

Clubs

Our first clubs for 2011 began this week. On Wednesdays, Michael Keoghan will provide a chess club for Y1/2/3. This will be followed by an art club with Sue Beattie. A letter has gone home with further details of these clubs. This Friday, 28th January, Lanny Prakoso will start a cookery group with Y4/5/6. Each week, she will work with two children in the kitchen to make a healthy lunch for the whole class. She will also be teaching the children the rudiments of Indonesian cooking. This is a real treat for the children and also means that parents will not need to pack a lunch for Y4/5/6 on Fridays!

Surprise Visit!



On Tuesday we were visited by Anita and Kevin, two children from the Van Liefandschool who have joined us for 'Songs Around the Christmas Tree' each December for the past three years. We donated our Christmas decorations to the children at the end of term in December so that we can still be with them in spirit next Christmas. To express their gratitude, the children baked and decorated chocolate brownies for our children, and made an apple pie for the staff. They were delicious!

Parents' Forum

The next Parents' Forum meeting will be on Friday, 4th February, as previously announced. Please come along, hear the news about planned initiatives in school (and beyond!), and join the discussion.

Class Assemblies

This Friday, in Golden Assembly time, there will be the first of a series of assemblies presented by the children. F2/Y1 will begin this week and are looking forward to showing you what they've been doing in class. All parents are welcome, and time will also be taken to present Golden Certificates as usual.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Wusten family on the birth of Ella's baby brother Tristan. We hope that Maritia and Tristan will be home before too long and we look forward to admiring the new member of the school community.

Families Moving

On Friday, we said goodbye to the Fahyani family, who moved back to Indonesia this week. Before the half term break we will say farewell to the families of Lukasz Fryzowicz and Freya McGregor.

Although some families are moving on, it is important that the rest of the children still see school as a stable, safe base for the rest of the school year. As we saw at the film and disco party on Friday evening, we still have a school of happy, enthusiastic children who have learned to get on with friends of all ages, cultures and personalities. There's a lot more fun and valuable learning to come during this year and we feel very strongly that as a school/home team we need to help the children to benefit as much as possible from our unique situation this year. Let's keep seeing it as a celebration!

Key Dates	
28 January	Assembly by F2 & Y1 (14.45)
4 February	Assembly by Y2/3 (14.45) Parents Forum
9 February	Film at the 'Kolk' for Y4/5/6
11 February	Assembly by Y4/5/6 (14.45)
15 February	Breakfast at school
16 February	Breakfast at school
18 February	Staff Training day (school closed)
21-25 Feb.	Half Term holidays
28 Feb.	Spring Term continues
2 March	Dance workshop with performance for parents (11.40-12.00)



School Council Disco & Film Evening

As no doubt you have heard from your children, Friday's evening's social evening, planned and organised by the School Council, was a huge success. The photos are evidence of how the children threw themselves into the atmosphere with their outfits, dancing and attitude. The School council should be complimented on their hard work and efficiency, and the rest of the children on their excellent behaviour and huge capacity to enjoy themselves. Thanks also to Sara de Vries, our School Council coordinator, for her hard work in helping the school council with the planning and preparation.

