

# School Closes Thursday 22nd December



## Weekly Newsletter Tuesday 20th December

### From the Principal

The term comes to an end, and it is a time to say thank you to all colleagues, those who teach and those who support the teaching, for their hard work and for their example to their pupils. You have achieved a great deal in the past few months; thank you indeed for good humour and hard work throughout. Both are very, very much appreciated.

Thank you also to parents for your support, primarily for your children but also for the school. We value enormously the cooperation between the classroom and home, and I hope that you too feel that it is helping each child or young adult to progress.

Finally, this will be a particularly busy time for mothers in all families - and doubtless for the dads as well. To all families, a very Happy Christmas and a very successful and cheerful New Year, wherever you will be, in 2012.

John Light

### Junior School News

Today, children in the Junior School are celebrating the end of term with class Christmas parties. Many thanks to all parents for providing food and treats—we hope the children have a great time! We are in the process of completing the film of the Year 3 and 4 production, and we hope to be able to have a downloadable version before the holidays—parents of children in Year 3 and 4 will receive instructions and a password by email later this week!



Wishing all of our families and staff a fantastic holiday, and we wish any children leaving much luck in the future.

See you in **2012!**

### REMINDERS

**Closing Times  
for Thursday  
22nd December**

**Secondary/  
Juniors 11.30**

**Infants—11.45**

**Early Years 12.00**

### Early Years News



We would like to wish all staff, children and parents a very happy holiday. Thank you for your support, encouragement and positive contribution to the school. For those families who are leaving us this term, we hope that your relocation goes smoothly and that your children settle quickly into their new home and school and make new friends. Please stay in touch - it is always lovely to hear

from previous pupils. Sadly, Miss Schmidt is leaving the Early Years school on Thursday to start her new adventure in Sweden. Miss Schmidt will be greatly missed but we wish her lots of luck and happiness with her relocation. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Joyce back in January after her maternity leave and Miss Williams and Mrs. Lascelles who are both joining our nursery department.

A final reminder, the Christmas parties are tomorrow afternoon and school closes at 12.00 on Thursday.

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Infant School News



The Year One Christmas party took place on Friday and lots of fun was had by everyone! We would like to say a big thank you to all parents in Year 1 who provided a delicious buffet lunch fit to feed a king (or lots of little kings and queens). A big thank you also to Mr & Mrs van Boxmeer who provided party drinks for all of the children. Each class made special Christmas party hats, which are being modelled in our pictures. We played pass the parcel, musical bumps, musical statues...and had a special balloon dance at the end of the party.

Everyone had great fun and it was a super way to round off the week with lots of smiles all round. Year 2 will have their party on Wednesday so still lots of excitement to look forward to!

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a lovely festive season. We send our best wishes to those families who are leaving us to move to pastures new and we hope you will stay in touch and let us know how you get on in your new location.



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Secondary News

**British School of Amsterdam excels in City Schools Basketball Finals!** - The British are known for being polite and friendly so it would come as no surprise to hear that both the boys and girls at the British School of Amsterdam (BSA) won the 'Fair Play' award at the NBB (Nederlands Basket Ball Bond) competition this year. The boys and girls team in the NBB Schools League also came 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>



respectively in the Amsterdam Zuid section, a competition that has been running for the last 6 weeks. Both teams therefore made it through to the Amsterdam city finals last week. The boys eventually finished third, losing to champions Oscar Carre, a team they beat the week before to win the Zuid section. The girls finished overall in second place. Both teams played with a huge amount of courage, commitment and focus and have taken the school further than ever before in the local schools basketball competitions.

**BSA On Facebook**—We now have a facebook page where we will share events from across all the schools. Come and visit us (and please click **Like!**) at [www.facebook.com/pages/The-British-School-of-Amsterdam/280920655286997](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-British-School-of-Amsterdam/280920655286997)

**We would like to wish all parents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New**