

Weekly Newsletter Tuesday 27th September

From the Principal

It's a delight to welcome the sun back to Amsterdam after its long holiday. I hope that families enjoyed the weekend, and will benefit from the good forecast for the week.

After-school Clubs are into their routines, and the time has come to invite parent help. We would welcome applications for the part-time role of Clubs Administrator. The programme demands a few busy days at the start of terms, and thereafter 2-3 hours per week. Applicants should be familiar with spreadsheets and databases. If you would like to be considered for this paid post, please send a brief CV and letter of application to me. The post will start in full in January, but will involve some preliminary training in this Autumn Term.

Kind regards

John Light

Junior School News

This week, children across the Primary Schools are taking part in the **Shake, Rattle and Roll** music workshop. There will be a concert for all the Juniors on Tuesday, followed by individual workshops for each class over the next two days. This week, we are also holding elections for the school council. Voting will take place on Thursday, and the new council will be announced on Friday. One of the first jobs of the school councillors will be to decide on the fairest term of office, and whether they should have half a year or a whole year as a council. Good luck to all the candidates! Last week, Year 5 visited the **circus**—thanks to Mrs Asplin for the photos!



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Early Years News



Shake, Rattle and Roll—the children in Nursery and Reception were treated to a wonderful musical performance yesterday led by Shake, Rattle and Roll, a touring musical production from the UK. The children listened to music performed on the drums and the marimba, they joined in clapping the rhythm and some children even got to perform alongside the musicians. The show was a great start to the week—

everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The show was followed by class workshops during which the children learnt to play a range of different instruments. Many thanks to Mrs. Stout for organising the performances and workshops across the whole primary school.

Important Notice—Parents Evening for the children in Nursery and Reception will take place on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th October—this is a change to the dates published in the Nursery and Reception presentations sent to parents last week. Please be reminded that a whole school calendar can be found on our school website—www.britams.nl.

Lower Junior News



The Year 2 children went swimming at the Mirandabad on Friday afternoon for the first time this year. All of our children had a great time and behaved very responsibly! One or two



were even awarded achievement certificates at assembly for displaying excellent behaviour! Well done Year 2! Watch this space for photos of our budding Olympic swimmers!



The Infant School will receive a visit from Shake Rattle and Roll this Thursday. The children will watch a musical show in the morning and attend class workshops in the afternoon. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to take part in a rich musical experience. Thank you very much to our music teacher, Mrs Isabel Stout, for organising!

Finally, the Year 1 children will visit the Van Gogh museum this week. The children have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh during History lessons and have also been studying some of his most famous paintings in Art lessons. The children are very excited about being able to see the actual paintings in the museum!



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Secondary News

Students from the Secondary School visit Nieuwe Meer

On Wednesday 21st September, the Geography department (Mr. Eason) and Ms. Jury visited Nieuwe Meer. The students walked from the BSA to Nieuwe Meer and observed a variety of features there such as the wildlife, leisure and recreational faculties. They also thought



of ways to sustainably re-develop the area. The field-trip, including follow up work, includes a wide range of skills, including, observation, description, explanation, sketching & labelling a map, decision making, justifying an opinion, empathy, letter writing and evaluation. The students were actively engaged and found the trip useful to their studies and of interest. **Mr Eason.**





Wales

Scotland



Please join us at the British & Irish Coffee Morning

On Thursday 29th Septemeber
8.45am, Infant School Hall

Don't miss out on this **DELICIOUS** event!

Scrumptious **S**weets from **S**cotland

Mouth-**W**atering **W**onders from **W**ales

Incredible ed**i**bles from **I**reland

Exceptional **E**atables from **E**ngland

See you on Thursday! *Ireland*



England

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM - THANK YOU!

We raised over 500 euros at the uniform sale last week. That means funds for this year's coffee mornings and, more crucially, funds for the school! Thanks to those who gave time to sell and work in the very busy kitchen!



coffee.morning@britams.nl



Coffee Mornings at the British School of Amsterdam

IMPORTANT NOTICE: NOTIFICATION OF LEAVING

Although the term seems to be only just beginning, the half-term approaches at the end of October. If your family circumstances are changing and your child is to leave the school in December, may we remind you well in advance of the conditions of enrolment.

These can be checked on the Enrolment section of the school's website: "A full half-term's notice of withdrawal of a child must be received in writing....The registration deposit will be returned in fullwhen the child leaves the school having given the correct notice of withdrawal."

The registration deposit will therefore be refunded in full, (unless there are outstanding charges on the pupil's account), provided that written notice is received **on or before Friday October 28th 2011**.

In order to prevent possible difficulties, may we make three clear points:

a)Written notice should not be given by a form handed to the reception in your child's school. The form should be mailed to: *Ms Nathalie Edghill, Anthonie van Dijkstraat 1, 1077ME Amsterdam*

or e-mailed to *n.edghill@britams.nl*

b)The school must be fair to all parents by treating each equally. Please note therefore that no deposit will be refunded if notice is received after the due date, October 28th.

c)Registration deposits are refunded not more than 14 days after the end of the term in which a pupil leaves the school.

Thank you for your help on this matter, and for your support for the British School of Amsterdam.

Best wishes

John Light
Principal