

### From the Principal

Full routines start this week, with Clubs starting for many pupils. We hope that parents will see benefit, and that pupils will enjoy the activities to the full. Meanwhile, special thanks to Claudia van de Laar, Stuart May and Alison Mulhall for much painstaking preparation work.

We are aware after the initial weeks that the start and finish of the day are causing concern for parents with children on different sites. We are looking critically at the timings, to see if we can ease problems without cutting teaching time. If that is possible, we will make any change effective after the half-term break - but ask for your usual good will until then, to allow the present routines their trial period. Any comments, please contact either myself [j.light@britams.nl](mailto:j.light@britams.nl) or your Head of School. Many thanks and best wishes.

John Light

### Junior School News

Last week we had a visitor in our achievement assembly—Sebastiaan de Rode, a **new Cello teacher**, played for the children and introduced them to the instrument.



If any children would like to take up Cello lessons, their parents can contact Sebastiaan to arrange music lessons via email, on [baserode@gmail.com](mailto:baserode@gmail.com). On Friday this week, **Year 5** are visiting the **Circus School**, at Circus Elleboog, Passeerdersgracht, to learn circus skills as part of their work learning how to be playground pals. They have already set up a rota of equipment for all of the children to use at playtimes, making the playground much more fun. Year 3 and 6 were unable to go **swimming** last week as there was a problem with the filtration system at the pool – this should be fixed for this week, so hopefully swimming will start on Friday. And finally, you can always follow the daily news and events at the school by visiting our weblog, which can be found at <http://upperjuniors.bsaweblogs.com/>

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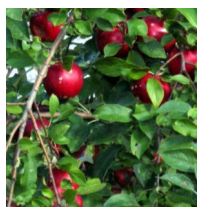
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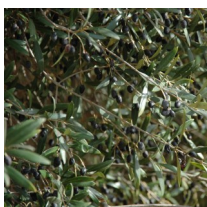
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### Early Years News

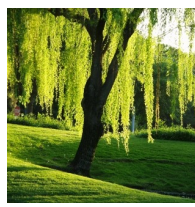
As an Early Years department, we have decided to give each class a name. Using the initials of the class teacher as a class name can be very confusing. All the classes have been named after trees. We hope that you find this system easier as well!



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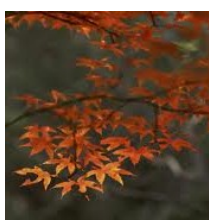
NDM—Olive



NPL—Willow



RMG—Oak



RCG—Maple



RCM—Beech



RS—Chestnut

## Infant News

The children in the Infant School are looking forward to the school council elections which will take place on Tuesday 27th September 2011. Each class will elect two school councillors to represent them until next February when we will hold further elections for the second half of the academic year. Children who would like to be school councillors should write their name on the sign-up sheets in their classrooms. The elections are going to be great fun.

The children need councillors who are good at listening, speaking up for others, thinking of ideas, sharing and working together to represent them. The Infant School Council will meet once a week to talk about our school and how we can make it even better than it already is. One of our first jobs will be to choose some new playground equipment! Very exciting!



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## Secondary News

**European Day of Languages**—We will be celebrating the European Day of Languages this Friday 23rd of September. The theme of the day will be playing and performing.

Please note Friday 23rd is a non Uniform day and proceeds will go to the "After the wave Charity BSA Sponsored child". **€1 per student**. Students are to dress in their national costumes.

We will start with a school assembly and the rest of the day will contain the following, MFL Plays, MFL games, Eurovision song writing, performances with a special performance by a guest singer. It promises to be an exciting and interesting day for everyone in the Secondary School.

**YMBSA music peripatetic teachers** are pleased to announce the arrival of a cello teacher and a bass guitar teacher on their staff list. If any pupil would like to have lessons on either of these instruments then please contact the following teachers directly. Sebastiaan Rode [basderode@gmail.com](mailto:basderode@gmail.com) 06506 71418/020 421 6474 for cello and Leon Coenjaarts [leoncoenjaarts@hotmail.com](mailto:leoncoenjaarts@hotmail.com) 06142 30986 for bass guitar.

# British School of Amsterdam Parent's Coffee Morning

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**Uniform Sale**  
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**Thursday 22nd September, 8.45am**



- \* Stock up on good quality uniform \*
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**PLUS!** Coffee & tea, cakes, biscuits and fresh fruit for all

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a welcoming  
coffee, tea,  
cake, chat, meet  
new mums and  
dads, let your toddlers

The Early Years School  
Anthonie van Dijkstraat

**UNWANTED ITEMS OF UNIFORM? Hand in washed, quality uniform to your school's reception before Weds 21st. Proceeds shared between donations to school & funding for coffee mornings.**

## Parents Organisation

Friday 23 September

Hilton Hotel: Half Moon Lounge

Welcome Back Parents Evening - 7:00pm

Informal parents evening at the Hilton: stop by for a drink and to catch up with other BSA parents.

Drinks/food on your own but please rsvp if you can to [lyndahlin@gmail.com](mailto:lyndahlin@gmail.com) if you plan on coming.

Hope to see you there!