



# Primary Newsletter

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“Listen! the wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!”

Humbert Wolfe



## From Mr. Scott

Dear Parents,

It's incredible to think that our first half-term is now over. It seems like only yesterday that our new children were settling into school and term was starting. I'm pleased to report a really successful first half-term and a very nice feeling in and around school. This was evident during our recent **parent-teacher consultations**. On my rounds of the classrooms, I met many of you waiting for your interviews and the atmosphere reinforced the supportive ethos we are so fortunate to have here.

Our **Mother Tongue, EAL (English as an Additional Language) and SEN (Special Educational Needs) Information Evening** last week was well attended, particularly considering the dreadful weather that night. My thanks to the staff who presented and parents who

attended. It is an integral part of our curriculum and a very important element in our school philosophy.

I am delighted to announce that we have a **new Chair of our PTA**. When Larissa Brown left us for her new life in Oman, the position of Chair was left vacant. In accordance with the new PTA constitution, the existing members of the PTA executive then met to decide who to approach and, after some discussion, Lucy Capon was approached and has thankfully accepted the position. We wish her all the very best in the role and look forward to some enjoyable PTA events in the future.

When we return after the half-term break, our **Pre-Reception class** will be open, with our youngest children in school. The class opens with only a small number of children

and then fills up through the year as children turn four years of age. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the new children.

This week we had a whole school **fire drill**. You will be reassured to know that we managed to get everyone out of the building in a very controlled way in under three minutes. The children did very well and were not phased in the slightest by the experience.

Finally, we had an excellent response to our pleas for help with the **Halloween Party** on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to all who have volunteered and we look forward to seeing many of you there (with or without costume!)

Kind regards,

Graeme Scott

Primary Principal

## Lightning Lines Superstars

Congratulations to the children of 5P who have won Lightning Lines (the weekly award for the best line after playtime) since the beginning of the school year. They have managed to hang on to the Lightning Lines banner for six con-

secutive weeks, so they can be rightly proud of themselves! When asked what their secret was they replied: "It's simple. You just freeze when the first whistle blows, then walk to your place when you hear the second whistle and

stand in a straight line". Sounds easy enough doesn't it? Well done 5P and take up the challenge, rest of Upper School!

Ms McKenna



## Mother Tongue News

### After School Mother Tongue activities

The following classes of Upper School mother tongue will start on Thursday 30 October: Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Arabic and German. French will start the following week and have their last session on 18 December. If you are a new applicant you should have received a confirmation of registration. Please contact me if you did not.

Lower School Italian started last Wednesday. Their last session will be on the 17 December.

I hope that I will be able to announce the start of LS German after the holiday. A letter will be sent home to confirm the start of German class with the dates of all the sessions.

Receipts for your payments have been issued. **If you have not paid yet please do so ASAP.**

Please check the updated calendar and note the dates in your calendar:

### Mother Tongue within the curriculum

The children have had their first session of mother tongue within the curriculum. They discovered which room they will need to go to for their MT session and who the other children are that speak their language in the same year group.

Last year we had some parents who were

able to join us for some of the MT sessions. Once again, this year we would like to invite all parents to join us during these MT times to support our students in their language. The children love having you join us and it makes a big difference for them when they have the support of an adult speaking their language. Even if you can not make it every week but only once or twice you will be warmly welcomed. Parents can join LS or US even if their children are in another group level.

R-Y1 MT takes place every Thursday between 2:15 and 2:45. They will start by working on "Seasons" and will look at the seasons around the world. R-Y1 parents will receive a letter after the holiday with more details. If you wish to join during this MT time please contact Ms. Hoenselaar, [n.hoenselaar@ishth Hague.nl](mailto:n.hoenselaar@ishth Hague.nl).

Y2-Y3 MT is taking place every Thursday between 2:15 and 2:55. They will look at "Landmarks from the World". We would like all students to bring in photographs and pictures of landmarks from their home country and some basic information about it. They will have homework and we would really appreciate your support with this. Homework letters will be sent home and will specifically outline what we need from the children. The children are going to produce posters in their Mother Tongue about these landmarks. We welcome the parents who would like to join us during the MT time also if any parents are available to come and help the children make the final poster in their mother tongue it would be appreciated. Please contact Ms. Starkey, [g.starkey@ishth Hague.nl](mailto:g.starkey@ishth Hague.nl).

Y4-Y6 MT is taking place every Tuesday between 2:15 and 3:00. They will learn about "The Olympics" and will design emblems, medals, mascots... about the Olympics. On the Friday 7 November, during a special assembly, Marlies Mulder part of The Netherlands rowing team, Bronze medalist in Athens and Silver in Beijing, will come and share her experience with the US children. If you are available during our MT time we would love to have you with us to support your children in speaking and writing. Please contact Ms. Bradley, [d.bradley@ishth Hague.nl](mailto:d.bradley@ishth Hague.nl)

Kind regards,

Pascale Hertay

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Wednesdays/LS	Thursdays/US
8 Oct.	X
15 Oct.	X
29 Oct. / <b>No French!</b>	30 Oct. / <b>No French!</b>
5 Nov.	6 Nov.
12 Nov.	13 Nov.
19 Nov.	20 Nov.
26 Nov.	27 Nov.
3 Dec.	4 Dec.
10 Dec.	11 Dec.
17 Dec: <b>French &amp; Italian only!</b>	18 Dec: <b>French only!</b>

## School Picnic

The school picnic was held on Sunday 5 October. Despite the weather the event was well attended by our parents and

students. The food donated by the many families was delicious. Good fun was had by all and the tricky quiz for young and

old was thoroughly enjoyed. A big 'thank you' to all of you that played a part in making this event a successful one!



## Dates for your Diary

Thurs	16 Oct. School closed from 12.00
Fri	17 Oct. No school – Training day for staff
Sat	18 Oct. – Sunday 26 Oct. Holiday ( Autumn Holiday)
Mon	27 Oct. Pre-reception starts
Tues	28 Oct. Book fair in the Primary Library
Wed	29 Oct. Book fair in the Primary Library
Wed	29 Oct. Halloween party from 18.30 - 20.00
Fri	5 Dec. Sinterklaas School ends at 12:00
Fri	19 Dec. End of term School ends at 12:00

## CT Days

27	Oct PM Ms. Tee
31	Oct Ms. Doamekpor
31	Oct Ms. Jagdev
31	Oct Ms. Hoenselaar
6 & 7	Nov Ms. Jagdev

## After School Activities

Our session is off and running with most activities starting last week. After the half term holiday Flamenco, Maximum Motion, and Acting Adventures begin to round out our full schedule. Activities will continue until December

19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to consult the after school activities calendar for holiday dates and other information about the class schedule.

Thanks to all teachers for offering such terrific classes for our students!

As always, if you have any questions about the program, please contact me.

Enjoy the session!

Ms. Jenn

## News and Messages

### Sinterklaas

The days are getting shorter and the sky is turning grey, it is getting time to think about Sinterklaas. After the Autumn break I would like to start, with a group of creative parents on the Wednesday mornings, making decorations for the glasshouse. Parents who like to sew and do have a sewing machine are particularly welcome. If you are interested to help please let me know.

Monique Gerretzen

Primary Dutch Teacher

### Halloween Party

The Halloween party is quickly approaching please sign yourself up if you are interested in helping out with this event. Sign up sheets are located in the glasshouse.



### Daylight Saving Time

Please remember the clocks go back an hour on Sunday, 26 October

### ISH Netball

The ISH ladies netball team is now up and running again after the holiday.

We are a group of experienced and new players who meet every **Thursday** at 7.30 p.m in the gym. It's a great way to keep fit and have fun at the same time! If you would like more information please email Karen Daniels. [danielsfamily@planet.nl](mailto:danielsfamily@planet.nl) or come along on Thursday evenings. Bring some indoor training shoes and lots of water !

