

# Sinterklaas—Friday 3rd December—early closure



## Weekly Newsletter

30th November 2010

### From the Principal

**Sunday's Winter Market** was a huge success, following months of planning, persuasion and decoration. Thank you to all the families who came to support the event, to the many stallholders who created a wonderful variety of foods and crafts, and to BSA staff who helped in so many ways. However, the main congratulations and thanks go to the small team of organisers. Their energy and ideas have been extraordinary, and they created a day which was not just a fund-raiser but a community builder. They set a very special tone - and our challenge now is to build on that sense of community, to ensure that every family feels warmth and welcome in this very international school. Finally, I owe to Rev John Cowie a humble and public apology. As incoming Chairman, he was there on Sunday, meeting and chatting to parents - and I wanted to introduce him formally. I failed to check my notes, omitted to do so and feel thoroughly ashamed! I hope nevertheless that parents, pupils and staff will have opportunities to meet him on other, informal occasions in the next weeks, for I know that he is keen to hear thoughts and to get to know as many people as possible. -

Best Wishes, J. Light

### Upper Junior School News

This week, we are busy preparing for Sinterklaas on Friday. Children have been singing songs after school each day in the hope that Sint and Piet will visit in the night and leave some treats.

In Year 6, the children have been constructing some fantastic arguments in favour of or against the idea of graffiti - and holding debates with Year 5! Year 5 also visited the English Reformed Church to look at the ancient organ on Monday, after being inspired by organ music in their music lessons. In Year 4, the children have been investigating bread, and are visiting the supermarket this week to look at the different varieties of produce on offer. On Friday, it is a non uniform day and the Upper Juniors will go home at 11.30, along with Secondary Students. This is to ensure a staggered end to the day across the three school sites. Year 4 and 5 are busy getting ready for their production, *Panto Time*, in a few week's time - please let us know if you can help in any way! Speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Driessen if you are able to help. And finally, we have a growing amount of lost property building up at the Upper School Reception. Please have a look to see if you have missing items, as we will be sending the collection on to charity at the end of this week.

### Nursery/Infant School News

It is Open Week in the Nursery this week—there is still time to make an appointment to visit your child in Nursery if you have not already done so.

Sinterklaas will be celebrated in the Nursery/Infant School on Friday morning. A schedule was sent last week detailing the times that Sinterklaas will visit each class. **Please note the change in visiting times for the Jubilee Building—Mothers & Toddlers/mini music 10.15 - 10.20 and NAM (Nursery in Jubilee) 10.20—10.30.** You are very welcome to join in with the fun. Please remember that school closes at 11.50 for the children in Nursery and 12.00 for the children in Reception and Year 1.

You will have received a letter last week stating that the School will no longer be providing milk free of charge, (with the exception of the Nursery children). The decision was made due to high costs and the volume of milk that was wasted. Please supply milk for the mid-morning snack time if you wish for your child to continue to drink milk at school. Please do not provide any other drink for the mid morning break as the children are encouraged to drink water as an alternative to milk.

The GGD is carrying out medical checks this week. All children born in 2005 were invited to attend. This year the GGD has chosen to carry out the checks at school rather than ask parents to accompany their children to the GGD itself. The uptake on the invitation was surprisingly high compared to previous years. If you did not receive an invitation and your child fits the age group above, then please inform Miss Spencer (School Nurse) [k.spencer@britams.nl](mailto:k.spencer@britams.nl)

### REMINDERS

**School Closure times—**

**Friday 3rd December**

**Nursery  
11.50am,**

**Reception and  
Year One**

**12 noon**

**Lower Junior  
School**

**11.45am**

**Upper Junior  
School**

**& Secondary  
School**

**11.30am**

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## Lower Junior News



Hi Everyone,

It is going to be another busy week at the Lower Juniors!

**YEAR 2 SHOW:** This is the last week of practices for the Y2 show. The performances take place on **Tuesday 7th December at 9.30am** and **Wednesday 8th December at 7.00pm**. We look forward to welcoming everyone!

**CHILDREN IN NEED:** Mrs van Schooneveld has been very busy counting up all the 'sponsored silence' money and 'non-uniform' donations. The Lower Juniors has managed to raise **1350 Euros so far!** This is a fantastic amount and will be added to the totals from across the school. Our thanks to everyone for contributing so generously—thank you!

**SINTERKLAAS:** Will be visiting the school on Friday. His naughty Piets have already been



twice to the Lower Juniors and have made a lot of mess! It is a half day on Friday so that everyone can enjoy the celebrations. The exact closing time of each of the school sections will be communicated in due course! Have a great week!



## Secondary News

### Year Book Club

A message from the year book club who are trying to raise funds for the first Secondary School Year book. They are keen to raise as much money as possible to bring the price of the year book down. A letter has been sent home offering advertising space or sponsorship of the year book but donations are of course also welcome! Please reply to the letter sent home or send an email to Ms Lamberth or Mrs Mulhall (j.lamberth@britams.nl / a.mulhall@britams.nl) if you are interested.

### BSA Historical Society

I am delighted to announce the creation of the BSA Historical Society. This club is going to research and catalogue the BSA, from its very beginning to the present day. Their aim is to create the BSA Archive. This is an exciting venture as there has never been a cataloguing of the BSA's development and it is an opportunity for the children to discover the History of our school. The following students would love to hear stories, see pictures or any other records from the following time periods, Ashya - 1978-1984, Francesco - 1984-1990, Dary- 1990 - 1996, Lazar- 1996 - 2004 and Ben- 2004 - present. If you do have anything to share then please contact Mrs Scheik or myself (j.scheik@britams.nl / m.bardsley@britams.nl) Any pictures or keep sake sent in to school will be scanned and returned.

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\*\*\*\* whole school parent's coffee morning Thursday 2nd December \*\*\*\*

**You are all invited to Thursday's Coffee Morning**

*Coffee, Cake ... and fun with English*

*If English is a 2nd language, you may want to meet Sarah Bevis, Fun Learning English.*

*Sarah joins us with information about a fun club to help children learn English.*

**Plus: Coffee, Tea, Cake and a friendly welcome!**

All welcome - 8.45am - 10am, Infant School Hall, Anthonie van Dijckstraat.

### **The Parents Organisation**

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](mailto:parentsorganisation@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Federica Camurri, Lynn Dahlin, Aruna Chakradhar, Amanda Hampton, Anni Kearney, Tami Teppo and Marissa Thompson