

Healthy Eating Week in the Primary School



Weekly Newsletter Tuesday 11th October

From the Principal

Just two reminder points for parents, if I may:

- a) Following my e-mail on Friday, we would appreciate enormously your writing to support our argument against the proposed change to the 30% ruling. If you have already written, warm thanks indeed. If you have not, please consider sending a letter to support current and future classroom teachers at the BSA.
- b) For one final time, may we again remind parents whose children may be leaving at the end of this term that written notification must be received in the Administration Department by *Friday October 28th* if the registration deposit is to be refunded.

Best wishes

John Light

Junior School News

This week, it is **Open Week** across the Primary School, and parents have signed up to come and visit lessons in each of the schools. Today, **Year 3RM and 3L are visiting the Zuider Zee Museum**, as part of their topic on Amsterdam in the past; 3R will visit the museum on Wednesday. **Next week, on Monday 17th, Year 4 are visiting Archeon** at Alphen aan den Rijn as part of their work on The Romans, and **Year 5 will be visiting the Rijksmuseum** as part of their still life project. This coming Sunday, many children will be talking part in **The Amsterdam Marathon 1K Run Away**—entrants have received a letter with details. Over 50 children have signed up, and there is still a chance to sign up on the day. For more information, you can also view the letter by visiting our weblog at www.bsaweblogs.com/juniors. Later this week, we will be sending information out about our Parents' Consultation Evenings, which take place for the Junior School on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th October.

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Early Years News

Healthy Eating week started yesterday, the children in Nursery enjoyed a 'Healthy Breakfast', the children in Reception tasted figs and the whole school enjoyed a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' assembly with staff celebrity chefs, Miss Stringer and Mrs. Boyle and staff celebrity guests, Mrs. Keatley and Mrs. Naghieh.



The School Photographer will be in School this week, Thursday 13th October to take individual and class photographs. **Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform.** In conjunction with our Healthy Eating week, an 'Apple Day' day is also planned for Thursday – children were originally asked to come to school dressed in an apple theme – however, as the photographer will now be in school on Thursday, **we ask that the children come to school on Thursday wearing the correct school uniform** and that they come to school dressed up on Friday instead.

Please note, the school dentist will also be in school on Thursday – only the children who have requested an appointment will have a dental check up in school. It is no longer possible to request an appointment.

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Infant School News

The Infant School's new school councillors met for the first time on Tuesday afternoon! It was a very interesting meeting, the children discussed their ideas and explained why they wanted to be school councillors. Some councillors had even gathered a list of ideas from their classes to bring to the meeting! Everyone got a special school councillor badge to wear on their jumpers - even the teachers!



We also took photos of the children and the councillors from each class recorded an introductory message onto a talking postcard for the other boys and girls to listen to. These messages and the photos have now been put on our school council noticeboard in the entrance to the school so that all children and visitors to the school know who our school councillors are.

Ms Welsh-Boucard also met with Mrs Chisholm-Driessen at the Junior School last week to discuss how the school councils at the two school sites can work together this year. We are going to start by asking the two school councils to communicate their ideas via letters and emails but hope to organise at least one joint meeting during the course of the year.

Secondary News

French Exchange 2011—We are delighted that we are able to offer a Year 8-12 French exchange for the first year to the Collège Jean- Jaures in **Mèze**, a Secondary school in the historic Oyster Capital of the Etang de Thau. French students will come to Amsterdam in March 2012, BSA students will leave for France on October 16th this week. The main focus of our joint academic project is French/English as a linguistic European communication tool, European Citizenship, PSHE, History and Geography focus: UK and The Netherlands as Monarchies and France as a democratic country, Ex-European colonial/world power-European and International Economic Strength. An information meeting will be held at the Secondary School, in room 106 on the ground floor, on Thursday, 13th October from 3.50pm. Mr Eason and Miss Macko will be delighted to meet with parents then and discuss any questions they may have. **Miss Macko**



The Big Draw This week, the Secondary School will be taking part in the Big Draw. More than 1000 venues worldwide take part through October and it is a means of bringing communities together in creative ways. It has one aim, to get everyone drawing! Why? Drawing helps us to think, invent and communicate, regardless of age and ability. Each day, tutor groups will be visited by a group of Year 7 artists to create an Exquisite Beast drawing, based on the game Consequences. Mrs Breeze launched the Big Draw with an inspiring assembly on Friday where students produced art using different medium.

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Whole school Parent's Coffee Morning



All Welcome



**COFFEE... WITH
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Thursday 13th October, 8.45 - 9.45am

How well do you know your
Amsterdam?

This week enjoy your coffee and receive
a special **AMSTERDAM FACTS SHEET**, free
for all - top tips and useful information
to make your stay here **PERFECT!**



Always...
a welcoming
coffee, tea,
cake, chat, meet
new mums and
dads, let your toddlers
play while you relax
...and often...
enjoy themed and
international events,
meet the Heads, browse
guest stalls...

**The Early Years School
Anthonie van Dijkstraat**

THE WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING
FOR ALL PARENTS,
BRITISH SCHOOL OF AMSTERDAM



The British Society's Annual Bonfire Party – Sunday 6th November

Remember, remember the 'sixth' of November (this year)
Gunpowder, treason and plot.
I see no reason why gunpowder, treason
Should ever be forgot... nor our annual fireworks party!

It will be a great afternoon for all ages as always. BBQ, bonfire, best guy competition, wonderful home made cakes and mulled wine ending up with the most fabulous, not to be missed, fireworks display on the lake!!!

As always it will start at 4pm at the Watersportcentrum on Slotterplas, Christoffel Plantijngracht 4, Amsterdam.

