

## Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Autumn has arrived and the trees are changing colour. The school has been brightened up by lots of autumn artwork which I hope that you have had the opportunity to look at. Some pictures have gone out on Twitter. Three Little Ships have been learning their colours, while Class A and R made delicious pumpkin soup with Philipp and Jonna.



We have once again qualified for free school fruit from 7<sup>th</sup> November. This is a European initiative to encourage children to eat more fruit. We will receive a weekly delivery of a range of fresh fruits until the summer and the children will learn about healthy eating. You can see more about this project on [www.euschoolfruit.nl](http://www.euschoolfruit.nl)

## Tekenfund.nl

This year we are participating again in the Tekenfund project. Be prepared to be amazed by the beautiful creations made by your children! Our students have made lovely winter drawings which will be used to create items such as mugs, placemats and cards. In early November, you will receive a preview card showing the winter image and the login-code for your child's webpage. By sharing the webpage link with friends and family, orders can be placed directly. For each item sold, the school will receive a percentage of the money. We will use this for new benches in the gym and for a carpet in the new library area. Further explanation will follow.

School was closed on 24<sup>th</sup> October for a staff Study Day. On this day, we visited some Dutch special schools and child care facilities in The Hague, looking at their curricula and how they monitor students' progress. It was a useful day both in terms of seeing what we are already doing well and also being challenged professionally to go on improving our practice.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon, staff will receive some training on managing seizures and using epipens. School is open as usual in the morning.



On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, school will be closed all day as staff receive training in ICT and the use of iPads.

No-one responded to my request on September's newsletter for MR (Parent Committee) members. If you are interested, please do contact me.

*Helen Claus (Interim Director) and the Lighthouse and Three Little Ships teams*

### Important Dates

23<sup>rd</sup> November – school is closed for students. Staff have a Study Day.

5<sup>th</sup> December – Sinterklaas festival – school closes early **at 12.30**

21<sup>st</sup> December – Three Little Ships winter concert

22<sup>nd</sup> December – school closes early for winter break **at 12:30**

9<sup>th</sup> January – school reopens for the Winter Term

***The school calendar for 2016-2017 is on our website***



The IamExpat Fair takes place in The Hague on 5<sup>th</sup> November. There will be many business and services represented and lots of information on what to do while living in The Netherlands. You

can register for free tickets online. More information on their website: [www.iamexpatfair.nl](http://www.iamexpatfair.nl)

### Happy Birthday to all those that celebrate in November and December

6<sup>th</sup> November – Marja Morrison (Inspecteur de Vries)

8<sup>th</sup> November – Jennet Bray (Three Little Ships)

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Eva Dominguez (Three Little Ships)

### Parents' Afternoon and Evening

This week we had a successful Parents Afternoon and Evening. For those of you with children in Class A and Class R, we hope that you enjoyed looking at the classroom with your children. For the TLS parents, it was lovely to see so many of you come out in the evening to talk to the staff about the way that your child has settled into school. We hope that you found it valuable to have this conversation early in the school year. If you have any feedback for improvements, then we would be pleased to hear from you.

### Twitter accounts



Please check into our Twitter accounts to see what we are doing and let family members know too. We love to have messages retweeted and quoted. The accounts are: @lighthouse\_se  
@tlsclass1 @LseAlison @LSEClassR

## News from Three Little Ships

The TLS wrapped up their Autumn topic with a trip to the park this past Thursday. As most of the children thought we were there to play, they were surprised to know we were actually going on an exploration walk. The children were given the task of looking for sticks, leaves, birds, insects/bugs and dinosaurs. Luckily we were able to find lots of leaves and sticks but only some insects/bugs. To some children's surprise there were no dinosaurs ☺ The children are surprising us every day with the knowledge they know of dinosaurs and how much they are able to remember. Fortunately our pumpkin patch sold out quickly and it has now transitioned into an excavation site where our future paleontologists are hard at work.



Exploring the park



What's that dino called?



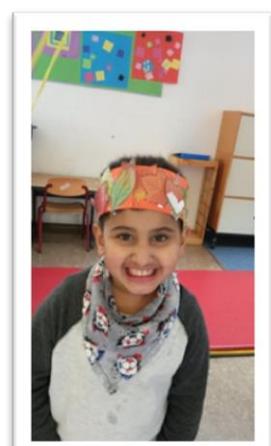
Dino egg matching

## News from Class A

We have been busy finding out about Autumn – a beautiful, colourful season. We made sweet-smelling autumn garlands from a dough made of apple sauce and cinnamon – lots of mixing with our hands, rolling and cutting.



We made pumpkin soup, counted pumpkin seeds and decorated crowns with autumn leaves.



## News from Class R

Class R have finished their IPC unit on Airports and did that at Rotterdam/The Hague Airport. There we looked at the various stages when traveling, using the flow chart we made at the beginning of the unit. We saw many planes departing and arriving and passengers embarking and disembarking, checking in luggage and collecting it. Luckily the airport is rather small, so we could see everything really well!



*Drawing things we see...*



*dressing up as 'marshaller'*



*observing... erhm...airplanes!*

Our new IPC unit is 'How things work' and is all about inventions. If there are any inventors amongst the parents who would like to tell us about (their) inventions, please let us know!

*Our next school newsletter will come out just before we stop for the Christmas holidays!*