

KSS Newsletter

May 2017



We had lots of fun celebrating King's Day with Ms Vivienne



Dear Parents

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.

Lorraine Janet Dean

Director of the International Department

Frans de Jong

Director of the Dutch Department

School photographer

A final reminder that the photographer will be visiting on **Thursday 18th May**. Photos will be taken of individual children, siblings (including those at Three Little Ships) and class photos. We look forward to some great shots this year!

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 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.

HSV News

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, but as soon as the other schools have updated their own websites, our web address will be www.hsvid.nl. We will let you know when this change takes place.

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.

Summer Party

The KSS Zomerfeest (Summer Party) will be held on Friday June 23rd. As always we are looking for parent helpers. Please think about becoming involved with this event.

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 14th June Bovenbouw Sports Day ID4, ID5 and ID6 NA groepen 5 to 8
- Wednesday 21st 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.



Ms Vivienne organised some fun old time games for the children to play to celebrate King's Day. Well done to all those children who entered into the spirit and came to school dressed in orange!



ID 5 also held a charity fundraiser for the King's Day celebrations. Their market, which showed the children's great entrepreneurial skills, raised €93,25 for the International Red Cross. Well done!

From the KSS Location

Piano lessons

Every year we are approached by the teacher at the Conservatorium to see if there are any children looking to learn to play the piano. Details are as follows:

Content of the lessons: Basic musical skills (singing, rhythm games, ear training, improvisation) and basic piano skills.

Type of lesson: Group of 3 or 4 pupils, 45 minutes per week

Start: The 2nd half of September 2017

Finish: April 2018, there will be a public pupils' performance

Time of lesson: Thursday afternoon

Location: Koninklijk Conservatorium, Juliana van Stolberglaan 1, Den Haag.

Age of pupils: between 7 and 12 years-old.

Requirements: pupils should have an **acoustical piano** or a **digital piano** (with 88 keys and a pedal, not a keyboard!) at home. Also we are looking for pupils with **no prior experience in playing piano**.

Cost: € 150

Application: Interested parents can send an e-mail: bastiaanvanderwaals@ziggo.nl. Applications will be treated in order of arrival.

Dates for this term

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

Football Competition in Sophiepark

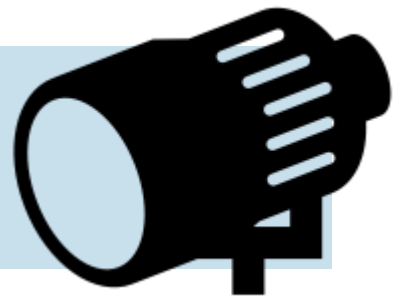
The local neighbourhood football competition will be held in the park on Saturday 24th June from 12:30 until 18:00. This year there will be 4 age groups. Teams can be made up of 5 children and each team this year will need to provide a referee for the matches. This is always a fun event, however last year it was disappointing to hear that a small minority of our children and parents were not very sporting in their behaviour. We hope that everyone will participate and support in a positive manner this year. This event is organised by volunteers and they would very much appreciate help from our parents on the day, so please do try to get involved. Helpers can send an email to bk@sophiepark.nl. Registration will soon be open via the website: www.sophiepark.nl.



On behalf of the KSS Location

Lorraine Wittenberg

SPOTLIGHT ON ID 4



As part of our summer topic's entry point, Health and Fitness, ID 4 were informed that they would be participating in a top secret class trip at a secret location. Just before we were about to embark on the secret trip, ID 4 were informed that in fact it was going to be a vigorous boot camp designed to test their physical limits. Following a sunny and short walk to the Haagse Bos, we met our bootcamp leader, Claudia. We participated in fun yet physical activities such as: tug of war, boxercise, in the dark tag as well as parachute races. ID 4 learnt a lot of important skills such as team work, resilience, commitment and trusting one another. Following our entry point we will now focus on how to keep our mind and body healthy, monitor what we eat and record daily, look at the human skeleton amongst many other activities. We all cannot wait!

