



Weekly Bulletin
14 October 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Wednesday 16 October | Oral Feedback Meetings KG1 to Grade 5 – Timings to follow this week |
| Thursday 17 October | Students finish at 12:15 – Teacher study afternoon – No school in afternoon |
| Friday 18 October | No School – Teacher study day |
| 21-25 October | Autumn Holiday |
| Monday 4 November | IS Utrecht – Diwali Celebrations |
| Tuesday 5 November 08:30 | Coffee Morning Meeting EAL and Mother Tongue Development |
| Thursday 14 November | Oral Feedback Meetings Grades 6, 7 & 8 |
| Friday 22 November | No school - Study Day for staff |

Oral Feedback Meetings for Kindergarten and Primary

All parents have been assigned a time for this and teachers are looking forward to the meetings.

This Thursday and Friday, teachers will be involved in study sessions and we are welcoming an IB workshop leader to the school, Anne van Dam, who will be inspiring us on learning through inquiry.

Autumn is well and truly here. We wish all our families and staff a well-deserved break.

Coats

The students play outside during break and lunchtimes, so it is important that they bring coats to school.

After School French Club

Due to the holidays, there will be no French Club after school this Thursday (17) or Thursday (24). We will resume French Club on Thursday 31 October.

Thank you, Rebecca Staggs.

Kindergarten – KG1 & KG2

Literacy

- KG1 – ‘t’ Talking Tess from Letterland
- KG2 – ‘th’ blend

Numeracy

- KG1 – Focusing on the number 4
- KG2 – Addition by counting up to 10

This week in our ‘School is Cool’ unit we have been looking at ‘Who is who?’ in our school. Mr Mos visited our classroom to tell us about his role in the school. We made a tree with pictures and names of all the teachers and staff members.

Nuts and Bolts

‘Star of the Week’ went to Arya today for trying really hard at school. Well done Arya.

Don’t forget to allow your child to bring a small toy for Golden Time every Friday.

The Park

On Wednesday 16 October at 10.45 am we would like to take the KG children to the park close by. It is 5-10 minutes walking distance from school, we went last year and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. There are plenty of fun things to play with. The park is free and children will not need to bring an extra snack. Please ensure your child wears

suitable footwear to school and a waterproof coat with a hood. We would like two parents to volunteer to come with us. To volunteer, please contact Mr Bowman or Ms Hazlett.

Student Folders

Your child will have brought home a folder with some of the material we have worked on in class. We aim to send these folders home weekly on Friday afternoon. Your help in sending them to class the following Monday, would be much appreciated.

We hope you have a fun and safe half term holiday!

Kind Regards, Debbie Hazlett & Ricky Bowman

Lower Primary – Grade 1

Dear parents,

Last week on Thursday we were fortunate to have a Skype chat with a retired Navy Officer named French. He is a friend of Emilie’s parents, Alexandra and Frank. He was able to talk to us for about 30 minutes and share all of his amazing stories about his life on the submarine. He explained how the men practiced the emergency and normal routines everyday so they became second nature, how after 30 metres underwater, it is pitch black and the submarine navigates itself using sonar sound. It was fascinating to talk to him! Thank you Alexandra and Frank!

Next week is filled with more visitors! On Tuesday, Mohammed’s dad will be sharing the Muslim holiday called Eid al Adha with the class. He will be giving the class a “kick off” into our next PYP unit that we will be starting after the holiday. Thank you for coming!

On Wednesday, the class will be visited by a nurse named Emmy. She is a friend of Caleb’s mom, Angela, and she will be talking to the class about what rules and routines she has to follow as a nurse in a hospital. The children will be learning what the normal procedures are when they come into the hospital, when getting their blood pressure checked, what is done in emergency situations. It should be very informative!

As a reminder, the students will be giving an end of the unit presentation this Thursday at 11:45 am. Please join us and have a look at everything that your child has been doing.

Remember that there will be NO school on Friday and school ends on Thursday at 12:15. This means that the homework packets will be due this Thursday and the spelling test will also be on Thursday.

The last bit of information to share is an exciting one. Even though our current PYP unit will be ending next week, we will be going on a class trip the first Friday after the vacation on 1 November! Together with Middle Primary, we will be looking at the rules and routines the FC Utrecht Stadium must have in order to handle all of its fans. We will be leaving the school at 10:05am and walking to the soccer stadium. We will have a tour that will last 1 hour and then be back by lunchtime. We will need three parent helpers. If you would like to help out, please contact our class moms, Angela or Margarita.

This should be a fun class trip and we are all looking forward to it!

This photo is from our Skype call with an ex-submariner to learn about the rules and routines on submarines.



Warm Regards, Emily Coull & Carren Ward

Middle Primary – Grades 2 & 3

This week Middle Primary used the laptops to create power-point presentations about our school. In order to do this they made use of the information collected from the staff interviews they'd previously carried out.

We also discovered what schools were like a hundred years ago and how things have changed a lot since then. Check out this video clip the class particularly enjoyed seeing how super strict teachers used to be.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOmrCi-mh_k

In Maths we've continued developing our mental skills with number bonds and number sequence patterns.

First School Excursion

I am pleased to announce that our school trip will be in the first week back after the holidays, nicely rounding off our first unit of inquiry. On Friday 1 November at 10 am, we will be heading out to tour our local FC Utrecht stadium (Stadion Galgenwaard) to find out how the building is organised. If you are interested in acting as a parent chaperone for this trip, which involves taking responsibility for escorting a group of up to 4 children, let me know as I am looking for about 4 volunteers.

I would also like to provide you all with a class list containing the contact details for the students in Middle Primary. Should you prefer any of your personal details not to be shared amongst other parents, please let me know by Wednesday 16 October.

Kind regards, Anouk Dillon

Upper Primary – Grades 4 & 5

After some very impressive presentations on the different ancient Egyptian systems, the children have started their summative assessments. This unit the summative assessment is in the form of a written story about the daily life of an ancient Egyptian boy or girl their age. In their stories they need to incorporate the different ancient Egyptian systems that children would have been exposed to. Last week, in preparation for their stories, the children started working out story plans with different characters and settings. This week the focus is on writing their stories. Rounding these off brings us to the end of our unit.

When we return to school after the holidays, we will start our next unit the central idea being 'The Earth and its atmosphere are surrounded by space and are part of a vast and complex universe'. During the unit we will look into our solar system and its origin, as well as the exploration of space. On the agenda is also a visit to the NASA Exhibition 'A human Adventure' in the 'Jaarbeurs Utrecht'. Details will follow after our return to school. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for two volunteer parents who would like to accompany us on foot. Any parents who have expertise in this field and would like to share this with the Upper Primary children, please pop in or drop me a mail.

"Ik wens jullie allemaal een fijne herfstvakantie".

Kind regards, Nicole Lamers

Secondary

Al Amal Foundation came into the secondary humanities class on Monday and talked about poverty in the Netherlands. Al Amal Foundation is committed to improving immigrant families' lives. Many families come to the Netherlands and cannot access Dutch society, thus living in extreme poverty. Al Amal focuses on families, women, and children who are dealing with a multitude of problems: poverty, illiteracy, mental health problems, domestic violence, debt, addiction and behavioural problems, and builds a relationship of trust with families, giving guidance and support so to have a better life.

Secondary has community and service projects and students have voiced an interest in providing support for Al Amal. Please keep an eye out for more information in future bulletins.

Secondary Mathematics KhanAcademy Marathon

Starting from October until the end of this school year all students in secondary are competing in the online Math-classroom created through KhanAcademy.

For more details on the Khan academy please visit <https://www.khanacademy.org>

Winners will be announced.

Secondary Spanish-"Nos Presentamos"

Grade 6 student are currently creating a film presentation summarizing the first concepts learned along Unit 1 in Spanish Language B. Please ask your students to show you their work!

Rosa Martin

Dutch B Lessons

Kindergarten

During the Dutch lessons in KG, we are enjoying learning through songs. 'Schipper mag ik overvaren' is a song they especially like to sing and to play the game that goes with it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykujqVRBjdg>. The

students also like singing the song, 'De krokodil'.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBtL3_hpi6w

Middle Primary & Upper Primary

In the combined class with students from both Middle and Upper Primary, we are telling each other about ourselves.

Last week the students wrote down five responses to questions about themselves. These have been decorated and look great. When you are in the school for your parent meeting, please feel free to come and take a look at the display board next to room 7.

Secondary Dutch B

The Dutch B students in Secondary are making good progress. In the B1 group we have started with some basics in Dutch like introducing ourselves. They are also looking at basic grammar and how sentences are constructed (syntax).

The B2 group started with some repetition from last year. We are now working in Zebra again and we also started watching 'Het Jeugdjournaal'. This news programme is made especially for children, and it is on television every evening at 18:45 on Nederland 3. It is also possible to watch this online on <http://jeugdjournaal.nl/uitzendingen/>

It is also a good way for parents to learn Dutch.

Kind regards, Marloes Resink

Birthdays!



Congratulations to all our students celebrating their birthday in October:

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| 07-10 | Quân-Co van Doorn | Grade 6 |
| 10-10 | Judah Benjafield | KG1 |
| 11-10 | Caroline Ten Elshof | KG2 |

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