

Newsletter

Dear Parents,



Our return to school after the Christmas holiday has been exciting. We celebrated the 10th anniversary of Three Little Ships on the 25th January. The children had special activities centred round the number 10 and we were pleased to welcome many of you to the



cake-cutting moment at the end of the morning. We also welcomed back some of the people that have supported the Lighthouse and Three Little Ships through the years. The official photos will be available soon.

Last term, the Three Little Ships had its annual inspection by the Dutch authorities. Everything was judged to be 'satisfactory to good'. The report is only available in Dutch and it is posted on the website. The financial statements for the Lighthouse and Three Little Ships have also been posted on the websites.

The school was closed for a study day in January and the staff learned how to use a new maths resource called Numicon. The children have since been using this in maths lessons and it really helps develop their maths concepts. Some pictures have been posted on Twitter, if you would like to see more about this.



The staff also had a study day in February. We used this time for the Class A and Class R teams to evaluate their curriculum, share planning and discuss shared strategies for some of the children. The team from Three Little Ships also evaluated their topic planning and considered some new ways of tracking children's progress. We will be trying out a few ideas in the next couple of months and will then share the successful ones with you.

Three little Ships had a parent open morning on 8th February with a theme of 'technology'. The children demonstrated their skills with wind-up toys, the code-a-pillar, the beebot and more. We hope that this gave you some insights into the activities that the children do at school.



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

Important Dates

24th February – all HSV schools close at 12.30 for Spring Holiday

27th February – 3rd March – School closed

6th March – school reopens

14th March – Usborne and Rainbow Book Sale

14th March – Parents' Evening (more details to follow)

29th March – School closed (staff IEP planning)

31st March – School photographer in school (details to be confirmed)

The school calendar for 2016-2017 is on our website

Happy Birthday to all those that celebrate in February and March

13th February – Ching Pei Chiang (Speech and Language Therapist)

17th March – Lucie Bradley (Class A)

Baby News



On February 17th, one of our speech and language therapists, Ching, will stop work and start her maternity leave. If your child has speech therapy with Ching, then she will personally be informing you of the details of her replacement, Frances Dorrestein. Frances used to lead the Lighthouse team and set up the Three Little Ships 10 years ago. It is great to welcome her back to the team as the temporary speech and language therapist.

Message from the Interim Executive Director



Starting January 1st I am interim executive director of HSV and I got impressed by the way the teams perform and realize the best possible education for our pupils. Not only do I see a lot of enthusiasm and inspiration, but what struck me is the cooperative orientation and the attitude of being willing to learn from each other. The schools and departments burst of activities and the reactions of the teachers are warm and friendly when I visit the classrooms. The educational diversity within HSV is great and I feel privileged being part of your organisation.

Contact Person

If you have a concern or a worry about your child, then please do discuss this with the class teacher. General concerns or worries can also be discussed with the Director. You can make an appointment through the office or email with a meeting request to hclaus@hsvdenhaag.nl
If you have a concern about something connected to the school and want to discuss this confidentially with someone for advice, then you can also speak to the school's Contact Person: Lisa Mayhall. Lisa is generally in school on Wednesdays but can also be emailed via lmayhall@hsvdenhaag.nl

Twitter accounts



Please check into our Twitter accounts to see what we are doing and let family members know too. We are posting photos and updates on Twitter rather than on the website as it is quicker and we can keep you more up-to-date. We love to have messages retweeted and quoted.

The accounts are: @lighthouse_se @tisclass1 @LseAlison @LSEClassR

News from Three Little Ships

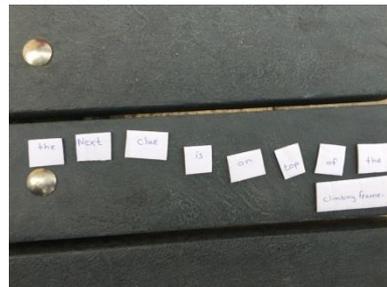
The TLS blasted off January with the topic 'Space and Shapes'. We really enjoyed learning about various shapes and their properties, such as circle, square, triangle, rectangle, diamond, star, heart and oval. We also learned about the planets in our solar system, 'zoomed' to the moon and were even able to do a little star gazing. We were sad to see the topic end, but we know that shapes and space are all around us.

With a new month comes a new topic and it is something we all have in common. In February we will focus on 'International world and food'. We look forward to learning what countries we come from, the different languages we may speak, interesting games and dances we can do and of course the delicious foods we all can share. The home corner has already transformed into a café serving frittatas to oladyi! Let's hope the children will put their cooking skills to good use for our international breakfast later in the month.



News from Class R

Class R have started working on 'Treasure', which is all about archaeology and discovery. We found out about our personal treasures, what makes a treasure and went on a treasure hunt, complete with invisible ink, riddles, digging and muddled up sentences. The treasure turned out to be a chest filled with chocolates!



We will be learning more about how to find out about history, what makes art a treasure, how to make our own historical artefacts and what archaeologists actually do. We hope it won't be too cold for digging in the ground ☺

News from Class A

We have had a very busy term in Class A. Every Friday we have a Life Skills lesson with Mr Philipp. One week we made delicious, gluten-free cookies. Rufus enjoyed mixing the dough and Omar liked eating the cookies! Then we made potato wedges and baked apples – so many lovely recipes. Our topic is Animals. We have learned about animals that live in the cold snow of the Arctic and the Antarctic as well as animals that live on the hot, grassy plains of Africa. Elizabeth made a tail for the lion, spots for the leopard and stripes for the zebra from playdough. Next we are going to learn about animals that live in the ocean. We are also working on learning to read. Marissa is learning to recognize and read lots of words. Andrea is learning all about words that have the /sh/ sound in them.



Our next school newsletter will come out in April!