

# KSS Newsletter

## March 2017



*KSS at night time taken by Ayesha in ID1*



### Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our fourth term– we are now more than half way through the school year, it seems to be flying by so fast! We trust that you had a good Spring break, it was good to see everyone return safely from their winter sports holidays.

March sees the arrival of Spring and the start of the longer days. The crocuses and snowdrops are in bloom and it will soon be the time that The Netherlands is at its best with the flower fields in all their spectacular colours. A trip to Lisse and Keukenhof is always worthwhile if you are new to The Netherlands, or just appreciate the beauty of nature.

### KSS Photos

Our February newsletter featured a wonderful photo of the school taken by Ms Alice on her way into work. This month, Ayesha's photo taken from her house, overlooking the school, is our featured picture. We would like to showcase other photographic talents amongst our KSS community, so if you get a good shot of the school, please forward it to use. Please mail your photos to Mrs Wittenberg.

### School photographer

The school photographer has been booked for **Thursday 18th May**. Photos will be taken of individual children, siblings (including those at Three Little Ships) and class photos. We will of course, remind you nearer the time, but please note it in your agenda.

## Message from our Interim Executive Director:



### Hans van der Vlugt

Starting January 1st I am interim executive director of HSV and I am impressed by the way the teams perform and realise the best possible education for our pupils. Not only do I see a lot of enthusiasm and inspiration, but what struck me is the cooperative orientation and the attitude of being willing to learn from each other. The schools and departments burst with activities and the reactions of the teachers are warm and friendly when I visit the classrooms. The educational diversity within HSV is great and I feel privileged to be part of your organisation.

### Newspapers

We are short of newspaper in school. It is useful to have these for art projects. If you wish to send in your used newspapers we will place a box in the entrance hall for you to easily deposit them in.

Kind regards,  
Lorraine Wittenberg—Head of School—KSS Location

## COOL Portal

During the holidays we made the transition to a Google Cool Portal. This will give us lots of opportunities with how we use technology and share information. Of course these things are not without difficulties. We are working to update mailing lists in emails so please bear with us during this transition stage.

### Dates for this term

**Wednesday 29th March**— Study day— NO SCHOOL for ID R,1,2 and 3 pupils

**Tuesday 11th April**— Spring concert— parents in ID 3 to 6 classes invited to attend.

**Wednesday 12th April**— Spring breakfast

**Friday 14th April**— Good Friday— SCHOOL CLOSED

**Monday 17th April**— Easter Monday— SCHOOL CLOSED

**Monday 24th April**— **Friday 5th May**— May vacation— SCHOOL CLOSED. Please note that school closes at 15:00 on Friday 21st April.

**Monday 8th May**— School reopens.

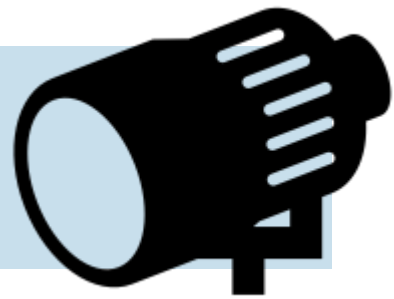


They also raised more than €300 for the International Red Cross— well done!

A big well done to ID 4 who organised fabulous discos in February. They were enjoyed by everyone who came along.



# SPOTLIGHT ON ID 2



ID2 have had a focus on stories by the same author through Power of Reading techniques. Mini Grey was the chosen author and they started by reading the book 'Traction Man is Here' which tied in with the 'Magic Toymaker' IPC topic. The children recognised some similar features in Mini Grey books. ID2 worked co-operatively to make different story-boxes and used drama techniques to explore characters. This prepared them for writing some exciting adventures in different settings. After that they made story maps to explain the journey of the characters. They even explored some scientific thinking about 'scrubbing brush' to investigate floating and sinking! Finally they created their own characters and headlines to use for an iMovie superhero trailer.

