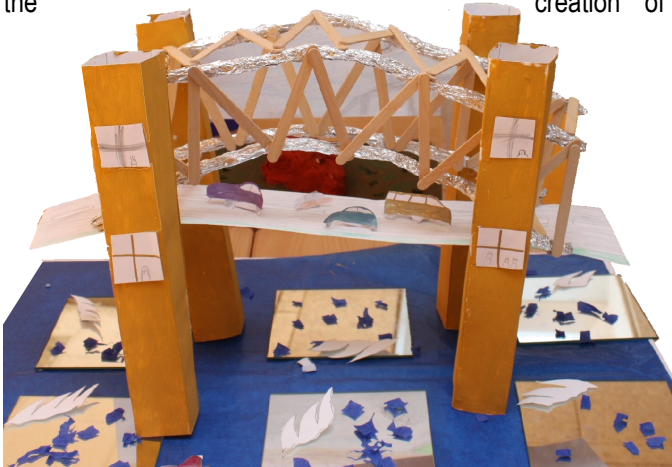


Australia Topic

It was good to see so many parents at last Friday's Golden Assembly, in which we said goodbye to the Sanders family but also celebrated the achievements of children throughout the school. In this particular assembly, the children of Y4/5/6



were in the spotlight. They talked about their Australia topic and in particular the outstanding teamwork which was put into the creation of



Sydney Harbour Bridge

their 3D model of Sydney Harbour Bridge, Ayers Rock and Sydney Opera House. The children spoke clearly and confidently about their team's part in this. Well done to all of you!

Peanuts

Due to our reduced numbers, all of the children now eat together in the language/cooking room. As Joseph has a severe peanut allergy, could we please ask that no children bring in food containing peanuts such as peanut butter or peanut biscuits? If you have any questions about this please see Sue Beattie.

Healthy Eating

As you know, the healthy fruit-based snack will start throughout the school next Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The greengrocer in Marsdijk, who delivered our fruit and vegetables last term when we received these free of charge as part of a European initiative, has agreed to continue this service. A team of mums will be coming to school throughout the week to prepare the food and clean up afterwards, for which we are very grateful. Many thanks to you all!

Dyslexia Information Evening

The GSV in Groningen would like to invite Helen Sharman School parents to attend an evening presentation on dyslexia entitled 'The Dyslexia-Friendly Classroom'. This will take place on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> in the GSV school hall, from 19.30-21.00. Sue Beattie, Sjoert Fleurke and Sara de Vries will be attending a whole day workshop at the GSV next Thursday on the same subject. If you are interested in attending on the Thursday evening, please see Sue Beattie.

PE Students

The ALO (Academie voor lichamelijke opvoeding), which is a sport training college, has offered us two of their second year students who can work with the children during their PE lessons on a Friday afternoon. This week they will come and get to know the children and observe the PE lessons given by Sara de Vries and Michael Keoghan. From next week they will teach the lesson themselves, observed by Sara and Michael. This is a chance for our children to receive high quality PE lessons from specialists.

Wave boards & Skateboards

In order to extend the range of playground activities available for the older children, they may bring in their wave boards or skateboards next week, to be used in a specified area of the playground. Children may bring protective clothing, such as helmets and pads, at parents' discretion. We will monitor the success of this.

Key Dates	
21 October	Parents' Forum (08:30)
22 October	Irish Music concert (14:45-15:15)
25 Oct. – 1 Nov. (incl.)	Half Term
17 December	Autumn Term ends (@12:00)

### Parents' Forum & Helen Sharman School Friends

There was a meeting last week of the 'Friends', in which we thanked Paul Sanders for his hard work as Chair and discussed the role of the 'Friends' for the coming year.

It was decided to combine the Friends with the Parents' Forum meetings, in order to involve as many of you as possible. The first of these new Parents' Forum meetings will be held on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 8.30. We will discuss a range of issues including the whole school topic, enrichment activities, school clubs and support for families with transition. If there is anything which you would particularly like to raise in the Forum, please [email](#) or see Sue Beattie so that it can be added to the agenda.

### Traditional Irish Music workshop

On Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be welcoming a trio of musicians to school. They play traditional Irish music, also touring schools to teach children about their instruments and their style of music. The children will work with the musicians during the Friday afternoon. There will be a mini-concert for children, staff and parents at Golden Assembly time. We are very much looking forward to this and hope you can join us at 14.45.

Links to the trio's individual music sites:

[Adam Agee](#), [Jon Sousa](#), [Martin O'Brien](#)

