



Newsletter 28 september 2018

Sponsor walk Refugee Foundation on 6 July 2018

All legs help: thank you!

Dear students, parents and teachers,

On Friday 6 July you participated in the Night of the Refugee sponsor walk with 200 meter laps to draw attention to and raise money for people fleeing war and conflict, violence and oppression. Together you raised no less than € 4.300,-. Great! An amount with which you can help refugees worldwide and give that little bit of hope for a better future! In countries like Lebanon, South Sudan and Afghanistan war and conflict mean that many children can no longer go to school. Did you know that for the amount you have collected, we can set up four emergency schools to teach children in a safe environment? And we will certainly do so with your wonderful contributions: reopening schools and classrooms and making sure that a teacher or teachers can get back to work with sufficient teaching materials!

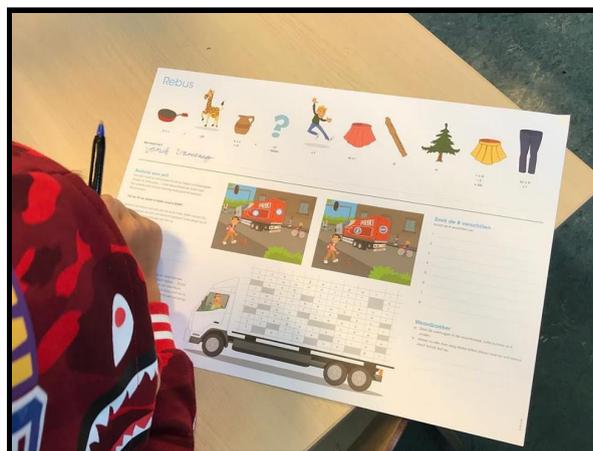
I would like to thank everyone from the School of Understanding Amstelveen. It is right that the word 'compassion' is the guideline in your work. And should you have nothing to do during the weekend of 15 and 16 June 2019: the tenth edition of the Night of the Refugee will be in Amsterdam again, with hiking routes of 10, 20, and 40 kilometres. Thank you!

Robert Verduyn

Team Night of the Refugee

Autumn Village

Thanks to a super parent, the oldest children in the Autumn Village received a blind spot lesson on Monday 29 September from Safe Traffic Netherlands. Besides a theoretical lesson with explanations, videos and worksheets, they were also allowed to experience exactly what the blind spot in a truck is like and what a driver actually sees (or does not see). It was a very informative morning!



In the coming period, we will be working hard again on the Math Square with tables and everything related to them; numerical calculations, tail divisions, automation, etc. The Language Square will be dedicated to repeating the previous spelling categories offered, a number of which are: the 's words, -teit/heid, -tie, -ge, ei/ij and compositions. In the field of language we will work again on different punctuation marks we all know in the Dutch language, because how does that go again? For some children there will be new punctuation marks, but for many it will also be repetition. And that's a good thing! Because it is also quite difficult to think of all punctuation when writing a story, for example.

Through this newsletter we also want to make an extra call around the workshops that start next Wednesday. It would be very nice great if there are still parents who can give a workshop or accompany a workshop. Everyone should have also received an email from our village parents. The workshops are always a great success, but unfortunately it really can't be done without you as parents! So.....

Can you give us a workshop for 4 weeks Wednesday afternoon (from 13:00h to 14:00h) and/or Friday afternoon (from 13:00h to 14:00h)? Then be sure to sign up!

Do you have time, but you have no idea → sign up for the inspiration session!

Do you have time, do you have an idea, but no idea how to plan this → sign up for "how do I plan my workshop?"

Can you support another parent/teacher in a workshop? Even if it is only for a few hours → sign up!

Would you like to give a workshop but not without a teacher or other parent? Sign up, we can pair you up!

Workshops are for the following dates:

- Week 1: 3 Oct and 5 Oct
- Week 2: 12 Oct
- Week 3: 7 Nov and 9 Nov
- Week 4: 14 Nov and 16 Nov

To sign up, send an email to: herfstdorp@schoolofunderstanding.nl and/or m.wolfs@schoolofunderstanding.nl



We would like to introduce everyone to Marlissa!



currently in my final year.

Dear parents/guardians of the Autumn Village children,

I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Marlissa Kraai. This year you and your children will meet me regularly in the Autumn Village. In the first half year (until February) I will be present every Tuesday. I am doing an internship for my minor: appropriate education. Within this minor I will be taught about various aspects of appropriate education and what appropriate education means for now and the future. I follow this minor from an ecological pedagogy course. I am

I am very much looking forward to getting acquainted with the methods and developments of the School of Understanding this year! If you have any questions, you can always ask me.

Summer Village

The Summer Village has made a wonderful start. Parents have brought plants and made the classrooms even greener. Each development group has given itself a name: the Jungle Kids, the Fox Kids, the Growie Kids and the Super Sharks show off their own logos on their classroom doors.

And what else? IPC has started investigating the theme: How do we learn? This is investigated while playing, philosophizing, talking and working together. The topics include research and evidence about the brain and learning, the different ways in which you can learn and how the children can improve their learning and their attitude towards learning.

Village Square

Workshops

Last week all parents should have received information about the workshops. This week is the last week of registration. There are still some places left!

Study Days and Autumn vacation

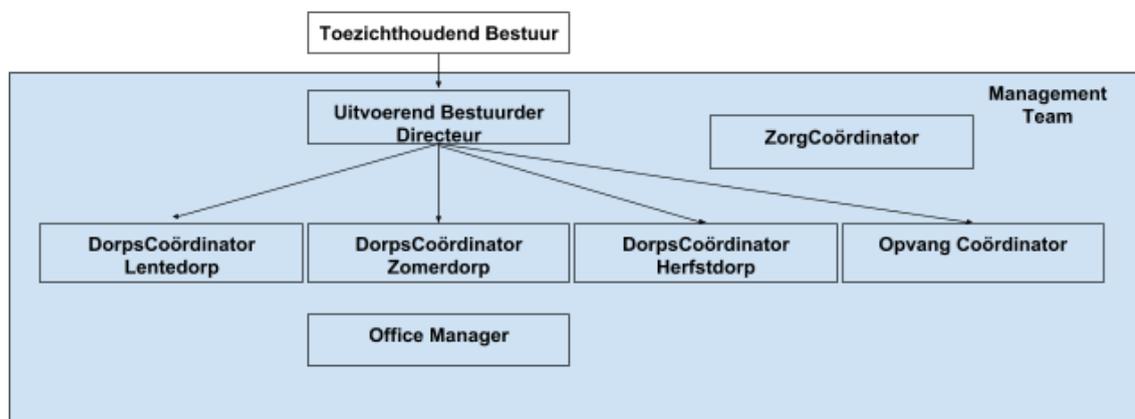
Just a friendly reminder that the daycare will also be closed on Monday October 1st.

We will be open all day for the 2nd study day on October 2nd **only for the children who have been confirmed through Flexkids**. If you haven't yet done so, please check with the PM-ers if there is still room for this day.

We ask you to please register your children via Flexkids for the autumn holiday so that we can make a program. **During the holiday we only take care of children who have been confirmed via Flexkids**. Children who go to school in the first and last week of the autumn holidays are automatically taken care of after school hours on contract days.

An Announcement from the MT

We have received a number of questions about the structure and form of our organization, so here is a brief organizational model. [Here](#) you can find a list with the email addresses of all employees.



Supervisory Board:

Ruud van Velthoven
Spier ten Doesschate
Elwine Walraven
Gerard van den Hoven

Executive Board/Director:

Tijl Koenderink

Care Coordinator:

Jet Eiling

Spring Village Coordinator:

Christa Brandsen

Summer Village Coordinator:

Milou Segers

Autumn Village Coordinator:

Jet Eiling

After School Care & preschool coördinator:

Judith Mager

Office Manager & Administration:

Reggie Conté & Barbara Roozen

You can read more about our organizational structure under the chapter "Organisation" in the new school guide that you can download [here](#).

SOUL Support Update

With success:

1. What a party, all those plants! Besides the fact that it is very cozy it is also very good for the air quality. More plants and especially pots are welcome!
2. Lately, a lot of teaching material have been copied by parents. Each morning, parents have been busy, thank you!
3. The first lice checking session is over! It's part of the job, so the more parents help, the faster the job is done.

What's new:

Parent drink on 4 October at 19.30 - 22.00 at Pandora to have a nice start to the year and to welcome new parents. To keep the organisation and costs to a minimum we would like to ask all parents to bring a nice (healthy) snack and drink.

Who can help us:

1. A piano tuner to tune the new piano?
2. Parents who would like to give a workshop, think of crafting, cooking, photography, music, singing, philosophy, games, English, chess, dancing, creative writing, drama or anything else fun.
3. We are still looking for parents who want to translate this newsletter into English every 2 to 3 months.

Looking for:

1. More plants and pots
2. Kapla, domino & knex for the shelter
3. 4 x music stands to be used for the music lessons.
4. The Total (petrol station) has started again with the book action. In view of the children's books week that starts next week, we would like to collect as many books as possible for the school. One full tank already yields one book title.

The SOUL Support group is an initiative of parents of the School of Understanding to support the school on an organisational level. Every two weeks we provide an update of the developments via the newsletter and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SOULSupportAmstelveen/>).

Suggestions or help? Mail us at soul.support@schoolofunderstanding.nl.

Agenda

Agenda September/October

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| 26 September: | Child Postage Stamps |
| 1 October: | Study Day SoU: school and after school care closed |
| 2 October: | Study Day SoU: school closed, SoU after school care open |
| 3 October: | Start Child Book Week |
| 4 October: | Soul Support Group Parents Drink, 19.30 - 22.00 at Pandora |
| 10 October: | Autumn Village to Corpus in Leiden |