

End of Spring Term—Friday 15th April

Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 5th April

From the Principal

The term nears its close but we would like to assure parents on one point. We are very keen to ensure that we teach practical and productive lessons right up until the break for the Easter holiday. Please therefore encourage your son or daughter to keep going on any homework tasks, and to use time wisely.

We are working on our Prizegiving arrangements for July, and may have to alter the date published in the website calendar. We will of course inform parents well in advance, as soon as a firm date has been fixed.

Best wishes as ever

John Light

Upper Junior School News

It was good to see so many people on Saturday afternoon for the **ACCESS Art Exhibition**. Over 16 International schools in The Netherlands took part, and this year the BSA hosted the show. We did really well, every child whose work was chosen to go through to the main competition received a special certificate, and we won several prizes, including prizes for Riu, Vrishin and Nicola! The standard was really impressive – I hope you enjoyed the event and if you didn't take part this year, you may want to enter next time.

Last week, year 6 completed their second transition experience day in the Secondary School, and Upper Junior School parents attended a special Open Day at the Secondary School on Friday. This week, **6B present their Class assembly on Friday**, at 9a.m. Next week, Year 4 will visit the Anne Frank House, and Year 6 will visit the coast as part of their topic work. Finally, please remember to sign up for Summer Term clubs by Wednesday afternoon!

REMINDERS

Closing date for on-line applications for summer term extra curricular activity programme, Wednesday 6th April

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Nursery/Infant School News



On Friday 15th April, there will be a Spring Hat Parade at the Nursery/Infant School. The children are asked to make a hat at home to wear during the parade. The idea really is that the children make/help to make their own hat based on a Spring theme. There are no prizes for the 'best' hat, everyone's efforts will be rewarded. Hats should be brought to school on the day of the parade.



Everyone is invited to watch the parade, which weather permitting will take place outside on the playground during the Friday morning.

The children in Nursery will perform their production this week on Wednesday and Thursday at 14.00 in the school hall. For most children in nursery, this will be the first time they perform as a whole year group on the stage—it is not an event to miss. Please come and enjoy the show. Parents evenings for children in Reception and Year 1 take place next week. There are sign up sheets on the notice boards outside your child's class to make an appointment. Please take this opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to find out how your child has settled in school and about the progress that he/she is making. The teacher will offer ideas to support your child at home if appropriate.

Please remember to complete a return the on-line club request form if your child wishes to take part in an extra curricular activity next term.

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Lower Junior News

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Year 3 Show - Our Year Three children will be performing their Fairy-tale Spring show this week entitled **Twiple Whammy**. We are all very excited and are looking forward to welcoming mums, dads and siblings to watch the performance after weeks of hard work!

Access Creative Contest - Well done to **Brooke Benson** who came third in her age category in the Access Art Contest, held at the weekend. Many of our children produced work for the contest and it was great to see so many of our young artists having a go by entering the competition.

Easter Egg Hunt - The Lower Junior School Council is organising an Easter Egg hunt for all of the children in the Lower Junior School on Thursday 14th April 2011. Following on from our school council cookie sale in February, the children decided that they would like to send half of the proceeds to Children in Need and use the rest of the money to organise the Easter Egg Hunt and buy some games for the playground.



Secondary News

Transition Day—The Year 6 students enjoyed another Secondary school taster on Thursday when they had their second transition day. A varied and exciting day had the students designing logos, making slime, creating a newspaper and producing music in Garageband as well as trying a new language and working with maps. Well done to all the Year 6's and to the whole of Secondary students for making them feel very welcome.

Access Art Competition—BSA hosted a very successful Access Art competition on Saturday. 16 schools entered a total of 99 pieces of work, so I was delighted to see students from the BSA achieve some notable successes. Momoko and Raksha were joint second in the 11–12 year old category, David second and Ryan third in the 13-14 year old category and Lazar second and Claudia third in the 17-18 year old category. Claudia also received a Vision Award. Congratulations to all our students who achieved this success and to everyone who took part.

Year 9 Geography fieldtrip: An investigation in to the Geography of coffee at De Hortus - Mr Eason is taking a fieldtrip to De Hortus in Amsterdam, to investigate the stages a coffee bean goes through from being planted to being consumed. This is part of the Year 9 programme of study and gives the students an insight into the different processes the coffee bean goes through. The trip will take place on Tuesday 12th April 2011.

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Introducing the School Dentist

Dear Parents

We have been working with the Dutch 'Jeugd tandverzorging' (Youth Dental Care) to identify how we can make use of its services in school. They are currently active in many Dutch schools and are specialised in working to provide children (including those who may be nervous) with Dental care. You will shortly be sent a letter to explain how you can access Dental health checks for your child (initially 4-6 year olds) within school. However any parent who has a concern about their child's teeth (and does not have their own dentist) can make an appointment for their child to be seen at their practice in Amsterdam Oost. Speak to Katie Spencer (school nurse), Helen Rigelsford (LSLO) or check the website: www.jtvamsterdam.nl for further information or ring: 020-6166332. Please note: Dutch insurance automatically covers all costs for minors. If you are insured otherwise an arrangement can be made via the 'Jeugd tandverzorging'.

Katie Spencer and Helen Rigelsford



BSA International Summer Fayre

Plans are underway, mark the date!

Saturday 28th May

food stalls, barbeque, games, sports

A FUN DAY FOR ALL!

**Do you want to know more? Woud you like to be involved?
email ruesink@yahoo.de for more information**

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



YOUR CHANCE TO PROVE YOURSELVES
FRIDAY 20th MAY 2011 7:30pm
FRED. ROESKESTRAAT 94A

Tickets €15 (includes pizza) To book your table (8 per table)
Contact SIAN on 0650858762 or siangrist@gmail.com

Love football?

Fancy playing in a team?



Come and try out for teams in the English language division of NFC/Brommer. Located at the Sportlaan in Amstelveen (a short walk from Metro 51 Sportlaan or the International School), we have team places available for boys and girls born in: 1999/2000, 2001/2002 and 2003/2004. Younger children (2005/2006) are welcome to join our Academy Classes on Sundays.

We speak English! Training from Autumn 2011 will be on Thursday afternoons and competitive matches are played on Saturdays.

You can try out @ 5 pm any Wednesday in May!

Email info@icfa.nl for more information or phone Ashleigh on: 065 050 34 84



Whole school Parent's Coffee Morning



All Welcome!



Thursday 7th April

Enjoy hot cross buns and Easter chocolate eggs for children.

Plus- Anushee - Indian Designs

Invites you to their latest 2011 Spring-Summer Collection

On display will be a variety of trendy hand embroidered silk, cotton and georgette tunics, hand painted & woven silk/cotton-wool blend shawls and silver art deco & fusion jewelry.

Come and treat yourself to the colorful exhibits of Indian heritage embedded with a Western twist, where every weave and print has a story to tell!

Always...
a welcoming coffee, tea, cake, chat, meet new mums and dads, let your toddlers play while you relax
...and often...
enjoy themed and international events, meet the Heads, browse guest stalls...

After drop off,
Infant School Hall,
Anthonie van Dijkstraat

