

Non Uniform Day—Friday 19th November



Weekly Newsletter

16th November 2010

From the Principal

We are now back to routines, following two training days last week. Apologies to parents for any disruption to your normal routines - but I do stress that the training was important and was very relevant to teaching at every stage. We covered key topics, including teaching of English as additional language; child protection; internet security; and approaches for prevention of bullying. These are all key topics, and I hope that parents will be reassured that we are keen, as teachers, to keep our thinking fresh.

On another point, the Winter Fair is now less than two weeks away. The organisers are doing a wonderful job in preparation, and all thanks are due to them for their great work. **Please support them on the day (Sunday November 28th, 12.00-4.00 p.m).** In addition, if you are able to help, they will be delighted to hear from you (ruesink@yahoo.de).

Upper Junior School News

This week the children are busy thinking about ways to raise money for **Children in Need**. Several children have asked if they can sell items they have made, and we think this is a great idea—stalls will be held on Friday at playtime, so please bring along some spare change. We will also be selling home made **Pudsey** models from Wednesday at playtime. Remember to send in the Edukans shoeboxes for the end of the week.

Last week, Year 4 celebrated the end of their topic on **Romans** with a special Roman Day with lots of activities and a Roman feast! Many thanks from the Year 4 team to all the parents who supported this special day.

And just a quick reminder that next Wednesday, **24th November**, it is **6B's Class Assembly** at 2.45pm.

REMINDERS...

Nursery/Infant School News

The children will be involved in a number of charity fund raising events on Friday 19th November. Part of the money raised will go towards the BBC Children in Need Appeal. The children at the Nursery/Infant School will also be supporting a children's charity in Africa. A parent at our school works closely with this charity and will be able to suggest ways in which the children can most benefit. The School Council has been involved in the suggestions for the charity appeal. The following events have been planned for Friday 19th November – your child may take part in as few or many as he/she wishes—non uniform day, “wear your pyjamas and bring your teddy” , “Change” for Change, a “Bring and Buy” Toy Sale and a lunch-time cinema. Please refer to the letter sent home last week for more details. If you are willing to help with any of the events above, please contact me c.newson@britams.nl, or your child's class teacher. We have had very few offers of help to date and some of the activities planned require some adult hands.

Class RCG will be performing the assembly on Friday. The children in Year One are just starting rehearsals for the Christmas Production. The production dates are Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th December. Both performances begin at 14.00.

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Lower Junior News



CHILDREN IN NEED: This Friday, the Lower Juniors will be raising money for Children in Need, a UK-based charity for needy children.

We will be holding a non-uniform day and all of the children in Years 2 and 3 will be able to come to school in their choice of clothing rather than school uniform. We are asking for a contribution of 1 Euro per child for this event.

We have also organised a sponsored silence and will be challenging the children to stay silent for as long as possible! The sponsored silence will start after assembly and all staff are looking

forward to a very peaceful day in Jan van Eijckstraat. Who knows how long the silence will last? Children in Years 2 and 3 have taken sponsor forms home and we hope to raise lots of cash for children less fortunate than ourselves!

Happy Fundraising!! www.lowerjuniors.com



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Secondary News

Reports

The mid term reports are due to go home today. They will be sent home with your child at the end of the day. If you do not receive the report or you have a query with it, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor. We are hoping to be able to email the reports as well as providing paper copies. This will be especially useful for parents that are working abroad.

Class Contact Lists

Several parents have asked for email details of parents in the year group. I will look into this and compile the addresses of parents that have agreed to sharing their email. Hopefully I will get this information out this week.

Expeditions

Many thanks to everyone that has returned the expedition choices. There are some exciting options and places have been filled very quickly. If you have not yet returned a slip, then you can either send back the paper copy or email me at m.bardsley@britams.nl If I haven't heard from parents by Thursday then I will add your child to the Amsterdam option. If you have any questions then please contact me by phone or email.

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Coffee Mornings

You are all invited to Thursday's Coffee Morning,

This week we welcome 2 BSA mums who, together, are:

ANUSHEE DESIGNS

Come and see their beautiful collection of shawls, jewellery, handbags and much more..

Plus: Coffee, Tea, Cake and a friendly welcome!

All welcome - 8.45am - 10am, Infant School Hall, Antonie van Dijkstraat.

The BSA Parents' Organisation

The Executive Committee of the Parents' Organisation (POEC) has determined roles for individual committee members: Amanda Hampton, secretary, Lynn Dahlin, newcomers, Tami Teppo, chair, Marissa Thompson, vice chair

Be on the lookout for information about the upcoming Supervisory Board election to take place Wednesday, November 24.

POEC is looking for your suggestions! How can we, as parents, contribute to enhancing and improving our school? We welcome all suggestions and encourage you to email us at parentsorganisation@gmail.com. Thank you,

Federica Camurri, Lynn Dahlin, Aruna Chakradhar, Amanda Hampton, Anni Kearney, Tami Teppo and Marissa Thompson



BSA Wintermarket

Sunday November 28th, 2010

This will be the second school Wintermarket. It is a lovely day for children and parents alike, a true family affair.

Would you like to help? There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, either helping to organise, or on the day.

If you are interested in helping, please contact us.

Gifts stalls and food stalls.

The BSA Wintermarket was a HUGE success last year and we have no doubt that it will be even greater this year .

Please contact Jacqueline Ruesink ruesink@yahoo.de or 0612394103

Thank you!