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## Weekly Newsletter

5th October 2010

### From the Principal

I hope that all parents received our notice regarding the likely disruption on the Parnassusweg on a number of days in the next few weeks. Please be aware if that is an area which you cross to or from the school. We are looking ahead to the elections for the Parents Organisation, due next week, and to working with the new committee when it is formed. Meanwhile, this is an opportunity to say a word about those who are moving aside. Their work and their advice have been positive and constructive, and I am sure that parents in every section of the school will join me in thanking them warmly for all that they have given over the past year.

Finally, I will be away for a meeting in the UK on Monday, returning mid-morning on Tuesday. Hence, please forgive in advance the gap in next week's News Letter.

Best wishes,  
John Light

### Upper Junior School News

Hello everyone.

The **new Upper Junior School Council** will meet this week to discuss their ideas – well done to all of the children who stood – we had 43 candidates for 14 places - and the votes were very close. The council will meet each fortnight and plan events and discuss all the views of the children in the school.

Also this week, Miss Oosterhuis is taking her Native Dutch children to **visit the local Library** on Thursday afternoon as part of Dutch Book Week.

Sign-up sheets go up today for next week's **Open Week events** – so please do come and sign up. At the end of this week we will also be sending out information about **Parents Evening**, which at the Upper Junior School takes place before half term.

**DAILY NEWS: Is available from**  
[www.bsajuniors.net/upperjuniors](http://www.bsajuniors.net/upperjuniors)

### REMINDERS...

#### Primary School Open Week

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October

#### Parent and Toddler Group

Every Tuesday morning in the Jubilee Building.

#### Mini Music

Every Friday morning in the Jubilee Building.

#### Coffee Morning

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October

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

Next week (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October) it is Open Week for the Reception and Year 1 classes. Parents are invited to come and spend some time with their children in the classroom. You will be able to see how your child has settled into his/her new class, the work they are currently doing and of course, see the work on display in the classroom. In order that not too many parents visit at any one time, a timetable with allotted slots will be displayed on the notice boards outside each classroom and parents will be able to sign up for a time they would like to visit. Please come along. Please note that Open Week for Nursery is planned 29<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December, giving the children in Nursery just a little more time to settle. Parents' evenings are planned for all the children in the Nursery/Infant School week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October. You will shortly be given the opportunity to make an appointment to meet your child's teachers.

School Council elections were held last week and children in Year 1 were invited to stand as a school councilor. Votes were cast and counted and the results were as follows – Mar-  
nie, Arya, Quentin, Oliver and Royce. I look forward to our first formal school council meeting which will take place shortly and hearing their future plans for the Nursery/Infant School.

This week the children in Year 1 have visited or will visit the van Gogh museum as part of their topic on Light and Colour. The children in Year 1J will perform their assembly at the end of the week. We hope that your children continue to enjoy school and are happy to come each day. Our message is as always, please come and talk to us (Mrs. Van de Laar) [c.newson@britams.nl](mailto:c.newson@britams.nl) or Mrs. Naghieh [l.naghieh@britams.nl](mailto:l.naghieh@britams.nl) if you ever have any concerns.

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## Lower Junior News



Hi Everyone,

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Last week we held our school council elections! Each class voted for two councillors and the results were announced on Friday. Our school councillors will serve until February 2011, when we will elect new councillors to serve until July 2011.

We were very impressed by how many children took part in the election process. Our photo above shows all of our candidates with their special achievement certificates! Everyone had lots of fun!

This week, Year 3 will visit the Zuiderzee museum as part of their topic work on Amsterdam in the past.

Next week is open week. All staff and children at the Lower Junior School are looking forward to welcoming parents into our classrooms to show what we are learning!



Year 3: Julia & Duncan; Geonwoo & Vishvesh;  
Amelia & Collin Year 2: Elise (Feb), Zizi & Luke;

## Secondary News

Last week the Year 13's were invited to apply for the role of Head Prefect and myself and Ms Raychell had an interesting day interviewing the candidates. It was a tough decision as the field was very strong but in the end we asked Max Grossfeld and Bar-end De Bruin to be Head of the Prefect team and Emiel De Lange to Head the School Council. Emiel will also be coordinating the school councils throughout the school. Congratulations to them all. The prefect team will be announced this week and presentations to the school by prospective monitors will also take place this week.

CAT testing is happening this week for Year 7 students. This is a test which provides baseline data, data that will help teachers ensure that the students are making the expected progress.

The Secondary school has an assembly every Thursday and sometimes on a Tuesday. It has been wonderful to see that tutor groups take turns to run an assembly and today we heard about the work of Amnesty International by Year 9 students. Well done to everyone on an informative presentation.

Sarah Loiler also spoke about the work the BSA Year Book group have been doing. The group is hoping to create a lasting memory for Year 11 students.

Mrs Peach would like mention that Year 10 and Year 11 Science Modules take place on 11th November. This is a training day for teachers but if you have a child in Year 10 or 11 that is sitting Science they will have to attend school as it is an external examination.

## REMINDERS...

### This Week

*Could any outstanding contact lists please be returned to school.*

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\*\*\*\* whole school parent's coffee morning Thursday 7th October \*\*\*\*

You are all invited to the next Coffee Morning

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

### 2nd Hand Uniform sale



### 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.

We still have a couple of places for stalls... Do you make jewellery, or cakes, or are you an artist? Or perhaps you have something else to sell?

Or do you know someone that has lovely products? Then don't be shy - call us or encourage them to have a stall.

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](mailto:ruesink@yahoo.de) or 0612394103

Thank you!