



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming towards the end of the school year and a very busy time in school. There are Sports Days to look forward to, the Zomerfeest, the Big Day Out and the ID6 exhibition, to name but a few.

The annual Zomerfeest (Summer Fair) is a great event that children thoroughly enjoy. It takes place straight after school on Friday 23rd June until 17:00. Always well attended and organised by the Parents Association, it is always a huge success, due to the large number of parents who offer their time to help supervise the stalls. You may have seen the sign-up sheets in the entrance hall and/or been contacted by the class parent representative. Your support is greatly appreciated! We are also collecting secondhand books and educational toys that are in good condition to sell at the fair. You can leave these in the boxes at the front of school. Thanks in advance for your support.

We look forward to what promises to be an exciting few weeks.

Kind regards,

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

Welcome to our penultimate whole school newsletter. At the end of the year we will be saying goodbye to Frans de Jong, the Director of the Dutch Department. Under his leadership we have seen many developments at the HSV including the implementation of the Dutch Bilingual Department which has afforded even more opportunities for the Dutch and International Departments to work closely together. We look forward to seeing this continue under the leadership of Ingrid Schumacher, the new Director of the Dutch Department who will join us in August. Ingrid has visited the school on a number of occasions. We have also visited her in her current school. She plans to attend the NSL Zomerfeest on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>.

The last months of the school year are very busy with many events and trips planned for the children. We really appreciate the help that we receive from our parents' body so many thanks for working with us on events like the aforementioned Zomerfeest as well as the work with 2HSV.

Over the last weeks summer has made its presence felt. Please ensure that your children wear long-lasting sunscreen on the sunny days to protect them from the sun during the break times.

The ID children have had their testing period and we appreciate the effort you the parents have gone to ensure children were present at school during this time.

The 2HSV auction event was a great success. It was a wonderful evening and raised €12,500, which will be used to help us develop coding and technology in the coming school year. It was good to see some ID parents there. 2HSV would really like it if more international families got involved in future events; please see the section referencing this below.

### **The End of the School Day**

Please ensure you have vacated the school premises by 3:30pm and 1pm on Wednesdays. At the end of the day that gate will be locked (at NSL) and it is important that the playground is clear at this time. Once you have collected your child, he/she is under your care and responsibility.

### **Staffing News**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Kristen Krijthe-Wiens recently gave birth to a baby girl. Mrs Janine Ric-Hansen started her maternity leave in May.

Ms. Mary Ann is making a good recovery following surgery. During her absence the class is being covered by Janet Goedbloed. Jessie Hills, our handicraft

teacher at VNS and KSS, has begun to reintegrate after a period of sickness.

As always we will be saying goodbye to some staff at the end of the school year. Linnea Masson and family are returning to Sweden. Helen Jones will be retiring. Cyrille Vermaat is returning to New Zealand. Caroline Harris will be going to teach at the European School. We will also be saying goodbye to Jenny Richardson, who is currently making plans, and Bernadette Danagher, who is planning to return to the UK. Mr. Sytse van der Zwaan is going to be working full time at the Delft International School next year. Merit Verbeij, our music teacher at VNS, was on a secondment to study in Hungary during the last school year and returns in June. Gido Broer, who

covered her post, will stay with us for the remainder of the year but will be moving on next year. Claire Smith will be returning to the UK during the next school year so has resigned her position as a class teacher. She will work as a part time cover teacher at the beginning of the school year while we have staff on maternity cover. Sylvie van Duin will be returning to Wilemspark school in her role as concierge there.

We wish all of the staff that are leaving us all the very best. We are busy recruiting staff for the next school year and will inform you before the end of term.

## **Parent Survey**

You should have received a hard copy of the parental survey. Please note that you have several weeks to return the envelopes. Please ensure your child's class teacher has it back by Wednesday June 21. We really hope that you all take the time to complete this. It will be used as part of our next school strategic plan, which will be developed in the 2017-18 school year and will help guide policy over the coming years.

## **Zomerfeest**

The VNS and KSS Zomerfeests will be held on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Nassaulaan Zomerfeest will be on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>. As always we are looking for parent helpers. Please think about becoming involved with this event.

## **Sports Days**

Our annual sports days for the older children will once again be held at the HDM field. Details will follow in a separate letter. The dates are:

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Bovenbouw Sports Day ID4,  
ID5 and ID6 NA groepen 5 to 8

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June Onderbouw Sports Day ID2  
and ID3 NA groepen 3 and 4

## **News from the MR**

It is always busy in the last few weeks of the school year and there was a lot to discuss in the last MR meeting. Management presented the formation plan for the next school year. Lorraine Dean talked about the excellent report the ID received after the school inspector's visit at the beginning of this school year.

## **2HSV**

The auction organised by 2HSV was a wonderful evening and raised 12,500 euros for the school! The funds will enable the further development of Coding in school with the purchasing of more hardware and the introduction of specialised teaching.

As a school we were so pleased to see some parents from the International Department, however the majority of the parents who attended were from the Dutch Department. The whole evening, including the auction was conducted in English so accessible for parents. 2HSV would warmly welcome the attendance of parents of the International Department at such occasions and would welcome the involvement of parents as part of the organising group. We strongly encourage you to become involved. If are interested in becoming involved please make contact through the 2HSV website or discuss with your Head of School and we will help you connect.

The beautiful private club 'De Witte,' decorated with wonderful flowers, provided by OZPlanten, left a lasting impression on the 100 guests from NA and ID and definitely contributed to the success of the evening. The lottery too was a clear success and the main prize of a chrome book has already been delivered to the winner, a lucky pupil at the school.

The Auction itself, led by auctioneer Jan Willem Hoogsteder, an ex-pupil of the school, was an

extraordinary happening. In a witty and clever way he managed to entice the guests to keep on bidding against each other for the most varied auction items.

With the kids-art we raised almost 1500 euro opgebracht, a big compliment to the talents of our kids. Those who offered the highest bids online will be asked to come and collect their items, after payment, from 2HSV.

Our thanks also goes out to parents, businesses and others who offered items to be auctioned and who supported the goals of 2HSV. The 2HSV team would like to thank everyone who has contributed to

this fantastic result and we hope that it is the start of an exciting new tradition.

Photos taken by Esther Hemmer during the evening will be posted on the 2HSV website very soon.

Kind regards,

2HSV: Gitta, Petra, Steven, Paul, Geert Jan en Raymond

PS: If you would like 2HSV to carry on in such a successful way, please help us by joining the 2HSV team or become a sponsor.

## School Closures and Holidays

**SCHOOL CLOSED – SUMMER HOLIDAY** Monday 10th July – Friday 18th August

## Dates for Next School Year

- School begins for children in ID1-ID6, NA1-NA8 **Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2017**.
- IDR children will receive home visits the week beginning **Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>** and start school on **Monday August 28<sup>th</sup>**.
- On **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August** at 18:30 there will be an Information Evening for Parents with your child's new class teacher. You will also get the chance to meet the support and specialist teachers.
- On **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September** we would like to end the week with a repeat of the International Fair that we held last year. We will ask everyone to bring along typical food from their country to share. Further details will follow. It will be a lovely way to end the week.
- On **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** Prinsjesdag/ Prince's Day holiday will be celebrated
- On **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** is Walk to School Day (Schoolbrengdag) (Please make arrangements to walk all or part of the way to school on this day). The children will receive badges the day before as a reminder to participate in the event.
- From **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, ID6 and NA7 children will be on school camp.
- From **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, it's EU coding weeks.
- During the week starting on **Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>**, Kinderboeken Week - Children's Book week - will focus on the theme of Griezelen (spooky stories).

# Spotlight on ... ID6!

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is almost time to say goodbye to our ID6 students, some of whom have been with us at VNS since their time in Reception. As they enjoy their last few weeks in school preparing for their exhibition, we take a look at some of the highlights from their final year at HSV.

ID6 enjoyed participating in our three night Camp in Gorssel very much. This was a great opportunity to work in collaboration with all ID6 HSV classes and with the NA7 group. Our favourite parts were the campfire and the night walk! Lots of great experiences and lifelong memories!



ID6 visited Madurodam, the Binnenhof and the Tweete Kamer. Our guide, Jerzy, took us all on an exciting journey describing the political system of our host country the Netherlands. We were very lucky to talk with the Speaker of the House, Khadija Arib, and even our Prime Minister Mark Rutte!





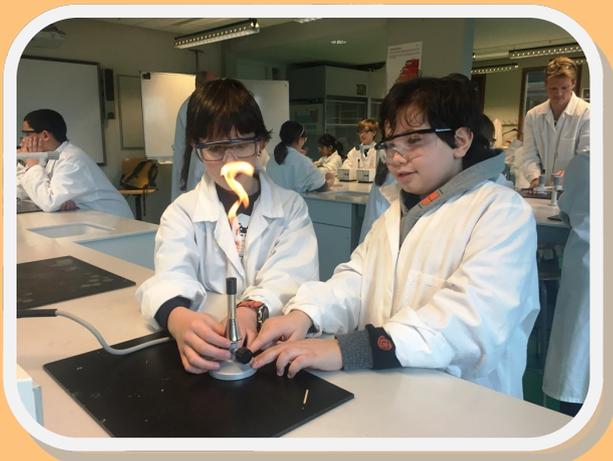
ID6 also visited the National Archives to explore the history of our city The Hague. This was a unique opportunity to learn and view original documents not normally accessed by the public.



ID6 enjoyed celebrating King's Day with our whole school. We played lots of Dutch games with our teachers and celebrated the heritage and culture of the Netherlands with passion and enthusiasm!

As we prepare for our Exhibition we have been working in partnership with the National Youth Theatre in The Hague. We have been exploring the Shakespearean text of Romeo and Juliet in our active and exciting drama and performance workshops.





As we prepare to begin the next part of our new learning journey after the summer holidays, we have visited three different secondary schools. It was interesting to hear about school life and the different experiences we can look forward to at our new schools.

