

### Amazing Assemblies!

Yesterday Year 1&2 started our season of class assemblies with a lively and entertaining performance of singing, stories and a celebration of 100 days at school! The children showed their knowledge of the THRASS chart and were able to make many compound words. Well done to all in Years 1&2 and to the staff team, especially Mrs McClung and Mr Fleurke. It was a spectacular performance - you have set a very high standard. Well done!

Today's Foundation assembly was out of this world. For the children in F1 it was their first time on stage and the whole of Foundation were word perfect! The children sang several learning songs; counted to 50; shared their artwork and showed their excellent knowledge of light and dark and the concept of natural and man-made. The learning DVD at the end of the assembly was an incredible reflection of the amount of learning and incredibly high standards we have in the Foundation class. Well done to all the children and to Miss Morgan, Mrs Buckley and Mr Fleurke.

Parents enjoyed sharing their children's work after each performance. We look forward to the Key Stage 2 assemblies coming soon.

### Helen Sharman Visit

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March Helen Sharman will be in school visiting our children. During the morning there will be a special 'Question and Answer' session with Helen. This will include a presentation about Helen's life by pupils in Year 5&6. We will also be visited by children and staff from local Dutch primary schools and from HIT (the Hanze Institute of Technology.) In the afternoon Helen will spend time in classes with the children.

The morning session will start at 9.00 and will finish at 10.00. All parents are welcome to attend. Please can you let Henk know, by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, if you are able to attend so we can arrange seating for this very special event.

### Science Day with Phillip Rose

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March we will be visited by Phillip Rose from SciTech. He will spend the day in school with the children and do workshops with them during the course of the day. The afternoon session will be on 'States of Matter' and the morning sessions are about 'The Body'. Thank you to Mrs McClung who is our Science co-ordinator for organising the day.




Foundation 1/2 Assembly



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### Key Dates

11 March	Helen Sharman visiting	
17 March	School photographer	
18 March	Year 3/4 Class Assembly (08:35-09:00)	
19 March	BSN School Councils' conference (The Hague)	
25 March	Parents' Forum (08:30)	
26 March	Y5/6 Class Assembly (08:35-09:00) Farewell Assembly Easter Break starts (12:00)	
12 April	Summer Term starts	

### Day for Change

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February it was all change at school. Teachers came dressed as pupils, their own children and several changes to hairstyles could be seen! The day began with some songs sung by the children in a special assembly. A normal day at school however, it was not! The School Council did a fantastic job organising this event which raised over €460 for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Parents, staff and pupils brought in loose change and covered a map of Haiti and there was a competition to guess the changes on the Headteacher. This was won by Eleanor Bailey, Molly Shorter and Lucy Shorter. Each of them will get to be PA (Personal Assistant) to Miss Warner, Mrs Beattie and Mr Mulder. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile appeal.



### Congratulations Miss Poulsen

On Sunday night Miss Poulsen gave birth to Kylian. He weighed 3358g and he was 53 cm. Both mum and baby are doing well and we look forward to seeing them soon.

### International Language Day

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, we celebrated our own International Language Day, linked to World Mother Tongue Day on 20<sup>th</sup> February. We had a team of parents preparing the day before by decorating the school with flags, posters and bunting, writing words in their own languages and cooking international snacks. On the day itself, parents and staff worked in the hall to teach children key words from their languages and there was a word hunt around the school. Children also had the chance to learn new words from each other. At snack time a real feast was set up in the language room, and all money which the children donated to pay for their snacks was added to our Haiti fund. Later in the morning there was a music quiz in different languages and the children gave presentations to each other of what they had learnt during the day. As always when we have an international event, the day was extremely successful and it would not have been possible without the excellent support of all parents who helped. Thanks again!

### New Piano

You may have noticed that we have a new piano in the central hall. This was a gift from Steenhuis pianos in Glimmen, who were looking for a good home for it. Our school was suggested as a good home by Marianne Schmitt, who teaches piano to Rosie and Jennifer. Marianne has also offered to come to school soon to play the piano for our

children and give them some information about piano music, which we are very keen for her to do.

### Parents' Forum

Many thanks to all parents who attended Tuesday's Parents' Forum and contributed with comments and questions. Minutes from the meeting have been forwarded to all parents. Should you have any queries regarding the transition of pupils from JSA to GSV, Dr. Martin Coles (071 5602250) and Mr. Ton Wiegman (050 5270818) are more than happy to answer your queries. The next Parents' Forum will be on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 08:30. Items on the agenda will include GSV transition and Healthy Eating. Please join us.

### World Maths Day

Yesterday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, all the children at The Helen Sharman School participated in World Maths Day. Everybody really had to 'get their thinking caps on'. Mrs Broad introduced the day in the ICT room using a mathematics target board, followed by a team building game. After that the maths competitions were introduced to each class; estimating, length, shape and comparing skills were put to the test. Each class then had time in the ICT room working on 'Mathletics'; an online maths course. We took part in mental maths problems competing against children from all around the world. It was really exciting and it's always good to see how well our students do and how much fun maths is.

