

April 2018

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This is our second school newsletter of the academic year.

We ended the year in December with Sinterklaas and Christmas celebrations. These winter celebrations are always very special when they are celebrated with children. There are some pictures on our website and, of course, on Twitter.

On 13th November we joined the School Fruit Programme. For 20 weeks, we have received free fruit in school for the children in order to encourage them to eat more healthily. It is also an opportunity for children to try unfamiliar fruit.

In February and March, we had three visits by music students from the Royal Conservatory who provided a range of musical experiences for our students. Great fun was had by all.

The school was closed for three Study Days in January, February and March. On those days, staff were involved in evaluating IEPs and writing new ones for the children with additional needs, working on the new HSV strategic plan for 2018-2023 and working on ideas to reduce work pressure (part of the national education strategy). Staff also received training from two professionals in the areas of sensory integration and alternative communication devices.

We are looking forward to Spring. We hope to welcome AEGON volunteers in April to clean out our school gardens ready for planting. Class R will start their life-skills work at the farm. We are also looking forward to another concert by Live Music Now.

Lots will be happening in the next three months, so please look out for our Twitter messages.



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

Building News

If you have recently been passed our new building in the van Heutszstraat 12, you will have seen that the builders are busy demolishing and replacing floors, windows and walls. We have received copies of the plans and staff have been busy contributing to ideas about the developments. The floor colours have been chosen, the classrooms will have new Prowise interactive computer boards and we have been discussing where the furniture will be placed!

The new ID Location Leader, Judith Preston is very enthusiastic about working with Three Little Ships and Lighthouse classes and several meetings about practical arrangements have already taken place.

We have already had quotations from removal companies and soon the serious packing will begin. Esther hopes to have packing boxes delivered in the next couple of weeks.



Important Dates

Thursday 12 April - School Photographer (please dress your child appropriately)

Friday 13 April - TLS Spring Breakfast

Friday 27 April - King's Day - School closed

Monday 30 April to Friday 11 May - School closed for May holiday

Thursday May 31st - School trip to Plaswijckpark

Tuesday 12 June - Study Day - School closed

Friday 29 June - School summer party

Friday 6 July - End of year celebration and school reports issued

Wednesday 11 July – last day of school year. School closes at **12.30**

The school calendar for 2017-2018 is on our website

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 @tlsclass1 @LseAlison @LSEClassR

News from Three Little Ships



We spent the month of March learning about storybooks and characters. We learned about the title of a book, the author (who wrote the text) and the illustrator (who drew the pictures). We focused on books with authors from different countries as an extension to our International World topic in February. Some of our favourite books were; 'The Gruffalo', 'Room on the Broom', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'If you give a moose a muffin', 'Jip and Janneke', 'Miffy', 'Kikker' and

'Handa's Surprise'. A big thank you to all the parents and siblings who read to the children during the mornings! We finished our topic with a walk to the Kinderboekmuseum where the children interacted in the exhibitions 'Ik ben Kikker' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. It was a day filled with lots of life-skill learning such as: obeying the traffic lights, knowing when it was safe to cross the street and looking out for cars and cyclists. We hope to see many colourful flowers and plants in our April topic *Spring and Growth*.



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News from Class A

Class A have been having fun learning about different kinds of transport. We watched films, learned songs, made models and played with different kinds of transport. We learned about where different vehicles go - over land, through the air, or on the sea. One of our favourite films was about a rocket being launched into space and we learned a great song - 'Zoom, zoom zoom, we're going to the moon'. After that we made our own rockets which we flew to the moon as we sang the song.



We also enjoyed reading the story *Whatever Next?* In the story, Baby Bear goes to the moon with his friend, Owl. Everyone joined in when we played having a picnic on the moon - we had apples and cookies.

We also got ready for Easter - we made Easter Bunnies and Easter Baskets to take our chocolate eggs home in.



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News from Class R

Class R have been learning about space and time; how the Earth moves and the effect on our daily lives. A very interesting journey, with various models to explore rotation and revolution. We have learned about planets, their distance and their colours.



We are also joining lessons with KSS's ID5 and sometimes ID6 - not only join our children their lessons, the students are also joining our class for Literacy and Numeracy lessons: a great way to share learning, resources and teachers!



Thanks to all your shopping at Albert Heijn (and asking for them), we have *germinated* many 'moestuinzadjes' and will soon be planting the *seedlings* into the school garden for the last time. Hopefully by the time we have our summer party, the garden will be full of sunflowers, beans, parsley, spinach, tomatoes and lots more!



Our next school newsletter will come out in June!