



Helen Sharman's Visit is Out of this World!

Last week Helen Sharman visited our school and spent a day with the children and staff. The day began with a special presentation by the children in Year 5/6, who travelled around in a time tunnel to show information and facts about Helen's life before, during and after her trip into space. In the presentation Jennifer Donnellan played Helen Sharman in a TV interview and afterwards Helen herself took questions from the packed audience. The pupils and staff were joined by local school children as well as staff and students from the Hanze Institute of Technology. Parents also joined us for this unique event. Afterwards Helen spent time in each of the classes and unveiled our new playground mural, which she also signed. The mural was a result of a School Council initiative to help brighten up the playground. At lunchtime Lanny treated the whole school to a delicious noodle soup. A special thank you to her and her helpers. As always the children thoroughly enjoyed the day as you can see from the quotes below.

My favourite part of Helen's visit was...

- 'The Year 5&6 play.' (Simi- F2)
- 'Having a picture with Helen.' (Thomas- F1)
- 'Showing her my journal.' (Eshal-Y1)
- 'Talking about the periodic table with her.' (Samuel- Y6)
- 'Asking her questions.' (Mateusz- Y5)
- 'Looking at her face when I was being her in the play.' (Jennifer- Y6)

Parents' Forum

There will be a Parents' Forum in the Language Room on Thursday 25th March at 8.30am. The discussion topics will be healthy eating and transition of pupils to GSV. We hope to see all of you there.

New Arrivals

After the Easter holiday, three new children will be joining our school. Jire (Year 4) and Myrthe Derks (Year 2) will be moving here from the Piasau School in Miri. Lukasz Fryzowicz, Mateusz' brother, will be transferring to Y2 from his local Dutch school. We are very happy to be able to welcome these children and their families to our community.

Leaving Assembly and Farewell Coffee Morning

Next Friday, 26th March, there will be a farewell assembly at 11.30 to say goodbye to Lauren, Eshal, Rory and Simi and their families. Any parents who would like to come to the language room beforehand to spend some time with our leaving parents, drink a tea or coffee, enjoy some snacks and chat are very welcome from 9:00 onwards. All parents are also welcome at the assembly so that we can say a proper farewell to the families leaving.

Book Amnesty

In the two weeks after the Easter break we will be having a book amnesty in the Notebook. We will send out a letter with more details about this during the first week of the summer

Key Dates	
19 March	BSN School Councils' conference (The Hague)
25 March	Parents' Forum (08:30 in Language Room)
26 March	Y5/6 Class Assembly (08:35-09:00) Leavers Coffee morning for Parents (09:00 onwards) Farewell Assembly (11:30) Easter Break starts (12:00)
28 March	Summertime starts, clocks 1 hr. forward
12 April	Summer Term starts



term. In the meantime, please can you check at home to see if you have any library books and send them in on your child's normal library day. If you have any questions about the book amnesty, please ask any of the Parent-Librarians; Denise Sanders, Jacki Donnellan, Bunmi Adeye, Georganne Conerney or Pushpa Srinivas. Thank you in advance of your help with this.

job done!' The children will travel to Den Haag today and will stay with host families overnight. On Friday they will also participate in workshops looking at co-curricular provision and have the opportunity to share good practice and work with other children from School Councils across the BSN. We wish you well Jennifer, Samuel, Adewura, Rosie, Molly, Sam & Chidiebere. You are great ambassadors for our school.

Y3/4 Assembly



This morning we were treated to an extraordinary musical extravaganza! The children of Y3/4 showed us that they could sing in English and French, that they could use similes, understood equivalent fractions, knew all about mountains, could write recipes and poetry, and many more skills. Well done Y3/4, Mr. Keoghan and Mrs. Kuijper!

BSN School Councils' Conference

Tomorrow, members of the School Council from KS2 will be attending the first ever BSN School Councils' Conference in Den Haag. They have been busy preparing for their presentation on how effectively they work together to make a difference in our school. We are very proud of our School Council and their communication skills and ability 'to get the

Science Day with Phillip Rose

Last Monday we were treated to a day of biology, physics and chemistry as we were visited by Philip Rose of Sci-Tech. Philip managed to make his presentation accessible to all of our children, so we asked children from both ends of our age range what had made the day memorable for them.

Children in F2 said: "I liked everything about it" (Emma), "I liked the blood pressure things and Samuel putting all the blood in the tank" (Sebastian), "I liked it when the balloon burst" (Kenechukwu), "I liked it when we went outside and when he made it rain inside" (Simi). Year 5/6 children told us, "I enjoyed it when he made the big bang in the playground by putting dry ice in water" (Rosie), "The cloud and the explosion, actually the whole chemistry part was good" (Sam), "I enjoyed seeing the liquid nitrogen and carbon dioxide when he made the weather inside and the cloud and rain hit the hall floor" (Molly), "It was good when he made a cloud in the room and then it rained" (Adewura). Philip runs summer schools in Manchester, England. Information can be found on the Sci-Tech website (<http://www.scitech.co.uk/>).

