contest**—we are going to display the children's work on the top floor of the Junior building by the Year 5 classrooms, before secondary staff (who do not know the children) judge the winning entries to go through to the main exhibition, which will be held later in the Spring. Good luck everyone! **Swimming for Year 3 and 6** finishes on 10th February, and then Year 4 and 5 will start their weekly swimming lessons from Friday 17th February. A letter will go home in the next week about this.

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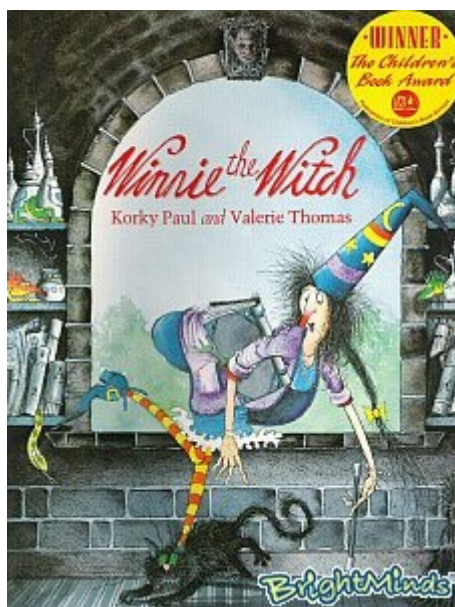
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Early Years News

Please be reminded that there is a Write Dance presentation and workshop on Thursday this week, 13.45—15.00 in the hall. 'Write Dance' is a progressive music and movement programme for the development of pre-writing and writing skills in children. It involves dancing and movements, music, rhymes, songs, games, stories, role-play and many different sensory experiences. The exercises can be done with sand, mud or clay, shaving foam or soap, paint, chalk, crayons, pencils, pens, water, sponges: all kinds of different materials. The afternoon will provide an ideal opportunity for you to find out more about the programme and you may even get to try some of the activities yourself. If you would like to attend, please complete the return slip that was attached to the original letter sent out last week or just come along. We are hoping for a good turn out!

Book Week will be celebrated during the week 13th—17th February. A number of activities are planned for the week and a letter will be sent shortly. In the meantime, please be forewarned that there is a Character Dress Up day planned for Friday 17th February. Children are asked to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. We hope to see some original costumes.

Infant School News



Korky Paul, the famous children's illustrator best loved for his Winnie the Witch books, will be visiting the bookshop on Beethovenstraat on Saturday 4th February. Korky has also launched an illustration competition for his new book. If your child would like to enter, details of the competition can be found in the letter which was sent home last week

We have received lots and lots of entries for the Expatline Creative Contest 2012! These entries will be put on display in the Year 2 corridor shortly. Please come and have a look at all of the amazing works of art which the children have produced inspired by the theme "Water, Water, Everywhere". Our secondary art teacher, Ms Alex Breeze, will be coming to look over the artworks some time this week and to select finalists for the

contest. A big thank you to all of the children who entered the contest (and their families) for the effort and creativity which has gone into each and every entry. Well done!

Secondary News

ICT Awareness Week—Next week is ICT awareness week. The general theme is teaching through generations but Mrs Mulhall will be concentrating on Internet safety. The assembly on Friday 10th February will be centred around this.

Ski Trip—Final reminder that members of the ski trip at to meet at Schipol airport by the Easyjet check in at departures terminal 3 at **6.20am**. Please be aware that Easyjet have strict check in times and as we are a large group we will be unable to wait for any students that are late. Please check the web blogs during the week for updates and photographs.

Geshe Pema Dorjee—I would like to give you advanced notice that we are fortunate to have a visit from Geshe Pema Dorjee, a Tibetan lama who will be in the Secondary school on Friday 16th March. He will be giving talks to the students on various topics and also speaking about his work with the Bodong nunnery project located in the Northeast of India, bordering Bhutan and China (Tibet) Further details will be published later in February.



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Coffee Mornings

Whole school Parents' Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome Thursday 2nd February, 8.45am

The POEC Welcomes you!



with bubbly, home made cakes and the latest news!

PLUS: Living_in_Holland_ - a facts and tips sheet,
made by parents for parents and free for all.



Are you new to the school? Come and meet other families.

See you Thursday

The Early Years School, Anthonie van Dijkstraat