

From the Principal

I hope that all BSA families found lovely weather wherever the holiday weeks were spent. As the term gets under way, a special welcome to those parents and pupils who have started their first week with us. We hope that you will swiftly find friendships in and through the school.

We are now moving forward with plans for the new academic year, and we will be sending information through the e-mail in the next few weeks. We do recognise that we send a considerable number of messages to you, some of which are routine. We will mark communications clearly, through the heading, so that you do not miss something important.

For information, finally; I am away in the UK on Monday and Tuesday, attending the COBIS conference, but will be checking e-mails during my absence.

Best wishes for the new term

John Light

Upper Junior School News

Yesterday, parents of children in Year 6 came to a special meeting about the **Summer Camp**. Miss Brady and Mrs Smith **will email information** packs to any parents that were not able to make the meeting. There will be a meeting for **Year 4 and 5 parents on Wednesday** afternoon at 3.15p.m about the Year 4 and 5 Camp to Valkenswaard.

There is also an **Open Evening** today (Tuesday) from 4pm until 6pm for **parents of Year 6** children to meet the Secondary School Staff and look around the building.

Many of you will have noticed the **Magic Circus** that is using the green space opposite the school. There will be shows at 4pm for the next few days. **This will mean pick up time at 15.50 may be fairly congested.**

And finally, tomorrow, it is **4D's class assembly** at 2.45pm.

REMINDERS

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Nursery/Infant School News

Yesterday we held our first of two Open Afternoons this week for the parents of children in Reception and Year 1. The afternoon seemed to be a success—the children enjoyed showing their parents their work books and working together on a task. Some children gave their parents a tour of the school and many parents joined their children at the end of the day for the assembly. Thank you to everyone who joined in. Many more parents are visiting on Thursday, we hope you enjoy your visit. The Usborne Book sale was very well supported yesterday, more than €700 was raised in free books for the school library. Thank you to everyone who supported the sale.

On Monday 16th May, there is a transition meeting for children transferring from Nursery to Reception in September. Please note, not all children will transfer in September, the younger children in the class will remain in Nursery for another year. If you are unsure whether your child is transferring, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Parents Evenings for children in Nursery are also planned for next week, Tuesday 17th May, 17.00—20.00 and Thursday 19th May, 16.00—18.00. Please take this opportunity to speak to your child's teacher and to learn about your child's progress this year.

Class assemblies start again next week, Class RS will perform their class assembly on Friday 20th May at 09.05 in the hall.

Lower Junior News

Last week we welcomed the children back for the summer term and said hello to four new families at the Lower Junior School! We would like to extend a warm welcome to Grace, Natsuho and James who have joined us in Year 2 and to Louis who has joined us in Year 3. We hope our new families will be made to feel at home by all. The children have made a fantastic start to the new term and are already working hard on this term's learning.



REMINDERS



This week, the Lower Junior School will hold parent consultations on Tuesday and Thursday. All parents should have received a letter stating their appointment time/s. We are looking forward to meeting with parents to discuss their children's progress this academic year.

Next week, the teachers will help the children to complete a series of tasks to provide us with a snapshot of their learning. These activities are designed to allow the children to showcase their knowledge and skills in a fun and challenging way. We hope that the experience will be rewarding for all.

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Secondary News

Welcome back to everyone in the Secondary School and from seeing all the tanned faces, it seems everyone has been enjoying the sun over the holiday! As I say hello to the Secondary students, I am quickly following this with a goodbye. On Friday 6th May we held a leavers assembly for the Year 13 students. Although technically they have not left school, they will not be returning to formal lessons once their examinations have finished. So we wish every success to Emiel, Gina, Max, Jordan, Barend, Priscilla, Kimsy, and Thom in their forthcoming examinations and University selection. Year 11 and Year 12 students also go on examination leave from the 9th May. Year 11's return to attend the Year 6 Expedition and Sixth form taster week and Year 12's return to lessons on 20th June. Examination leave is necessary due to the disruption to the curriculum, but we strongly advise all students to still attend school in order to work and join revision sessions from their teachers. Best wishes to everyone.



This Thursday make sure you are free after drop off - this is a coffee morning NOT to be missed!

“Taste of the Caribbean”

Coffee Morning
at The British School of Amsterdam

Thursday 12th May

8.45am, Infant School Hall

Come and taste delicious
REAL CARIBBEAN FOOD
and have a fantastic start
to Thursday!!

We hope to see you there!

Ideas, suggestions or queries? Do not hesitate to email us at coffee.morning@britams.nl - we'll try to help you.

ATTENTION PARENTS! **THE BSA PUB QUIZ IS HERE**



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FRED. ROESKESTRAAT 94A

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