

# KSS Newsletter

## October 2016



### Dear Parents,

Welcome to our October newsletter. Autumn has now begun and the daylight hours are getting shorter. As you have seen we began the year with an active traffic campaign at all of our schools. Please ensure that you continue to support this and ensure that you are not presenting a danger to children by parking too close to our school buildings. Please ensure that you emphasise the importance of road safety with your child particularly on the way to and from school.

In September the children received a special HSV badge promote Walk to School Day. We were very happy to see so many children participate.

Last week our ID6 and NA7 children went to school camp at the Stay Okay Hostel at Gorssel in the province of Gelderland. The week began with lovely sunny weather. Activities included shelter building, singing by the camp fire, carpentry, nature studies, different art activities, co-operative games, an excursion to Expeditie Robinson and a very long evening walk. Mr. Frans and Ms. Dean were able to visit the children while they were away.

Kind regards,  
Lorraine Wittenberg



# Message from Lorraine Janet Dean Director HSV International Department and Frans de Jong Director of the Dutch Department:

## Staffing

Two new members of staff have joined the team and will work initially as cover teachers at our different locations. They are Judith Bate and Bernadette Danagher. Both of them have moved to The Netherlands from the UK. After the October holiday Bernadette Danagher will become the ID6 class teacher in ID6K. Miss Katie is expecting a baby early in the new year and will be working as the Leader for Learning across all our locations until she starts her maternity leave. We know that will you make the two new staff feel very welcome.

## EU Coding Week

Europe Code Week runs from 15<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016  
EU coding week is an initiative which aims to bring coding and digital literacy to everybody in a fun and engaging way. Check out the web sites below. On the resources page of the first one there are lots of easy to use resources. You might find that there are events in the area that you live.

<http://codeweek.eu>

<https://codeweek.nl>

## Book Week

We will be celebrating National Children's Book Week in all of our locations the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is Omas and Opas! Altijd jong!. We really hope that some Grandmothers and Grandfathers are able to join us during bookweek.

## The iamExpat Fair comes to The Hague this November

The first iamExpat Fair in The Hague will take place on Saturday November 5, 2016, at the Grote Kerk from 10am until 5pm. The fair is designed to support internationals in the Netherlands, providing them with everything they need in one location, on one day. This free event will host stands from dozens of companies and organisations working in housing, careers, education, expat services, health & leisure and family needs. Free workshops and presentations will also be happening throughout the day inside the landmark Grote Kerk. Book your free ticket now via their website: <http://www.iamexpat.nl>

## School Reports and Parent Consultations

You will shortly receive a letter about our first parent's consultations for this school year. These are on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This is a time to discuss your child's first school report which you will receive on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

## Charity Shoeboxes

In December we will be participating in Action Schoonmaatjes (a shoebox collection). This is a chance for the children to help children who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The children will fill a shoe box with school equipment, such as writing and colouring pencils, rulers, etc. Also to be included is a toiletry item and a toy.

These will then be sorted and sent to children in orphanages, refugee camps and shelters for street children, in countries around the world.

Please start to think about your shoebox in the coming weeks.



## From the KSS Location

### Safety in our School Street

A big thank you to all those parents who have been very responsive to our requests not to drive up to the school and have looked for alternative parking in the streets around the school. We hope that this will continue despite the Autumn weather arriving. Safety must continue to be our priority even when it is cold or raining!

### Book Sale

We welcome the ladies from Usborne and Rainbow books next week on Monday from 2.30 - 4pm and Tuesday morning until 9.30am. Please do come and browse their books on sale. As a school we make commission on the sales which means new books for our classrooms and libraries.

## School Council

We introduce the KSS school councillors for 2016-17- Pia and Victoria in ID 4, Maja and Maria-Clara in ID 5 and Henrik and Anna in ID 6. They have already looked at making some clear rules for football and will be supporting the charity drive for the International Red Cross this year. We also hope they will work on teaching

the younger children new playground games and of course be great ambassadors for our school when we have visitors.

## Culture lessons

We are fortunate to be able to participate in the cultural lessons again this year. This year there is the possibility for the classes to participate in 2 cultural activities covering dance, theatre, music and museums. You will receive details nearer the date if your child's class is out of school and we will of course appreciate parental help.

## End of the school day

There are a number of children who are forgetting to take their books bags, water bottles or even bikes at the end of the school day. Please encourage your child to get better at remembering to take everything they will need at home time. The front door will not be answered to collect belongings or use the toilets after 15:00. We also ask your assistance in collecting your children promptly. We have a number of children who are continually late being collected which can make them feel anxious.

On behalf of the KSS team,

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# Upcoming School Holidays and Early Closures 2016-2017

## Holidays

October Holiday    Monday 17<sup>th</sup> until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Christmas Holiday    Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Early Closures

School will close at 12:30 on the following days:

Sinterklaas    Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Christmas    Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

## Study Days

Our next study day is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016. On this day there will be no school for children in ID R, 1, 2, 3, NA 1, 2, 3 and 4.





# A MONTH IN PICTURES @ KSS

Our ID 6 children had a wonderful four days in Gorssel. Camp is one of the highlights of the last year in primary school, with the children returning just that little bit more grown up, after having more responsibility whilst away from home. It is also a great opportunity for the children to mix with the other year 6 children as well as the NA 7 class from the other locations. Many of the year 6 children will move on to the ISH together next year and friendships formed at camp can help with the transition to secondary school. Highlights of this year's camp including the now traditional chaos game, a very long night walk, carpentry, the camp fire and final night talent show as well as the adventure day at Expeditie Robinson. The children all had a wonderful time and the teachers had a good time too!





