

The School is closed for half term Monday 21st—Friday 25th February

## Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 8th February

### From the Principal

Despite the strong winds of the days, it is good to feel that the days lengthen and that spring is only a little while away. Lots to be grateful for, lots to look forward to.

On a practical note, may I remind parents that they have *an opportunity to meet our visiting Inspectors from ISI, on Wednesday this week between 8.30 -9.15 in the hall in Anthonie van Dijkstraat.*

We hope that the Inspectors will be impressed by what they find in the school, and that they will enjoy their two-day visit.

Best wishes

John Light

### Upper Junior School News

This week, **6S** present their **Class Assembly** at 2.45p.m. on Wednesday afternoon. There will be a **Coffee Morning** for **Year 6 parents** on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, one for **Year 5** on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, and for **Year 4** on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, all at 08.40—hope to see you all there!

Last week, some of our **Year 6** children took part in the **Under 12's Basketball Match** against the American School of Rotterdam—brilliantly winning 22-20! Well done to all the team, and thanks to Mr Foulke who organised the event.

Lastly, a big well done to *Vrishin, Riu and Kaija*, whose work was selected to go through to the **ACCESS Art Competition**—there was a really high standard this year. All of the entries are now on display in the Upper Junior School.



### REMINDERS

Please remember to check the lost property boxes at each school site for any items of lost property.

### Nursery/Infant School News

We are organising a book week directly after the half term (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March). We will shortly send you a schedule of events for the week, our plans include a book sale, dress up as your favourite book character, book swaps, book making, story telling etc. We would like to ask for your help with a couple of activities - please see below.

Mother Tongue Story Telling – we would like to arrange mother tongue story telling groups at the end of each day. If you are willing to read a story to a group of children in your home language then please let me know.

Author/Illustrator visit – are you an author or illustrator, or do you know somebody who is? We would like to arrange an author or illustrator to talk to the children about writing or illustrating a book and to share their experiences and for the children to be able to ask them questions about their work.

If you are able to help with either of the above or have other ideas for book week, then please contact me [c.newson@britams.nl](mailto:c.newson@britams.nl)

Weblogs—I am very sorry that the weblogs at the Nursery/Infant School are not running as efficiently as in other areas of the school and that the class weblogs are not being updated as we would hope. We have had to change the way our weblog is hosted and have to transfer all the existing information. There have been a number of problems along the way which we are aware of and hope to be able to solve as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

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### Lower Junior News

#### MUSICAL MAGIC - AT THE LOWER JUNIOR SCHOOL



Hi Everyone,

**MUSIC CONCERT:** Last week we held a little music concert to celebrate the talents of the school choir and the children who are learning a musical instrument outside school. Our thanks to all the children for their performances and to the parents who came to watch!



**BOOK WEEK:** After the Half Term holiday the school will be celebrating Book Week (28th Feb - 4th March). We have lots of ideas to promote a love of reading, so watch for more news on this next week!

**ALL OUR LATEST NEWS...** [www.lowerjuniors.com](http://www.lowerjuniors.com)



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### Secondary News

**Geography Update** Last week the whole of Yr7 from The British School of Amsterdam went on a local area fieldtrip. With guidance from Mr. Eason and Ms. Palmer, Yr7 investigated how the land is used around the vicinity of the school. The students were in small groups and had various tasks to complete at five different locations. These included working out which way a photo was taken which they were given previously, photographing and noting the land use, field sketching,



following a route on a map and asking questions. Read *The Full Story on the Secondary Moodle site!!*



**Sports Update**—BSA took a strong side to The American International School of Rotterdam, hoping for a good result. AISR is a 'basketball school', so we already knew the match would be highly competitive. And so it proved to be. In the first quarter both teams nervously sized each other up. Although there was lots of action around the key, neither team netted a basket until the

6<sup>th</sup> minute. *Read The Full Story on the Secondary Moodle site!!*

# Whole school

# Parent's Coffee Morning



## All Welcome!



## Healthy COFFEE MORNING

### Thursday 10th February



This week is healthy eating week at school and we are getting healthy too!

Be tempted by fresh fruit salad and delicious juices! Healthy-(ish) cakes!

PLUS! Some fun with an essential guide to toning up in the morning.

**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...

**WANT TO JOIN THE TEAM?**

**No experience necessary** - just enthusiasm and friendliness!

Email: [coffee.mornings@britams.nl](mailto:coffee.mornings@britams.nl)

After drop off,  
Infant School Hall,  
Anthonie van Dijkstraat

