



Newsletter 5 November 2018

In-house announcements

New building project Klaasje Zevensterstraat

As you may know, the new building project on the Klaasje Zevensterstraat (Camera Obscuralaan, Oranjebaan) has started. We at school have recently been informed by the project developer what this means for us.

The most noise pollution will be during the driving of construction poles into the ground (from the end of November). This must be ready before Christmas. After that the noise nuisance should be minimal. The whole project is estimated to take 2.5 to 3 years.

There will be a driveway to the construction site (at Camera Obscuralaan, from Oranjebaan) and a possibility for freight traffic to turn around there, hoping to minimize the traffic nuisance.

There is a possibility that employees will park in the parking lot of the schools. Here we all three, Panta Rei and Omnibus were also present, did not agree. If we find that it does happen, we can contact the project developer who will call the subcontractors to account. We can also contact them with other complaints. If you notice that employees of the project are parking in the school car park, please contact Barbara Roozen, officemanagement@schoolofunderstanding.nl.

Lost & Found

The black bin with lost & found objects (in the corridor) is quite full. Please ensure there are no items of your child in it. Regularly we put the bin outside to bring everything to the attention of parents and children.

Summer village, Spring village and Autumn village news



Because of the holidays and the flex weeks we bring this time the news together.

It was Kinderboekenweek from 3rd to 18th October! This year the theme was Friendship. After a theatrical opening the subject was discussed and concluded with a book market.

October 12th the children from the summer village went to the performance of De Reuzenperzik, performed from the story of Roald Dahl. An exciting, musical and fun performance.

After the performance, the Summer Village visited the Autumn Village. And then it was the autumn holiday, in other words: the flex week with their own work with

which the children could work independently, lots of sun during the break and then afternoons of crafts in which children could work with their creative ideas.

We worked so hard during the holidays! The children get better insight into their own actions and know better what work they can do. It is nice to be in the same group for a week to pay a lot of attention to independence, commitment and sustained attention. Nice to expand these skills after the holiday even further in our Summer Village.

Monday 5 November and Monday 12 November we have an excursion planned, a cool dance workshop. All children will go to this excursion, we will be divided into two groups. It may be that your child only has the dance workshop on November 12th. We are still urgently looking for parents who can drive in the morning (8:30-11:00). It would be great if you can help! For more information and registration please contact Vera.

Workshops

After the autumn holiday (week 45) the first workshops start! Thanks to many enthusiastic reactions and a number of very enthusiastic parents, children get a versatile and varied offer after the holiday. In the upcoming newsletters we will regularly post updates about our fantastic workshops! Also Walter (father of Mika and Emily) comes every Wednesday to help us with reading, very nice! If you have any time left, you are of course very welcome to come and work with the children. Send an email to our village parent Vera: zomerdorp@schoolofunderstanding.nl

Friday November 9th a new yoga & mindfulness workshop starts at school. And because we find it important to work together with parents, this is a workshop for children and parents together! We do exercises with mindfulness under the guidance of Stephanie Schriek and yoga with Nienke Denekamp. Each lesson consists of a part separate from your child, but we come together each lesson for parent and child. It is a series of 5 lessons in which we are a moment of rest in the busy and stressful time during and before the holidays.

We still have a few places available so if you want to register (or have questions) please email n.denekamp@schoolofunderstanding.nl

Announcements from the MT

Participation evening

On Tuesday 13 November at 19:30h we have a SoU-wide participation evening at the Pandora. All villages (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Village Square) will discuss a number of themes together. This time the theme will be our vision and the translation into practice. Based on our fourteen principles, we will make the vision as concrete as possible by giving examples from each village. For example, learning at your own pace: what does that look like in each village? And what does your child do one day? How do we keep an eye on developments? How do we ensure that your child gets what it needs? We will also look back together on the fantastic results of the Education Inspection. Although we have not yet received the official report, we are very happy to share the first findings with you. All Village Coordinators will be present on this evening and there is plenty of room to ask questions. We would like to see you on Tuesday evening 13 November from 19:30-21:00 at Pandora.

Psycho-education

Wednesday 14 November is the next psycho-education again: mindfulness. This time you will not only listen, but you may also participate in certain tasks and exercises. By experiencing it yourself, you will get even better insight into what the children learn at school. We would like to see you again on Wednesday 14 November at the Pandora on the yoga square at 8:30 am for the Dutch version and 9:30 am for the English version

National school breakfast

We also participate in this fantastic initiative. On Wednesday November 7th we will have the school breakfast. Just like last year please send a plate, cup and cutlery (with name and in a plastic bag) so we can have breakfast together. More information can be found at: <https://www.schoolontbijt.nl/home>

We are still looking for parents who like to decorate the classrooms on Tuesday November 6th and to prepare some things. If you have half an hour after school, walk inside and ask for Milou (Pandora) or Jet (Landtong).

Candidates

As you know, we are always looking for the best people for our school. In order to set up the application process in an innovative way, we have chosen for a special "application speeddate round". Applicants are first explained about the vision and concept and are then given the opportunity to prove themselves in the speed date. Based on this, the Village Coordinators make a choice to see who can take the next step in the application process. Good news: we already have 10 applicants! The more the better, so if you know someone who suits our school, please forward this link:

<http://novilo.info/sou-vacature-optin-1>

SOUL Support update

Festive committee Sinterklaas

If there are people who would like to help decorate the school on Friday 16 November from 19:00 hours onwards, they can register on the registration list at the main entrance. We'll make it a great evening together.

We also want to organise another workshop afternoon for the Spring and Summer Village and this will be on Friday 30 November. Last year you had such nice creative ideas that we want to do it like this again this year.

See you then! The party committee.

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 give the following via the newsletter and our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SOULSupportAmstelveen/) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SOULSupportAmstelveen/>) an update of all developments.

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

Calendar October/November

Week 45, 5 november:	start workshops
5 November en 12 november:	excursion dansworkshop, for all children
6 November:	furnishing classrooms, preparing things for the school breakfast
7 November:	school breakfast
9 November:	start after-school Mad Science course, 6 weeks every Friday. Only for children who are registered.
9 November:	start yoga & mindfulness workshop
13 November at 19:30:	SoU-wide participation evening on Pandora
14 November:	psycho-education mindfulness, Pandora on the yogaplein at 8:30 am for the Dutch version and 9:30 am for the English version.
16 November:	decorating school for Sinterklaas
30 November:	workshop afternoon Spring and Summer Village