

Dear Parents

Thank you very much for all your generosity and support with our recent reading initiatives. The 'Read to Grow' collection is literally 'growing' by the day and we are aiming to collect 100 books for this worthwhile project! There is still time for you to contribute if you have any books in good condition, that are in English and suitable for readers aged between 3 and 18. Thank you also to the Parent-Librarians who are doing a fantastic job in ensuring that the library loans are up to date. All parents should have now received a letter with a helpful list of reminders of books taken out in their child's name. The book amnesty will continue for the rest of this week, so please keep looking and return any books found to the Notebook.



On Monday our assembly focussed on how special our mums are, as we were thinking about Mothers' Day, which is on 9th May in Holland. The children all thought about the wonderful things their mums do for them and together we have written a 'thank you' to you all. Every child's ideas are included. Please enjoy!

A reminder that the week after our May half-term break is a short week for the children due to the Hemelvaart holiday on Thursday 14th and the Staff Training Day on Friday 15th May.

Yours sincerely

Michala Warner
Head teacher



1K Runaway

On Sunday 13 June 2010 there will be a run for children, from 6 to 13 years olds, of exactly 1 kilometre. For the 4 and 5 year olds there will be a race of 500 meters. The race starts at twelve noon from de 'Nieuwe Kolk'. If you register for the 1K race (cost €5) online (www.asserstadsloop.nl) you will receive a start number with a chip. On the website you can also fill out a form for a donation of sponsor money. Taking part will help improve children's health worldwide. For more information see the Parents' Noticeboard.

Transition

At the moment we are all finding our own ways to deal with the different forms of transition ahead. As a school we are committed to make these unavoidable changes as positive as possible. This Tuesday we were visited by Deirdre Budd of 'Dream Angus' who gave a very interesting presentation and led a useful discussion on the impact of transition on children. Last Tuesday evening, parents were invited to a presentation and a chance to look around the classrooms at the GSV in Groningen. In the future, there will be a further invitation to look around the school 'in action' during the day, as well as opportunities for interaction between our children and children who attend the GSV.

The following day, last Wednesday, Year 6 children were

welcomed at the ISG Open Day and came back to school on Thursday with lots of stories. "I really liked it. I enjoyed the science lesson the most", said Mateusz. Jennifer said, "It was fun. The teachers tried to find out how we worked out our answers, so that they could decide the best way forward with us."

Key Dates	
30 April	Queen's Birthday (school closed)
3-7 May	Half term holiday
10 May	Term continues
13 May	Ascension Day (school closed)
14 May	Training Day (school closed)
24 May	Whitsun (school closed)
25 May	Y1/2/3/4 visiting Veenpark
2-4 June	Year 5/6 Camp (Breeland)
13 June	1K Runaway (former Unicef walk)
21 June	Sports Day
5 July	End of Year reports children out
9 July	Farewell Assembly at 11:00 School year finishes at 12:00

Year 5/6 visited Camp Westerbork on 22 April. Here are some abstracts from a Powerpoint presentation about this visit by Samuel, Jennifer and Molly.

What was Westerbork used for?

Westerbork was a transit camp which meant that it was used for transporting Jews to concentration camps. The camp was organised by the Jews, but, it still had a German director who lived in a villa next to the camp. Most Jews spent two weeks in Westerbork until a train took them. The train came every Tuesday.



Money in Camp Westerbork

In Westerbork everyone had to hand in their money and valuables. They were allowed

to keep 25 guilders which they switched to 'camp money' or Gutschein. The camp money currency was only paper money as coins would be too much of a hassle for the Nazis to make. They could then spend it on food, clothes and entertainment.



Each stone on the picture above stands for one Jew or Gypsy that was sent off to a concentration camp and didn't return. There are 102,000 stones in total.



These railway lines pointing to the sky represents the end of the Jews' and Gypsies' lives. Every sleeper connected to the railway stands for a train that took Jews and Gypsies away to the concentration camps. The darker stones next to the train track represent the Jews that were taken away, and the white stones on the outside represent the Dutch people who did nothing to stop them.

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Year 3/4 doing observational drawings in the inner garden



Mothers Day poem

To our wonderful mums, so special and true,
We wrote this poem just to tell you
How wonderful you are and how much you care
So here are the lines we want to share...



MY MUM!

My mum cleans my glasses and cooks for me.
My mum's a really special lady you see.
My mum is very busy because she works all day.
My mum always tidies up my room- she makes everything OK.

My mum is good at cooking; it is so very nice.
I love her snacks, her noodles and rice.
I like my mum, because she cooks my favourite dinner.
I love you mum- you're a real winner!

You bake lovely food and buy me chocolate ice-cream,
You are patient and kind, even when I do scream!
You tidy up the house and shop for us,
From sun up to sun down- you don't make a fuss.

You look nice all the time and you're always there,
You make sure I always have you near.
You bring me to school and buy things for me,
You teach me new things and help me to see.

Always kind, helpful, loving and giving,
As a mum you always work hard for your living.
Cleaning, doing laundry and making,
Watching over me, listening, showing and taking.

My mummy helps me upstairs and I love her so,
Leading my learning- she knows where to go.
'I love triceratops!' We read a book.
Talking to me- she knows where to look.

Taking me to instrument practice- she is the best,
My mum always stands out from the rest.
On the BAR-B-QUE- you cook delicious meat,
In the shops or at home- your friends you do greet.

My mum is always there for me- I love you mum.
You love me too- you're my number one!
You like cooking and flowers; chocolates and tea,
You're always loving and there for me.

I love you so much and just want to say,
A Very Happy Mother's Day!

Written by all the Children