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Weekly Newsletter

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From the Principal

We are looking to refresh our website in the next few months, and need therefore to review all our publicity. Part of that review will be the school's logo - and we invite you to contribute.

If you have an idea for a sharp, simple logo which conveys what the BSA seeks to be, please send your design to logo@britams.nl. A small team will judge the entries, and will award a prize for the winning entry which may be adopted for the future. The closing date for entries will be Friday November 26th - so please put your design hat on and give this your thought!

Many thanks and best wishes

John Light

Upper Junior School News

This week is a short week for the children, as all staff will be training at the end of the week, and there will be no school for the children on Thursday and Friday. This is with the exception of children in the choir who are coming in for a special rehearsal day with Mrs Cowie and Miss Kennedy. The rehearsal is from 09.30 until 15.30 and will take place at the Lower Junior School, at Jan van Eijckstraat, on Thursday 11th November.

On Wednesday, it is Mrs Smith's class assembly, at 2.45p.m. in the main hall, so I hope that parents of children in 6S will be able to come along and find out what the children have been learning about in Year 6 this term. Next week we celebrate Charity Week, with a special *non Uniform Day on Friday 19th* in aid of Children in Need, and the collection of the shoeboxes the children are busy working on.

Vacancies

The Nursery/Infant School is looking to appoint a part time nursery nurse. Please visit our school website www.britams.nl for more information. Any enquiries, please contact C.newson@britams.nl

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Nursery/Infant School News

Please be reminded that the School is closed to its pupils on Thursday and Friday this week. All the staff will be attending a two day training course on teaching English as an additional language and Learning Support. A number of guest speakers have been invited to take part in the programme.

Sinterklaas will be arriving in Amsterdam on Sunday 14th November. You may like to watch the parade and join in the festivities. From 10.30 Sinterklaas will sail along the Amstel in his steam boat and will arrive at the Scheepvaart-museum at approximately 12.00. At 12.30 Sinterklaas riding Amerigo, his Pieten and marching bands will leave the Scheepvaart museum and the parade will continue on foot along Prins Hendrikkade and the Damrak, arriving on the Dam at approximately 14.00. The parade will continue along the Rokin, Muntplein, Vijzelstraat and Weteringcircuit. The parade concludes at Leidseplein where Sinterklaas will wave from the balcony of the Stadsschouwburg.

Next week the children will be involved in fund raising activities to support the BBC Children in Need Appeal and other worthwhile charities. More details will follow shortly.

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Lower Junior News



Happy Diwali

Hi Everyone,

A big thank you to Mrs Menon and Mrs Shah who came to the Lower Juniors on Friday to talk to the children about Diwali. With over 53 nationalities at our school, it is great to be able to share and learn about the children's rich cultures and traditions. Thank you!



The children are preparing shoeboxes this week as part of the Edukans shoebox charity. The children's shoeboxes will be sent around the world for children in disadvantaged parts of the world



to open. You can view a video on our weblog at: www.lowerjuniors.com which shows the happiness these shoeboxes bring when the children open them. The children are also raising money for children in need on Friday 19th November 2010. We will be having a non-uniform day and a sponsored silence! We are not sure how long we are all going to last on the sponsored silence, but we're going to try to raise lots of money anyway! Keep up to date with all our weekly news at: www.lowerjuniors.com Enjoy the week!

Secondary News

Weather Station

We have been very lucky to be chosen to host a weather station by Weatherbug. The WeatherBug Schools Network is the largest weather network in the world. More than 8,000 schools across the globe are part of the network and it provides real time weather information. At BSA we have just had installation of a fully automated weather tracking system which records temperature, rain fall, atmospheric pressure, humidity, wind speed and direction. It is also linked to meteorological stations across the world to provide weather forecasts. We are not on weatherbugs main page just yet (www.weatherbug.com) but you can get a sneak peak at www.aws.com/wx.asp?id=NTHRL

Business Studies Challenge

The latest challenge from the Business studies students has begun today. The groups are trying to out perform the sweet business from last week by selling delicious smoothies. These are available every break and cost €1. They are very popular so make sure to try them before they run out. Well done to both Business Studies groups from some interesting and enthusiastic ideas to raise money.

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The BSA Parents' Organization

Did you know that all parents with children attending BSA are automatically members of the Parents' Organization? The Executive Committee of the Parents' Organization (POEC) is a team of elected volunteer parents charged with coordinating the Parents' Organization activities. The committee's main objective is to build a strong school community where all families feel welcome.

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.

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 or 0612394103

Thank you!