

**Irish Week**



Our last week before the autumn break had an Irish theme. Mrs. McClung started the week with a whole school assembly about Irish music, dance and traditional tales. Children learnt about the Giant's Causeway and ended the assembly with a traditional Irish dance. During the week, Mrs. Kuijper included Irish musical instruments and music styles in the children's music lessons. On the Friday, the children took part in workshops presented by Adam Agee and Jonathan Sousa. They learnt



about the jig, the air and the reel, as well as the workings of a guitar and violin. At the end of the afternoon children, staff and parents were treated to a performance of traditional Irish music played by Adam and Jonathan. There were many tapping feet to be seen, and the children sat completely spellbound. Thomas Conerney said, "It was fun listening to the music and my mummy and daddy were there, and daddy said they were great musicians."

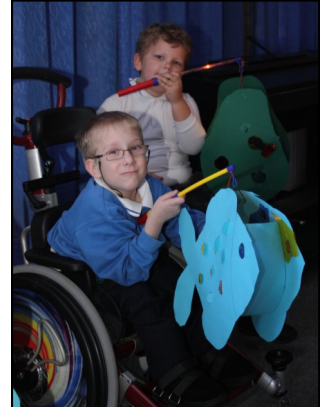
**Staff Courses**

Mr. Keoghan and Mrs. McClung will be on a course next week. F1/2/Y1 will be taught on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by Mrs. Jippes and Mrs. Oki, together with Mrs. Buckley as usual. Miss Poulsen will teach the class as normal on Thursday and Friday.

Y2/3 will be taught on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by Miss Poulsen, and on Thursday and Friday by Mrs. Jippes.

**Sint Maarten** ("Lampionnetje lopen")

Today, 11<sup>th</sup> November, is the day of the Dutch tradition of Sint Maarten. On this evening children go from home to home with their lanterns and sing songs (and hopefully receive a treat).



The children have been busy in school making 'lampionnetjes' in their Dutch lessons, which they proudly showed in Thursday's assembly. We asked Emma Weening to give her own explanation of this tradition...

*"Als het Sint Maarten is dan gaan we lampionnetje lopen en dan krijgen we snoepjes. Ik heb een vis als lampion gemaakt en ik ga 'Elf November is de dag' zingen. Ik vind chocola het lekkerst!"*



Key Dates	
17, 24 Nov. 1, 8 Dec. (12:00-13:00)	Cookery Club Chess/Art Club
11 November	Sint Maarten 
12 November	Parents Coffee Morning (Language room, 8:30 onwards)
15 November	Shoobox assembly (children only)
23 November	Science Day with Philip Rose 
3 December	Sinterklaas visits the School 
10 December	End-of-Year performance (19:00-20:00)
17 December	Autumn Term ends (@12:00)



### Diwali

Another festival of light, Diwali, was celebrated last Friday in school. Antarpreet Marwah, Maritia Wusten and Pushpa Dhagam kindly offered to help organise the festivities. When the Golden Assembly began, there were tables full of delicious food made by the three mums. Sparkling lights and candles added to the atmosphere and all of the F2-Y3 girls were dressed in traditional Indian party clothes. We were all treated to a fashion show by the girls, and the boys were given strings of colourful beads to wear. The children were given an explanation of the Diwali traditions and were shown a film so that they could learn about the story behind this festival of light. Srivatsa, Ella, Harjot, Harman and Avani were very proud to be able to show the school their special tradition, and this Monday they told us in assembly that they had lit special candles in their homes and eaten tasty food.

### Clubs

This half term's clubs have started. Y2/3 are enjoying their cookery club with Lanny Prakoso, in which they made the traditional Dutch dish called 'Hutspot' last week, and delicious Indonesian noodles this week. The teachers have very much enjoyed their lunches for the past two weeks too! The Y4/5/6 children have been learning chess skills with Mr. Keoghan, and next week they will begin their art club. Thanks to everyone who puts in time to make our clubs possible.



Aufar and Mihnea Fighting Fit



Freya preparing a healthy fruit drink

### Golden assembly

This Friday, Mrs. Beattie will be at a meeting of the BSN Heads in The Hague. Golden Assembly will go ahead as usual and will be presented by Mr. Keoghan together with Y2/3.

Next Friday's Golden Assembly will be presented by our School Council. 20th November is International Children's Rights Day and their assembly will focus on children's rights and responsibilities.

### Whole School Topic

As we explained in the initial parents' meeting and in the recent Parents' Forum, the children are now taking part in their whole school topic, entitled 'Fighting Fit'. For the coming weeks they will work for two lessons a week with friends of all ages throughout the school, as well as with all teachers. The first lessons have been a great success, with lots of learning and lots of fun taking place (see photographs).



Irfan modelling with bread dough