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'Nut Free Zone'



Weekly Newsletter

28th September 2010

From the Principal

I hope that last week's News Letter was useful to parents - but I am aware that some did not receive their e-mail. Please accept apologies; from now on, the News Letter can also be accessed on our website through the following weblink, www.britams.nl/bsa_newsletters.htm

Meanwhile, a warm thank-you to all who help to organise **Parents' Coffee Mornings** on Thursdays. These are wonderful ways in which parents of children of all ages can meet one another and make new contacts, and the organisers' contribution to the school community is hugely appreciated. Thursday is the next date; do come and see September out in the company of new friends and established friends alike.

John Light

Upper Junior School News

This week, we are busy electing a **new School Council**. At the Upper Juniors, the previous school council organised discos, film afternoons, re-organised the lunchtime seating arrangements and discussed lots of different school activities. This year's council will be announced on Friday – good luck!

Last week we celebrated **European Languages Day** with a special joint assembly with the Senior School and a poster competition – the winners were: Ronan, Caroline, Sanjavika, Marina, Ruben, Jeewon and Thomas – you can see their work on the weblog!

We have been completing baseline assessments for all children so that we can be sure we are teaching each child at their appropriate level, enough to stretch them to move on in their learning. After assessing the children we will be setting targets with the children – these will be shared with parents at our consultation evenings just before half term.

REMINDERS...

Primary School Open Week

11th – 15th October

Parent and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday morning in the Jubilee Building.

Mini Music

Every Friday morning in the Jubilee Building.

Thursday 30th September

Coffee Morning

08.45 – 10.00 at the Nursery/ Infant School.

Everyone welcome.

Please See the back page for further information about the coffee morning and Winter Market

Nursery/Infant School News

Class Parents

Thank you very much to all the parents who have nominated themselves as class parents this year. The Class Parents made an extremely valuable contribution to assisting class teachers last year; their help was very much appreciated. There are a number of projects this term that we would like to ask the class parents to assist with who will in turn seek help from the wider nursery/infant school community. A meeting will be arranged very shortly to plan the way ahead.

The School Council.

This week the children in Year 1 will be introduced to the concept of a school council. They will be shown a presentation in class and discuss if they would like to stand as a school councilor. Elections will be held towards the end of the week and the names of the new school councilors will be announced in assembly on Friday. Last year the school councilors in Year One attended council meetings with the councilors in the Lower Junior School.

Healthy Snack Week

Please be reminded that it is Healthy Snack Week this week. The School is providing all children in the Nursery/Infant School with a mid morning fruit/vegetable snack. After the healthy snack week we would very much appreciate it if you would continue to provide your child with a fruit/vegetable snack for the mid morning break.

Van Gogh Museum visit

The children in Year 1 will be visiting the van Gogh museum next week. Please check further details with your child's class teacher.

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Lower Junior News



Hi Everyone,

CELEBRATING LANGUAGES: On Friday, we celebrated our children's home languages in a special assembly. The children created postcards to share their home language with others. They drew the flag of their country and left a message for others to read. The postcards are displayed in the entrance area of the school. Our two photos capture the day's achievements.

HEALTHY EATING WEEK: It is Healthy Eating Week across the Primary school and we are encouraging the children to enjoy a healthy and balanced diet. The children will be tasting a range of free healthy snacks at playtime! We may be able to tempt a few away from chocolate, but I'm not sure!



SWIMMING: Continues for Year 3 on Tuesdays – don't forget your swim kit!

Secondary News

Last Friday we had a wonderful European Language day in Secondary. It began with guest speakers who came to talk to Secondary and the Upper Juniors about their adventures in Europe and experiences with using different languages in their work. We were then able to join some excellent language taster lessons run by our students. I was lucky enough to be able to join the Japanese lesson where we played games to help us remember new words. I then joined the Tamil class and made a delicious mango lassi! After lunch an exciting afternoon began with students producing a multilingual newspaper and news report. The fabulous day ended with an awards assembly and we were then treated to a song by the talented Doris, Year 11. Well done to all the students who took part in the day.

Photographs - A reminder that photographs take place Tuesday 28th for KS3 and Wednesday 29th for KS4. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform.

Contact Information - A printout of the contact details we have on the school database was sent home on Monday. Please check the details are correct and make any necessary changes. Please also indicate if you would be happy to share your details on a class list that will be distributed to other parents

Amsterdam Marathon— We have 105 entrants from the BSA community in the 1km and 8km! All runners will receive details for the organisation on the day From Mr Foulke.



REMINDERS...

This Week

Perfect presentation deadline for Year 11 and Year 12, presentations next week.

Head Pupil Interviews

School Photographs, KS3 Tuesday, KS4 Wednesday.

Contact details to be returned.

Year 11 Charity sleepover - Friday 1st October

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Save the date for the BSA Winter Market

Sunday November 28th, 2010

Food stalls, gifts stalls , games , Santa & Sinterklaas and entertainment for kids .

It will be a family affair

Please save the date in your dairy

For inquiries contact Jacqueline Ruesink ruesink@yahoo.de or 0612394103

*** Whole school parent's coffee morning Thursday 30th Sept ***

You are invited to a **SPECIAL DUTCH** Coffee Morning

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



Whole school
Parent's Coffee Morning
All Welcome

EVERY THURSDAY AFTER DROP OFF

Welkom!

This week: A Taste of Holland
Thursday 30th September

 Delicious Dutch Food
and Drink.
Come and sample!

Always...
a welcoming
coffee, tea,
cake, chat, meet
new mums and
dads, let your toddlers
play while you relax
...and often...
enjoy themed and
international events,
meet the Heads, browse
guest stalls...

THE WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING
FOR ALL PARENTS,
BRITISH SCHOOL OF AMSTERDAM



Sample delicious **Dutch Food & Drink** (more details on poster)

NEXT Coffee morning 7/10: 2nd Hand Uniform. Hand in old good quality uniform to your school reception.

Look out for future emails.

We hope to see you on Thursday!