



### **Message from Lorraine Janet Dean Director HSV International**

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#### **Department:**

Welcome to our May newsletter and the first week back for the last part of the school year. We hope that you had a wonderful May Holiday and now we can all look forward to some warm summer weather. Since our last newsletter we had our school sponsorloop which happened during the last week of term. In our next letter we will let you know the grand total of the money raised.

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## Staffing News

Since our last newsletter, Paul Fraser at VNS has become the father to a baby boy. Ms Laura at VNS has given birth to a baby girl. We offer both families our congratulations. Ms. Kristen's maternity leave began just before the May holiday and Ms Janine goes on maternity leave next week.

## Testing

From May 22nd for two weeks the children will take their annual standardised tests. Your class teacher will inform of you the specific schedule for their class. It is always important that children get sufficient sleep but please ensure that the children come to school well rested and fed so that they perform their best on the tests. These happen every year and the results are reported in the summer report.

## Inspection Report

At the beginning of the school year we had a two day school inspection across all three locations. We received the inspection report in April and it has now been translated into English. To read the official Dutch report, click [here](#). For the translated version, click [here](#).

## New HSV ID Website

We are excited to announce that the international department will launch its new website in the coming days. We hope that you enjoy the new look and find it easier to navigate. For the moment, you will be able to access the website via the old website: [www.hsvdenhaag.nl](http://www.hsvdenhaag.nl), but as soon as the other schools have updated their own websites, our web address will be [www.hsvid.nl](http://www.hsvid.nl). We will let you know when this change takes place.

## 2HSV online auction

There is still time to participate in the 2HSV online auction. This is to raise money for programming and coding at HSV. Visit the website [www.2hsv.nl](http://www.2hsv.nl) and click auction to register and start bidding. There are many great events and activities to bid on. There are still some places available for the auction dinner on **19th May**. Register quick as space is limited. The dinner takes place in a beautiful location (Societeit de Witte) and there will be more auction items to bid on.

## Royal Ten

Many HSV children are entering the Royal 10 run on Sunday 28th May 2017. Good luck to everyone in our school community who is taking part.

## Sports Days and Games 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

Games Days for the children in the ID R and 1 classes will be held at school on Thursday 1st June.

## Summer Party

The VNS Zomerfeest (Summer Party) will be held on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Parents Association Committee are already involved in the organisation of this event. They will be seeking your support in the coming weeks to help with the running of class stalls. We can only run this event if everyone helps out.

## Dates for this school year

**Ascension Weekend**—school closed on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th May

**Pentecost**—school closed on Monday 5th June

**School year ends on Friday 7th July at 12:30**



# Spotlight on ... ID1!

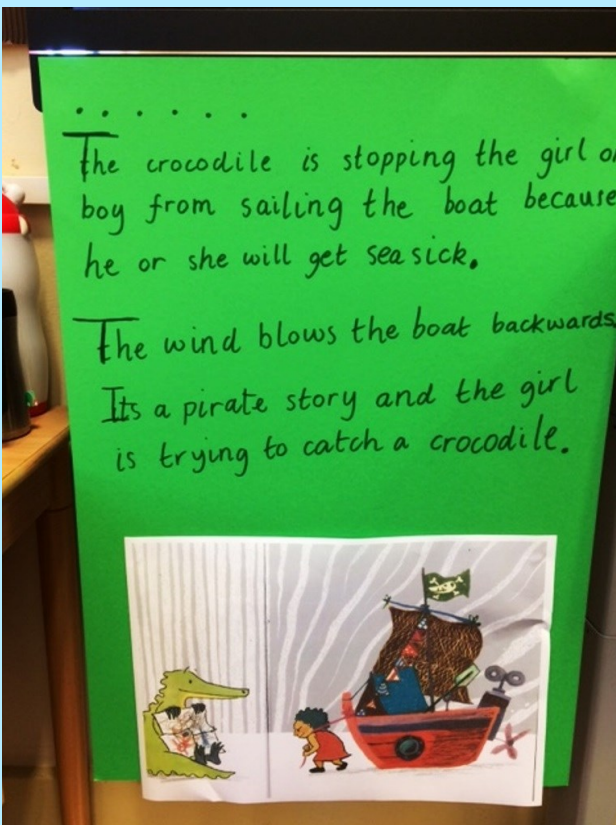
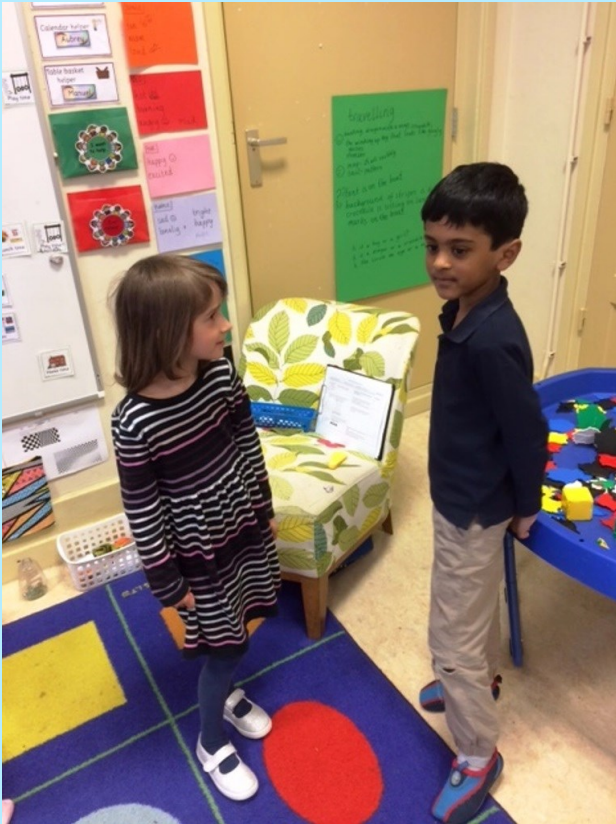
ID1 are going on holiday! We kicked off this term's IPC unit *Holidays* by going on a pretend beach holiday. We set up camp with beach tents, played with sand toys, served sand ice creams and finished off with having snack and an ice lolly. We had so much fun that even Hans van der Vlucht, HSV Executive Director, came by to join us. The children are very excited about this new topic and we are all looking forward to learning about holidays in different countries and holidays of the past.



We are delighted that our new mud kitchen has arrived! Have you noticed it in the playground? It is an outdoor play kitchen with real pots and pans, where the children play and learn, using nature as their stimulus.



We have been studying the book called *How to Find Gold* by Viviane Schwarz. The aims have been to talk confidently about a picture book and respond to it in a range of ways.



So far we have responded to an illustration and drawn inferences about the two characters. The children's responses have been recorded and they were role playing as Anna and the crocodile.

