

Red Nose Day, Friday 18th March



Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 15th March

From the Principal

As a school which welcomes children of many nationalities, our thoughts in the past days have been with our Japanese families, and with all the people of Japan who have been affected by the devastation of earthquake and tsunami. Words cannot rebuild or restore, but we extend all our sympathies nevertheless - and our hope that there will be brighter days ahead.

We are asking those in the Japanese community to advise us on the best way to give practical help, and will be in touch with all parents in the next few days, once the picture becomes more clear.

There are other messages this week, of congratulation and of announcement - but it seems inappropriate to mention them in this same article. For the time being, they must give way to much greater priorities thousands of miles away, but very close for some.

Best wishes

John Light

Upper Junior School News

4D are busy getting ready for their **Class assembly**, which takes place this week on Wednesday at 2.45p.m. All parents of children in Mrs Davies class are invited to attend. Also this week, on Friday, we are holding a **non-uniform day** in aid of **Comic Relief**, which takes place on 18th March. An information leaflet went home yesterday with more information.

Next week, on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th March, we will be holding our **Spring term Parents' Consultation Evenings**, and sign-up sheets are now in the main hall. All teachers are available for appointments except for Miss Aitken in her capacity as French teacher, as she will be seeing parents of her own class, 4AC. If you would like to speak to Miss Aitken regarding French, please contact her to make an additional appointment on another day before or after school.

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Nursery/Infant School News

Mrs. Joyce, (NDM) went onto maternity leave on Friday, we wish her a safe (and speedy) birth and hope that she will come to school to show everyone her new baby. Mrs. Joyce has been replaced by Ms. Schmidt, who we welcome to the Nursery team.

There are two productions planned at the Nursery/Infant School this half term. The children in Reception will perform their production of 'Billy No Buzz' on Tuesday 29th March and Thursday 31st March. The children in Nursery will perform "Helping Humpty Dumpty" on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April. Rehearsals are underway and we look forward to two great performances.

This week we are supporting Comic Relief, a major charity based in the UK which strives to create a just world free from poverty. On Friday children are invited to leave their school uniform at home and come to school dressed in something silly—perhaps a whole silly costume or just a funny hat or hairstyle etc. Comic relief is based on raising a smile as well as money for charity so really the sillier the better! Children can also buy a Red Nose for 1 euro or contribute a joke to a whole school joke book.

Can you help—two scooters have now gone missing from the Reception area at the Nursery/Infant School. Have you inadvertently taken one home thinking it belongs to your child? If so, please would you return it so it can find its way back to the rightful owner. Thank you.

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Lower Junior News

On Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th March 2011 the Lower Junior School is holding two open afternoons for parents. This is an opportunity for you to come in and look through your child's work and experience what life in school is like for our Year 2 and 3 children. We ask parents to choose ONE of the afternoons to attend so that we have enough space for everyone. A signup sheet will go up this week outside your child's classroom to choose a slot. Thank you!

The Year Two children are visiting the Nemo Science Centre as part of their science learning on **Wednesday 16th March 2011**. Y2 parents have already received a letter with details about the trip. We hope the Year 2 children enjoy this scientific experience!

Following on from the success of last year's trip, we are running the 3 day 2 night residential trip to **TEXEL ISLAND** again in May 2011 for the Year 3 children. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and we have an **INTRODUCTORY PARENTS MEETING for our Year 3 parents to attend on Wednesday 16th March 2011 at 6.00pm in the Lower Junior School hall**. We would encourage our Year 3 parents to attend to find out more about this exciting adventure and to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



Secondary News

Comic Relief—As part of the art assembly on Friday, and in order to raise awareness for Comic Relief, Mrs Breeze will hold a short assembly, giving a background to Comic Relief and where the money will go to. This will be followed by a silent disco. Not just any ordinary silent disco, but one that is combined with making a giant foot painting! Students and staff will be dancing in bare feet, dipped in paint, on large sheets of paper. It will cost €2 to take part in the silent disco and the participants will need to bring their own mp3/ipod with headphones ready with their own dance tune play list. Everyone who takes part will receive a piece of the final painting as a souvenir!

Access Art Exhibition—The ACCESS International schools Creative Contest exhibition and Award Ceremony is going to be held at the Frederik Roeskestraat on the 2nd April at 15.00. There are competition entries from The British School of Amsterdam, and other international schools in the area. Everyone is welcome to come and support our students at this event.

Uniform—Can I remind parents of the requirements of the school uniform, which can be found here http://www.britishschoolofamsterdam.nl/welcome_050school_uniform.htm School can provide branded items, but shirts and trousers / skirts need to be ordered on line. This is a fast and efficient service.

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On Thursday, 17th March 2011 at 8:45 A.M.

Venue: Infant School Hall, The British School of Amsterdam.

The festival of Holi is celebrated on the day after the full moon in early March every year. Originally a festival to celebrate good harvests and fertility of the land, Holi is also associated with the immortal love of Krishna and Radha. Apart from the usual fun with coloured powder and water, Holi is marked by vibrant processions which are accompanied by folk songs, dances and a general sense of abandoned vitality.



We invite you to taste the delicious Indian snacks/savories from kitchens across India.

Also the opportunity to get *heena tattoos* and the money would go for charity.

Toddlers are welcome – safe play area with toys so you can enjoy time with friends

We are raising money for COMIC RELIEF on **FRIDAY 18th March 2011**.
Helping children and families around the World...
More information: www.comicrelief.com

COMIC RELIEF



Our school events and how YOU can help raise money on Friday 18th March 2011 😊

- 1.) **NON UNIFORM DAY** – Our dress up theme is ‘Silliness’... you can come to school with brightly coloured clothing, a funny hat or wig, odd socks or complete fancy dress if you wish! Join in the fun and **bring a donation on Friday!**
- 2.) **CREATING A BSA JOKE BOOK!** – Do you have a favourite joke or funny story you’d like to share with others? Send us your **JOKE** by email and it will be published in the **BSA JOKE BOOK** which we will sell for **COMIC RELIEF!**
 - a. *How to send in a JOKE for our BSA Joke Book...*
 - i. Send us an **EMAIL** (our younger children may need the help of parents / teachers for this) to:
jokes@britams.nl
 - ii. Include your first name, last name, your class and your **JOKE!** *We will send you a quick reply to let you know it has been safely received...*
 - iii. **YOU CAN SEND IN YOUR JOKES NOW!** 😊
(Closing date for jokes is 4pm Friday 18th March 2011)
 - b. *We will publish the finished JOKE BOOK in the week beginning Monday 21st March 2011 for people to buy... Let's get Joking!* 😊
- 3.) **BUY A RED NOSE!** We will have red noses on sale at each school building on Friday... Each nose costs 1 Euro, 50 cents from each sale goes to the charity!

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR COMIC RELIEF EVENTS!



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**