



KSS Newsletter

February 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our February newsletter which provides you with news about what is happening at the HSV and your school location. This week we have taken part in the Voorleesdagen which promote the importance of reading aloud with children. We bought many of the top Illustrated books in both Dutch and English.

Mr. Hans van der Vlucht our Interim Executive Director joined the HSV at the start of term.

Kind regards,

Lorraine Janet Dean

Director of the International Department

Frans de Jong

Director of the Nederlands Afdeling

Message from the Charity Committee

This year we collected 231 shoeboxes in all and €1068 towards postage costs. This is a wonderful amount and we thank you in your ongoing support for this very worthy cause.

From the MR

On Monday 30th January the MR welcomed Cyrille Vermaat as the new teacher representative for the VNS location. As there are now a number of new members in the MR, a special MR course for new and existing members will be arranged for the near future.

Specialist Teacher Visit Week

During the week of 6th February, you will have the chance to visit Gym, Music, Handicraft and Dutch specialist lessons. We hope to see as many of you visiting as possible and trust that you enjoy seeing your children developing their physical and creative education with our specialist team.

Feel at Home in The Hague Fair

Please come visit our stand at the ex-pat fair feel at Home in The Hague. The event takes place on Sunday 5th February and the good news is that admission to the fair is free! You can register for free tickets for you and your family (this is advised to avoid queues): <http://feelathomeinthehague.com/>

During the fair, there will also be informative discussion panels taking place inside the 'Raadzaal' room. This year, our very own international department director, Lorraine Dean, will be joining the panel from 12:15 until 13:10 on the Panel of International Schools. The below education programme lists all of the events taking place throughout the day in the 'Raadzaal' room:

11:30-12:00 Zein International Childcare	Growing up in different cultures: supporting international pre-schoolers
12:15-13:10 Panel of International Schools	School representatives discuss topics related to children's (4-18) education
13:30-14:00 Sports department of The Hague	Extra-curricular options for international children
14:10-14:40 City Council AND Cultuurschakel	Overview of Dutch higher education Choices
14:50-15:50 Panel of Institutions of higher education	Meet institutions of higher education in The Hague
16:00-16:30 Current foreign students share their experiences	What's it like to study and live in The Hague?

Simon Murray Workshop

English author and illustrator of children's books, Simon Murray, will visit each location during the week of 6th February. He will lead workshops at NSL on Tuesday 7th, KSS on Wednesday 8th and VNS on Thursday 9th.

Simon will begin the day with an initial presentation which involves storytelling and live-drawing. Then during the workshops, the children will be creating their own illustration of the Icky Doo Dah character (a character from one of Simon's books) engaged in several of their favourite activities at once. The children will also be illustrating an imaginative frame in which their character will be placed.



From the KSS Location

Visiting Music Teachers

As well as the author visit next Wednesday, we will also welcome 30 music teachers from around Europe to the school. They are attending a seminar at the Royal Conservatory and Mr Tim has been asked to showcase some of the music lessons. We hope that the visitors enjoy their visit to our school.

Disco

The children are very excited about the Disco, which is being organised by the children in ID 4 and will take place on Friday 10th February. If your child wants to come along to this fun event, please send in €4 for a ticket next week.



Reading Aloud Days

We had an enjoyable week celebrating the Reading Aloud days (Voorleesdagen). Our annual Reading Aloud competition for children in ID 3 to 6 was well supported again and we had four excellent finalists: Mia, Lilia, Maria-Clara and Lauend. It was a close fought final and the jury (Ms Marjon and Ms Jessica) decided to award Lauend the winning prize. His dramatic reading of *The Journey*, a book about a family of refugees moving to a new land, was not only very topical but movingly read. Well done to all the finalists and congratulations to this year's winner, Lauend! Congratulations also to Pooja, Yazmin and Irmina who were the winners in the Host Country Language competition with Ms Vivienne.

Kind regards,

Lorraine Wittenberg—Head of School—KSS Location

ID6 visits
Meermannoo
Museum



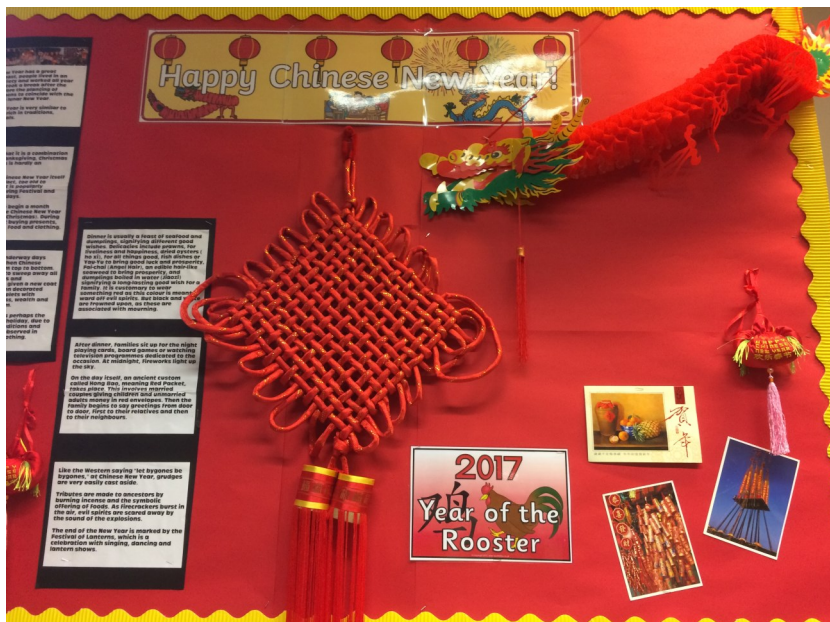
Upcoming Dates this Half Term

Week of 6 th February	Specialist teacher visit week
Friday 24 th February	February Short Reports home to parents and early closure (12.30)
Monday 27 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 6 th March	New term starts
Sunday 12 th March	CPC Run

Provisional 2017-18 Holiday Dates

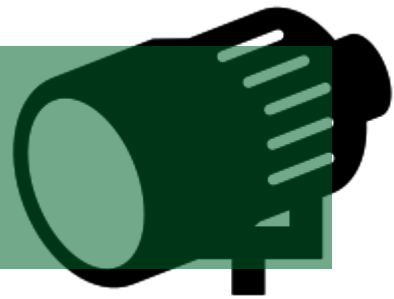
Please note that these are still to be approved by the GMR

Prinsjesdag	Tuesday 19 th Sept. 2017
October Holiday	Monday 16 th Oct. - Friday 20 th Oct. 2017
Christmas Holiday	Monday 25 th Dec. 2017 - Friday 5 th Jan. 2018
Spring Holiday	Monday 26 th Feb. - Friday 2 nd March 2018
Easter - Good Friday	Friday 30 th March 2018
Easter Monday	Monday 2 nd April 2018
King's Day	Friday 27 th April 2018
May Holiday	Monday 30 th April - Friday 11 th May 2018
Pentecost	Monday 21 st May 2018
Summer Holiday	Monday 16 th July - Friday 24 th August 2018



Lauend—Reading Aloud winner

SPOTLIGHT ON IDR



The IDR children started their new IPC topic 'Shopping' in January with a shopping trip to the Theresiastraat. They learned how to do their own shopping with a shopping list and made a fruit salad with the fruit that was bought. In the IDR classroom the children practise being shopkeepers in our role-play area. They have also been sorting and counting different coins and they did a wonderful job writing their own shopping lists. It won't be too long before they will open up their own IDR shop. The IDR parents will be able to buy some lovely hand-made items on Wednesday the 22nd of February. Some of these were made together with their ID6 buddies.

