

From the Principal

Welcome back to all for the last session before the summer break. We are keen, amid the annual productions and camps/trips, to ensure that we continue to use the remaining school days and weeks positively and productively. If you have concerns, please let us know. Following the wonderful Summer Fair last month, we were delighted to be able to bank takings of almost €5000. We will therefore be able to use these funds, plus a generous donation from the organizers of the weekly Coffee Mornings, plus funds from the Quiz night and the Winter Fair, to carry out individual projects which will directly benefit pupils in each of the school sites. The Heads and I will be meeting this week to identify good ideas – and we will inform parents next week. Many thanks meanwhile to all who made this possible; your help is very much appreciated.

John Light

Upper Junior School News

Welcome back to the last half of the Summer term. We are busy preparing for our Summer Camps next week: Year 6 will be going to the YMCA Nautilus at Kirkdreil, and Year 4 and 5 will be going to StayOk at Valkenswaard, North Brabant. Camp is a really important part of the Upper Junior year, all the staff are looking forward to taking the children away for four nights from Monday to Friday. We will update the blog when we are away to keep parents informed about our adventures! All medical forms should now have been returned to school, and all you need to do now is help your child pack their kit and keep your fingers crossed for good weather! If you have any questions about the camp please speak to Mrs Driesen (Y4 & 5) or Miss Brady (Y 6) or Mr May. This week, it is Mrs Miles' class assembly on Wednesday at 2.45pm—hope to see 5M parents there!

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Nursery/Infant School News

Welcome back to school—we hope that you all had a good holiday and that your children are rested and ready to start the last half term of the academic year. We welcome Mrs. Frechilla back to the Nursery department. She has been on maternity leave since the birth of her son, Mauro.

This half term our SEAL topic is all about “Changes”. This theme tackles the issue of change and aims to equip children with an understanding of different types of change, positive and negative and our responses to it. The theme seeks to develop children’s ability to understand and manage the feelings associated with change. It aims to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: motivation, social skills and managing feelings. During the assembly today the children talked about the changes they are all about to face—whether it be transferring to Year 1 or Year 2 at the Infant School in Jan van Eijckstraat, or moving to a new school and country.

The children in the Jubilee have been enjoying a temporary nursery class in the hall at the Anthonie van Dijkstraat. This is due to a power failure in the Jubilee building. We hope that the problem is fixed as soon as possible and that the children can return to their own classroom.

Lower Junior News



On the last day of term, the Upper and Lower Junior Schools held a joint sports day in the school field. Everyone had great fun and the weather was fantastic!

The children competed in house teams with other children from different year groups and it was great to see everyone kitted out in their house colours. It was also fantastic to see some of our older children

from the Upper Juniors helping and supporting their teammates from the Lower Junior School.

Spirits were high and all of the children participated enthusiastically in our traditional sports day events: the 3-legged race, the dressing-up race, the egg and spoon race, the sack race, the wheelbarrow race, the sprint and the javelin. We also gave points for good behaviour during the rest stop for each team.

Our house cup winners this year were Venus and Mars were runners-up. Thank you to everyone involved for making sports day such a great experience.



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Secondary News

Geography and History go International!

Between Monday 30th May- Wednesday 1st June, the Geography (Mr. Eason) and History (Mrs. Scheick) Departments at The British School of Amsterdam took 12 Yr8 students to London on a joint field trip.

Having arrived in London on Monday we checked into our accommodation and in the afternoon investigated the redevelopment of Greenwich Peninsula which has changed dramatically over the years. On Tuesday we visited the Imperial War Museum and the Tower of London. The students found both of interest and relevant to their studies in History. On the Wednesday morning we went to see the new Olympic site in Stratford and saw the Olympic Stadium from the outside. The students investigated and discussed the locational factors contributing to the Olympic site, for example, the high speed rail services from Stratford International to continental Europe. Fortunately, the weather was pleasant with only a minimal shower.

The students enjoyed themselves and all returned with a greater understanding of both the Geography and History studied. Planning for next years international trip has already started. Please check the moodle site for pictures.