

Shrove Tuesday



This Tuesday, March 8th, was Shrove Tuesday (often called ‘Pancake Day’). All children got together at the start of the day for an assembly in which the meaning of this Christian tradition was explained. As is traditional on this day, the children all tucked into pancakes at snack time. We asked the children why they were eating them and were told by Thomas, “We are having pancakes because it’s Shrove Tuesday. People have pancakes on this day because they are yummy and it uses up all the tasty food.” Adewura explained further, “Traditionally, all the tasty or fatty foods would be used up ready for Lent, which is when Christians give up these kinds of foods.”



School Councils Conference

Next Friday, March 18th, will see the annual BSN School Councils Conference take place in Junior School Leidschenveen. Our Y4/5/6 children will be going to represent our school and talk about what attention our school pays to environmental issues. It will also be ‘Red Nose Day’, so the children will be telling some jokes! The children will leave school on Tuesday to take the train down to The Hague, and they will be staying in pairs with host families. We all wish the children lots of fun and success.

Golden Assembly

Next Friday’s assembly will not take place as the Y4/5/6 children will be in The Hague together with Sue Beattie and Sara de Vries.

Transition

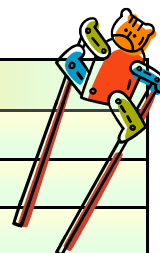
As has been discussed in the Parents Forum, there are lots of fun learning activities planned for the rest of the school year. Some of these will involve children from the GSV in Groningen, which is where some of your children will move in the new school year. This Tuesday, a meeting took place between GSV and Helen Sharman staff to discuss activities which some of the children could share. It was a treat for staff and children to see Sjoert Fleurke in our school again as part of the transition team! More information about activities will be shared nearer the time.

Reminder about Commemorative Book Family photo

As you know, staff have been very busy this term compiling the pages for the commemorative book which will be published before the end of the school year. We would like to include a recent family photo (including children either no longer or not yet at our school) of each of the school’s families. Could you please bring a photo to the School Office so that we can scan it for the book and return it to you? We would like these photos as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.

Congratulations

We would all like to congratulate Maria, Bernardo and Mauricio Garcia on the birth of Mauricio’s baby brother Sebastian. We look forward to admiring the new member of our community.



Key Dates	
15 March	Foundation 1& 2 visiting Tuinland
16 March	Puppet Theatre
17 March	School swimming
17-18 March	School Council Conference (The Hague)
18 March	No Assembly
24 March	School swimming
31 March	Last School swimming session
6 April	Foundation 1& 2 visiting Ballorig
18 April	Head Teacher’s Awards
21 April	Spring Term ends @ 12.00
9 May	Summer Term starts



Dance Workshop

Last Wednesday, 2nd March, Hannelore Duynstee of the dance company 'Danspalet' came to school to spend a morning teaching International Dance to all the children. As those of you who came to watch the performance at the end of the morning would agree, the children had clearly learnt a great deal and had loads of fun.

I knew some of the things already and some of the things were really new for me. The thing I liked about it was the way she taught us. My favourite dance was the 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' one in the Kenyan language, and the other Kenyan one which joined onto it.

(Adeogo)



I liked it when we jumped in the hop-sa-sa dance!

(May-Lan)



We did a Venezuelan Dance which made me dizzy. I liked pretending that I was touching the sun.

(Mauricio)

