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Newsletter week 48 2018

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(Try it out with the Dutch newsletter I've send you yesterday.)

Dear reader,

We attach great importance to foreign parents who do not speak the Dutch language receiving a newsletter in English. Translating the newsletter does take a lot of time and therefore we send the English version two days after the Dutch one. Sometimes its too late! Sometimes there are things on the agenda that have already passed. As a test I have built in the option to translate the newsletter into English with just one click! The quality of the translation leaves much to be desired, but all in all it is not very bad. If this doesn't work satisfactorily, I will ask all parents if they want to receive the newsletter in Dutch or English, so you don't receive it twice. For the time being it will be translated for you by our translation parents.

Feedback is welcome!

Greetings,
Barbara (office manager)

Ps. Spring Village news this week concerns the whole school, so it's not in a seperate section.

Village Square

In the past period, Nathalie and Naomi have said goodbye. Since November there are three new people working in the village square. Here is an overview of who works when. Soon you will receive a letter from us about who is your child's new mentor.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spring Village	Nick	Door	Ayan	Door	Nick
Summer Village	Nick Ayan	Ayan Emmelie	Niek	Ayan Emmelie	Nick
Autumn Village	-	Niek	-	Niek	-

The Christmas holidays are coming up. The village square closes 24 December at 17.30 hours and is open again on 2 January. If your child needs to make use of the care during the holiday, you must confirm your holiday days via flexkids. During the holidays we only take care of children who have registered this way. If you do not wish to make use of childcare, please deregister your child through the flexkids, so we have a good overview of who will and will not come during the holiday.

Preschool

In recent weeks the preschool has been running with substitute staff. From now on there are again three fixed faces in the group. Suzanne is new to the team. She is present on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Lisette is back from maternity leave. She is present on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. And the coming weeks also on Friday. Sam is present on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The children at the Preschool regularly need clean clothes. For example, because they pee in their trousers or because a cup of water falls over. That is why we would like to ask you to always give the children a bag with one or two sets of clothes.

We do have spare clothing on the group. If your child is wearing something from us, we would like to ask you to return the clothes.

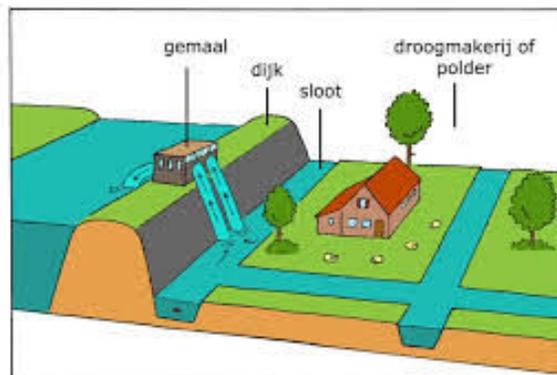
We can also use old clothing (size 98 and larger) as spare clothing. Do you have something in your closet that you no longer use?

We play together in the leaves. We now know that you can all sit in leaves and play in it. It is great fun to throw up the leaves.

We enjoyed making the escape room and the children enthusiastically started working on it. So definitely worth repeating!

IPC

The next 3 weeks, the children at IPC will start working with Nederland Waterland. This is mainly about the way in which the Netherlands deals with the threat of water from the sea. Of course, this will also include the flood disaster offer. The children will learn about the various measures that have been and are being taken in our country to make building possible and secure even in areas that are threatened by the sea. They were very surprised to discover that some of them live more than 4 meters below sea level. They are investigating how land has been created in areas where there used to be only water. For example, they are working in groups to make a model of a polder.



Call to organize workshops!

Through this newsletter we also want to make an extra call around the workshops. In December the Wednesday and Friday afternoon will be filled in differently, for example by Sinterklaas and Christmas activities and IPC. But in January we want to start again with a new workshop round. But to make this possible we need your help! We would like to be able to offer as varied a range as possible in smaller (max. 10 children) groups. Think of dance, cooking, programming, technique, science, nature, crafts, sports, etc. Do you have an interest, hobby or talent that you would like to share with the children in the form of a workshop?

The workshops are always a great success, but unfortunately it really can't be without you parents! Sooo.....

1. 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) week? Then be sure to sign up!
2. If in doubt, you are available time but no idea what to organize: no problem, please contact us to discuss!
3. Can you support another parent/teacher in a workshop? Even if only for a few hours → sign up!
4. Would you like to give a workshop but not without a teacher or other parent? → Sign up, we can make sets.

Here are the dates:

Week 1: 16 January and 18 January

Week 2: 23 January and 25 January

Week 3: 1 February

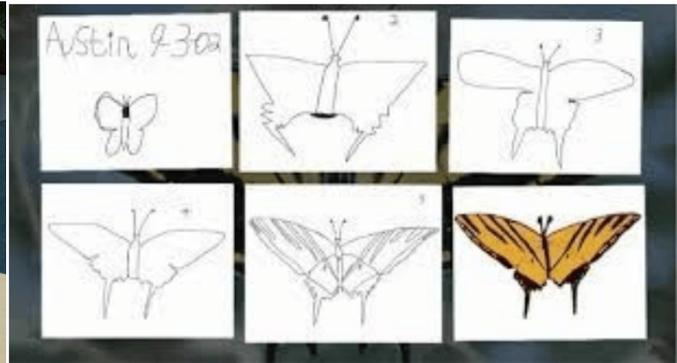
Week 4: 6 February and 8 February

Register by sending an email to: herfstdorp@schoolofunderstanding.nl and/or m.wolfs@schoolofunderstanding.nl

Summer Village

Workshops

Every Freaky Friday there are workshops. Five Fridays the children follow a workshop in a fixed group. The parents accompany the children and come to the fantastic results. Some examples are first aid, puppet theatre and cosmetics: edible make-up. That tastes nice! There are also groups that follow drawing workshops, where giving feedback to each other ensures the development of drawing skills. Google for an example: [Austin's butterfly](#).



Austin's Butterfly

IPC

The theme of chocolate is still being studied at IPC. The children are now mapping the answer to the question: Where does chocolate come from? They continue to talk about the question of whether cocoa trees can grow in school gardens.

And after that? Then they dive into history. To discover what the words 'Xocolatl' and 'Chocolatl' mean and whether chocolate milk used to have the same taste as now. And after that? After that they will investigate what chocolate there is now and how it actually tastes. To be continued.

Sint

Sinterklaas (the sint) is back in the country and that can be seen throughout the school! Friday November 16th a lot of parents decorated the school and made it very nice for us. We are very happy, so thanks to everyone who helped! With the help of our parents we also baked pepernoten on Thursday 22 November. That was certainly a success, they turned out very tasty!

Wednesday 28 November we will put our shoes out with all the children. So we request all children to bring an extra shoe this day.

Wednesday December 5th the Sint will come to our school. This year he will arrive a bit later, around 9:30 am. Therefore we request everyone not to wait until the Sint is there. We take care of the children and will look forward to the arrival together with them. Sint and Piet will only come to Pandora, on the Landtong the children do surprises. In order to recover from the Sintfeest the children can sleep late on Thursday 6 December. This day starts, as indicated earlier in the calendar, at 9.30 am. As usual, the Landtong starts fifteen minutes earlier. There the children are welcome at 9.15 am.

Call Sinterklaas and Christmas Committee

In order to get the school back into the Christmas spirit, a lot of parent help is needed. We hope you will help us! It concerns the following dates and activities.

On Thursday 6 December from 13.30 hours the Sints stuff will be cleaned up.

On Friday morning December 7th the Christmas trees will be planted from 08.30 till about 10.00 hrs.

On Friday 14 December we are looking for people who want to come and help with making Christmas pieces with the children.

For all three activities parents are needed. Without you we will not succeed, so we hope for many hands! You can sign up at Dewi via: dewyzijde@gmail.com of 06-14238458.

Christmas

On Wednesday 19 December it is at the School of Understanding Christmas party! The program looks like this:

17.00 doors open

17.15 - 17.45 the children eat with their own development group on the Pandora. Parents have a drink in the auditorium.

18.00 - 19.00 each group shows a short song or poem related to Christmas to all parents.

The meal for the children is provided by the Autumn Village. For the parent drink everyone can bring their own drink or snack, so you can also make a party of it!

Agenda

Friday 30 November: Sint workshops

Wednesday 5 December: Sint at school. Afterschool care closes at 17:30 hours

6 December: sleep in! Pandora: day starts at 9:30 am. Langtong: day starts at 9:15 am. Cleaning up Sint decoration, from 13:30 (Pandora)

Friday morning 7 December: setting up Christmas trees, from 8:30 am

Friday 14 December: making Christmas pieces with the children

Wednesday 19 December: Christmas party

24 December: Afterschool care closes at 17:30 hours

2 January: Afterschool care opens again

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