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Last Friday's quiz night was a great success. Almost the whole school community came along to join in the fun and the atmosphere was warm and relaxed. Many thanks to all of you who came, to Jacki, Jo, Denise and Paul of the 'Friends' for organising the event and to Lanny and Miguel for providing the delicious snacks. In total the event raised €158.57 for the Haiti fund.

Helen Sharman's Visit

On Thursday 11th March, Helen Sharman will be visiting us here at school. We are really looking forward to seeing Helen again and showing her how we have developed our school since she was last here for our opening ceremony in 2008. Helen will spend time in classes with the children and will also host a 'Question & Answer' session for visitors from other local schools within the Assen community. Invitations have been sent and we look forward to welcoming special visitors on the morning of the 11th. Children in Year 5&6 will work with class teachers and Miss Warner to prepare presentations about Helen's life.

Parents' Forum

On Tuesday 2nd March at 14.15 there will be a Parents' Forum in the Language Room. Items on the agenda include Healthy Eating, School Swimming and Questions for GSV. If parents have any other whole school issues they wish to have put on the agenda then please come and see Michala Warner.

International Language Day

Next Wednesday, 17th February, is our International Language Day. Many thanks to all of the parents who have already offered to help during the morning. If you have not been approached but would be keen to share your language with the children, please come and see Sue Beattie. For those of you who are involved, we will be decorating the school and writing word cards from 14.00 hrs next Tuesday afternoon, 16th February. If you could come along and help it would be much appreciated.

Key Dates

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11 Feb.	Parents' meeting (school hall, 19:00 start)
12 Feb.	Fundraiser for Haiti - Day for Change
16 Feb.	Shrove Tuesday (no morning snack needed)
17 Feb.	International Language Day at JSA
19-25 Feb.	Half term break
2 March	Parents' Forum (14:15-15:15)
3 March	Year 1/2 Class Assembly (11:40-12:00) World Maths Day
4 March	Foundation 1/2 Class Assembly (08:35-09:00)
11 March	Helen Sharman visiting
18 March	Year 3/4 Class Assembly (08:35-09:00)
26 March	Y5/6 Class Assembly (08:35-09:00)

All the best Miss Poulsen

Tomorrow will be Miss Poulsen's last day before she begins her maternity leave. Miss Poulsen's baby is due in March and we wish her and her partner all the very best as they await their new arrival. Rest well before the big event and enjoy every minute!

Haiti Appeal- Day for Change assembly

On Friday 12th February we will hold a Day for Change here at school. There will be a special assembly at the start of the day to launch this fundraising event. All parents are welcome to attend.

Parents' meeting regarding the school closure

This evening there will be a Parents' meeting here at school at 19.00 in the school hall. Representatives from BSN, NAM and the GSV will be present to answer questions about the school closure in July 2011. We do hope you will be able to attend.

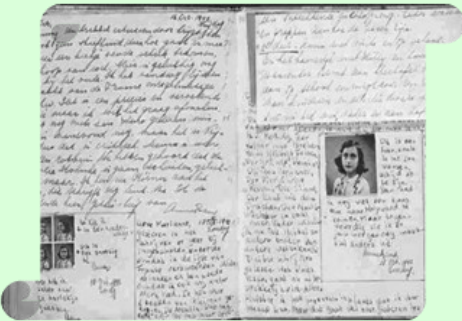
Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 16 February it is Shrove Tuesday, (sometimes known as Pancake Day) which is the last day before the period which Christians call Lent. It is tradition on this day to eat pancakes. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up so Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent. The children will be provided with pancakes and don't need to bring a morning snack this day.

World Book Day Assembly

On Monday (15 Feb.) ahead of World Mother Tongue Language Day, our assembly will focus on books in mother tongue languages. Please can you help your child choose a favourite book of theirs from home in their own language to bring to Monday's assembly to share with other children.

Trip to the Anne Frank House (Report by Sam Thompson, Year 5)



On Tuesday 2nd of February 2010 year 5/6 went on a trip to The Anne Frank House to learn about what it must have been like hiding in that *Almost Secret Annexe* ('Almost secret' because the 4 helpers knew about it) on Prinsengracht 263 in Amsterdam.

Molly was late for the train and we had to take one half an hour later. She arrived just after we got off the platform. On the train Helen Shorter provided

us with a morning snack which was calzone.

When we got there we saw the Westerkerk and the statue of Anne Frank. The bottom of the house was renovated to look more modern and attractive. We had to wait 15 minutes before our guide was there. When the guide was there he told us his name "Huib". Then he gave us a long explanation on Anne Frank's history and asked us questions ("very easy ones") and then gave us activities to do.

The first one was putting the dates into a timeline laid out on the table and the 2nd one was writing info about Anne, Margot and Edith Frank. Our guide gave us a book with 100,000 names of Jews who died in W.W.II and we had to find Anne, Margot and Edith to find their information such as their full names and when they died and when they were born.

After that we went to the Pancake Bakery where 7 of us ate pancakes and 3 ate omelettes. They were yummy. I was one that had an omelette, I had ham and cheese on my omelette, I also got some salad with it. On the way back we went a shorter way because it was still raining and pouring and then it started to drizzle a bit. When we got to the train station Mrs. Broad chucked her umbrella out because it was "half" broken.

On the train (a double decker) we had to stand for about half an hour before we got seats. Samuel, Mateusz and I went downstairs and the girls upstairs. When we got seats Samuel, Mateusz and I played a game on my phone (it was very fun because it occupied us). Finally we got home (at 17:55).

