

School Closes Thursday 22nd December



Weekly Newsletter Tuesday 13th December

From the Principal

The final amounts from the Winter Fair were confirmed at the end of last week. After all expenses, the event raised just over E4200; a wonderful result, thanks to the many, many efforts of the arrangers. Thank you once again to them; we are truly in their debt.

Congratulations to Jacqueline Scott and to her team on their remarkable Year 2 show last week. We look forward to the Year 3/4 production on Wednesday and Thursday, - and to continuing the classroom work right to the end of the term. Thank you as always to parents who support the work at home and the shows in school; your encouragement is always greatly appreciated.

Best wishes

John Light

Junior School News

This week, Year 3 and 4 will present their production, Christmas Dreams, on Wednesday at 2pm and Thursday at 7pm. The children have all been working really hard and are very excited—hope to see you there! The production lasts about an hour and ten minutes, and siblings and younger children are invited to the afternoon performance. The Year 4-6 Choir are also busy at this time of year, they sang the first of their Christmas Carol concerts at the Hilton Hotel this Monday, and will return next Monday lunchtime between 12.20 and 1pm. They are also singing at the English Reformed Church on Sunday, in central Amsterdam, the concert starts at 10.30a.m. Next week we hold our Christmas parties on Tuesday afternoon, so this will be a party clothes (non uniform) day.



REMINDERS

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for Thursday
22nd December**

**Secondary/
Juniors 11.30**

Infants—11.45

Early Years 12.00

Early Years News

We hope that you all received an invitation to join either the Reception or Nursery festivities on Tuesday 20th December to celebrate the end of the term and the start of the holiday period. Many thanks to parents who have offered their support.



There is a Christmas Post Box in the Reception area made by some of the children in the Nursery. Children can post their Christmas cards to their friends within the Early Years school. Please remember to address the envelope clearly. Children in Nursery and Reception will sort the Christmas cards and ensure that they are delivered to the children.

Last day for posting—Thursday 22nd December.

On Friday morning after drop off there will be a short meeting in the library to show parents how to catalogue library books using the library computer. If you are willing to help with this project, please just come along. There are still a number of boxes of books that have to be entered into the system or re-catalogued, so we are grateful of any help.

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Infant School News

Hi Everyone,

SANTA'S SETBACKS SMILES: We'd like to send our congratulations to the children and staff in Year Two as their Christmas concert 'Santa's Setbacks' concluded on Thursday last week. The children put on two lovely performances to a full house. The evening show on Thursday was extra special as it was dark and quite exciting! Our thanks to everyone who helped the children celebrate the start of Christmas in festive style and a big thank you to all the family members who came along to support them!

You can view more photos and catch up with all our news at: www.bsainfants.com



Secondary News

German Customs—Every year in late summer, one can see the eager and proud faces of first-graders standing in front of their primary schools in Germany, happily holding their large *Schultüten*, or candy cones which their parents and/or grandparents present them. Filled to the brim with sweets and little gifts and colorfully decorated with ribbons and crepe paper, these candy cones make the new students' hearts beat faster and sweeten their step from kindergarten to primary school. **Ms Busch**



Day Trip to the Cologne Winter Market—On December 3rd, students from years 7 to 10 were invited to go on a day trip to visit the Winter Market in Cologne. It was a German subject trip and many of the students going were also taking German lessons at school. The day started very early for the students as the train left at 8:04 AM. After a journey of roughly 3 hours we arrived in Cologne. As soon as we stepped out of the train station everyone was overwhelmed by both the size of the Kölner Dom and the horrendous weather. After a brisk walk to the first winter market the students and teachers alike indulged in some traditional German winter food such as Dampfnudeln, Mettwurst and Leberkäse. The weather was not ideal but the food warmed us up sufficiently. Some students were still feeling hungry or wanted to rest so we all went to a very nice, large Italian restaurant. After spending some time there the group decided to go to the chocolate museum as it was still raining. To get to the chocolate museum which was located directly at the Rhein river we took a tram from the winter market. At the chocolate museum the students learned about the history and making of chocolate, as well as seeing the inside of a chocolate production factory and being able to buy some exquisite chocolate from the best German brands. **Max Winokan**

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Whole school Parents' Coffee Morning All Welcome

Thursday 15th December, 8.45 - 9.45am

*Ho, Ho, Ho!
Time to be jolly!*



A Christmas Special - the last of the year!!

Mince Pies, Stollen and other festive food, Warming drinks

LIVE Music - the Christmas Trio return with all the favourites!

Socialise, chat & be merry!

The Early Years School, Anthonie van Dijkstraat

NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR SUPERVISORY BOARD:

If you or someone you know is interested in getting more involved at BSA, the Supervisory Board would like to add at least three new members. These new members can be **parents of BSA children or independent board members** who are interested in sharing their expertise with BSA. The SB is in particular need of people with finance and legal experience as well as knowledge of the local real estate market.

For more information, please send an email to parentsorganisation@gmail.com.

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BSA (British School of Amsterdam) Parents Organisation

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