

Welcome Back to School



Weekly Newsletter Tuesday 08th November

From the Principal

Welcome back to all BSA families after the half-term break. I hope that you had a very pleasant week, either locally or on journeys further afield. Looking ahead, we are keen to spread good word about the BSA in the next months, and would appreciate your help. We are planning two OPEN DAYS, as follows:

Wednesday November 23rd, for new visitors, considering Nursery, Primary or Secondary education at any stage. The Upper school at Fred. Roeskestraat will be open to visitors 9.30am - 10.30am and 2.30am - 3.30pm for tours and a glimpse into daily life at the BSA.

Wednesday November 30th, 4.30pm - 5.30pm, specifically for current or new parents of children who will soon be moving to Year 7, the start of Secondary schooling and also Year 5 parents. This will be an opportunity for feedback from the Year 7 taster day and to meet Stuart May and Michael Bardsley, the Head of Secondary.

We hope to attract as many new parents to the school as possible. *Please encourage friends, neighbours and relatives to visit us.* Your suggestions and your words of recommendation will be enormously appreciated.

Best wishes, John Light

Junior School News

On **Friday 18th November** we will be supporting the BBC Children in Need Charity by holding a fundraising day. **At the Junior School** the School Council has listened to the ideas of the children in their classes and decided that they would like to support this appeal in the following ways: **Wear Spots to Raise Lots** – children can come to school wearing an item of spotty clothing and pay €1; **Readathon** – in school children will spend part of the day taking part in a sponsored reading event – children can collect sponsors from friends and family on the sponsor form that will come home this week.; **Bake and Buy** – children can bring in cakes to sell at play time. Please make sure the cakes are nut free. Thank you for your support!
The Junior School Council

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Early Years News

Welcome back to school everyone—we hope that you all had a very happy holiday. Welcome to our new families joining the nursery department this week. We hope that your children enjoy their induction week, settle quickly into nursery and make new friends. Sinterklaas is arriving in the Amsterdam on Sunday. For those of you unfamiliar with this tradition “Sinterklaas” or “Saint Nicolas”, brings presents to all the children in Holland on the 5th of December, which is the eve of his birthday. Sinterklaas is a very old, friendly man, a bishop with a white beard, red mitre and robe, and a gold staff, and during the year, he lives in Spain. He goes around riding a white horse, and he is surrounded by lots of helpers. Three weeks before his birthday, he sets sail from Spain on a steamboat and arrives in a different town in Holland every year to celebrate his arrival in Holland. On that day all the children of that town and their parents, will greet Sinterklaas and from that day on, all the children in the whole country are allowed to put their shoe next to their chimney, filled with a carrot and some hay for his white horse, and perhaps a painting or poem for Sinterklaas himself. His helpers go round the country and climb up and down the rooftops, climb through the chimney into all the houses, and fill the shoes with small presents or sweets. Sinterklaas will arrive at the Scheepvaartmuseum at 12.30 on Sunday, his parade will lead him through the city, the timings are as follows:-

13.15: Sint Nicolaeskerk and Damrak

13.30: 14.15: Muntplein

14.25: Rembrandtplein

14.30: Utrechtsestraat

15.00: Weteringcircuit and 15.30, arrival Leidseplein.

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Infant School News



Welcome back after a very well-deserved half-term break! This half-term is going to be extremely busy but lots of fun!

The Year 2 classes are starting to think about the Year 2 production, which is scheduled for the 7th and 8th of December. Last year, Year 2 presented the show "Wackadoo Zoo"—we cannot wait to find out what they have in store for us this year! Les Miserables here we come! In

preparation for the Year 2 production, we are looking for volunteers to help us sort through and organise our costume store. We would love to hear from any budding wardrobe-masters or mistresses out there who would like to help!

We will also be raising funds for the UK charity Children in Need on Friday 18th November. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to consider others less fortunate than themselves and to think about how to take action and the best ways to help. There will be lots of fun activities on offer and a letter with full details will be sent home on Wednesday of this week.



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Secondary News

Emiel de Lange, who completed his A levels last year, is spending a year in Africa helping with conservation research before he enters University. Here is an excerpt from his blog which details his adventures.

7.7.11 Last night we drove all down the public road - nothing, but a caracal did cross the road ahead of us (a small cat that can kill sheep and baby antelope); was this a good omen? At the top of the ridge around 10.30 we got a very strong signal, and we followed it for many hours north along the boundary. It seemed to be slightly on the other side of the boundary, probably in Shilunga's territory. We sometimes had to hop the fence as some areas of Mundulea were too dangerous to walk at night due to rhinos, occasionally we heard hooves clattering away from us in the dark. After about 3 kilometres of following the fence we were back at the public road and the signal still came from the same direction; across the road? We just continued to follow, hopping over the fence of Nshandi's farm and walking for another 3km or so through the bush. It wasn't easy walking. Eventually, the signal became so strong that it came from all directions, and Tim transformed; taking control and ordering us about! We were too happy to oblige of course and scanned the bush with our torches as he moved ahead trying to pinpoint the source of the signal. At one point we could hear a scratching, but decided to home in on the signal. Our GPS trace showed us going in a straight line North the whole time - could it be that Okolunu was running ahead of us? www.emielkaza.blogspot.com

The Pangolin Okolunu



Parent's Coffee Morning

Whole school Parent's Coffee Morning All Welcome

Thursday 10th November, 8.45 - 9.45am The Early Years School, Anthonie van Dijkstraat

THIS WEEK, YOUNG FAMILIES - A COFFEE MORNING SPECIAL



Meet Madaga - a new company producing new little foods for kids, and receive a free sample!



PLUS! Little Gym will be here offering plenty of entertainment for our younger visitors!



Invitation to American families - can you help with the American Thanksgiving Coffee Morning? Please email taoxtoby@yahoo.com to join in!

BSA Wintermarket

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The wonderful, magical BSA Wintermarket is returning once again!

Sunday November 27, 12 - 4pm

Would you like to rent a stall? Please contact Jacqueline Ruesink at Ruesink@Yahoo.de

Keep checking the back page of the newsletter for updates and details of how you can get involved.

Organised by the Parents Organisation