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17.12.2015  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



04.01.2016  
NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS



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BACK TO SCHOOL

# ESH NEWS



## From our Director

Dear parents,

We were delighted to welcome Sinterklaas and his helpers to school this morning. The children gave him a very warm welcome with songs and loud cheering. It is encouraging to see our school gathered together to celebrate. In the short time that I have been here I have seen many examples of a community that comes together, particularly in recent weeks following the tragic incident in Paris. I would like to share more information with you about safety and security measures in and around school in an email next week. For now I am happy to share with you that the Primary School Accreditation went well. The initial response from the Inspectors was very

positive, I quote: "This European School is a shining example for the European Schools". The report will first be discussed in the Board of Inspectors and then sent to the Board of Governors of the European Schools for approval, after which it becomes official.

On this positive note I want to wish you all a festive Christmas and happy holidays. See you all in the new year!

with kind regards,

Frans van de Kerkhof, Director European School The Hague

## GENERAL NEWS

On Thursday the 17th of October the Europol staff had a book swap and collection. We are lucky that we have received a **donation of books** in various European languages for our libraries. Many thanks to Europol staff!

On Thursday November 26, 2015 we held an **emergency evacuation practice**. It was good to see that the pupils reacted well and to know that in the event of an emergency evacuation everything is in place to work well. In the interest of safety it was the first practice of many to be held on a regular basis, not all of which will be pre-determined (please refer to the school guide for more information).

You can find information about school events and PC meetings on the **parent pages of the website**. Follow the link and register here: <http://www.europeanschoolthehague.nl/user>

## PRIMARY NEWS

As a European School in The Netherlands we **celebrate** Sinterklaas and Christmas which makes this a fun and busy time of year. On Tuesday the 15th of December there will be interactive music workshops lead by music teachers from The Hague Conservatorium and in the evening every class will have a Classroom Christmas Party. Parents will get more information via the class representatives. On Thursday the 17th of December the Primary Music Performance will take place and Father Christmas will be visiting our school.

The **German Nursery class** has been split due to numbers. There is now one class with 14 and one with 13 children. Ms. Martina Domin is leading the second class under the supervision of Ms. Sandra Schlaug.

As you may know the school has a project team to **refurbish the playground** in front of the school. The project team started by making a list of requirements and presenting the ideas to an external company PleinPlan. The next step is to consult the pupils and then the final design will be chosen. We expect the preliminary designs around mid-January and realisation of the project by the end of February. If you have any ideas or suggestions you can email us at [adminsitratio@eshthehague.nl](mailto:adminsitratio@eshthehague.nl)

## December dates

Friday 4th - Sinterklaas celebration

Thursday 10th - Secondary school Open Morning

Tuesday 15th - Nursery and Primary Christmas celebration

Wednesday 16th Secondary school Christmas lunch & Sing – Along

Thursday 17th - Primary school music performance

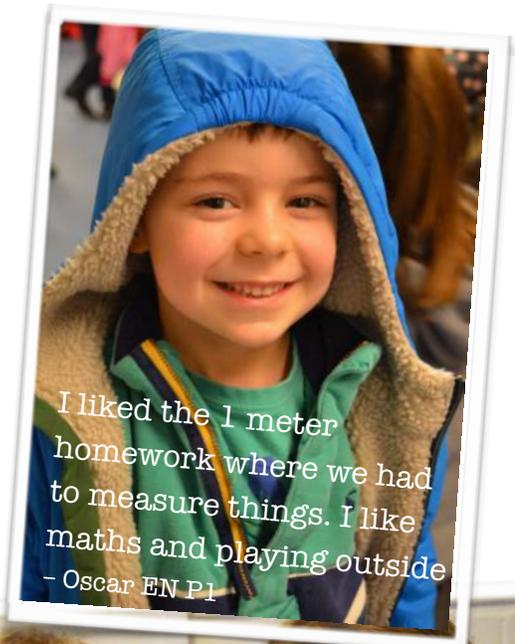


Please note! Thursday 17th is the last day of school. There is no school for pupils on Monday January 4th due to an In-Service training day for staff. School starts again on Tuesday January 5th.

# We asked some of our pupils what they liked at school this year...



Kinderboekenweek! (ook omdat we soms gingen dansen). En Naturalis was ook leuk - Avalon



I liked the 1 meter homework where we had to measure things. I like maths and playing outside - Oscar EN P1



Being in the rock band and the Battle of the bands - Kris S4

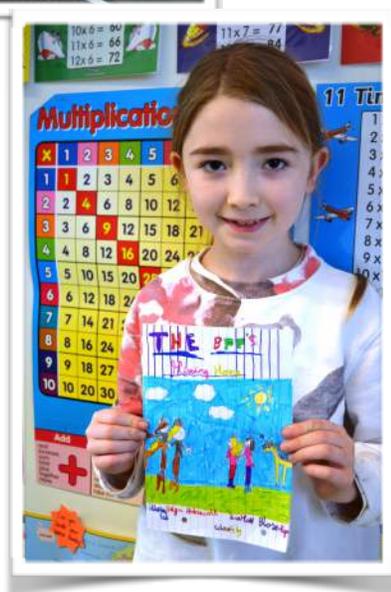


Hannah-Noa: Der Besuch des Space Expo Museum

Marie: Das Basteln der Eichhörnchen, DE NU2

This year we have harder Maths and my favourite thing is Art

- Scarlett EN P3C



Las matematicas, la musica, el deporte y la guitarra en la orquesta

-Julian ES P2

## SECONDARY NEWS

The first **Student council meeting** was held on November 10th. Representatives from each class were present and the meeting was supervised by Mr Madahar and Ms. Van Der Leij.

To end the year on a **festive** note we will be enjoying a Christmas lunch with all Secondary pupils and teachers on Wednesday the 16th December. This will be followed by a Sing-Along with a multi-lingual set-list. Parents are also welcome.

On December 10th there is another **Secondary school Open Morning** for prospective families. We have also invited two classes from Elckerlyc International school and HSV Primary school to come and visit ESH for an introduction day to our Secondary school. This will take place in the beginning of 2016.

### A review of **Battle of the bands** by *Laurin Centner* from S2

All the bands were really looking forward to go to Battle of the bands. On the 25th November it was finally time for Battle of the Bands. The bus left at 16:00 at The European School of The Hague and arrived at 17:45 at the European School in Bergen. When we arrived, we needed to register ourselves. Then the bands went to dinner and ate Hamburgers with French Fries. After the dinner we all waited for the audience to come and then the show started. The show started with one of our bands. The S4 band played 21 guns from Greenday. It was really well sung and played. Then some bands from Bergen continued the show. They also played well. After that another S4 band came (Formal Friday) and they played the song R U Mine from Artic Monkeys. It was amazing. In the band was Stefano who got the prize for the best Bass player in the show. Then 2 other bands from Bergen came and then it was time for the S2 Band. They played Uptown Funk from Bruno Mars. The crowd sang along. Then another band from Bergen played and then it was our last band's turn. Iman, Taja, Ines and Laura played. After that the Jury discussed who will be the winner of this year's Battle of the Bands. In the meantime the Teacher Band from The Hague played Always on the Run from Lenny Kravitz. Our school cheered, applauded and screamed when they were finished.



However it was nothing compared to the Teacher Band of Bergen. When they finished their Song the European School of Bergen literally exploded. They cheered, screamed and applauded literally 10 times louder than us. After the Moderator asked for quiet from the School from Bergen, the prizes were given. First they gave the prizes for the most talented players. Stefano got one for the most talented Bass Player and a girl from Bergen who played the Violin. The S2 Band got the price for the most creative Band. The first place was a Band from Bergen. They were called Fearless and played Stitches from Shawn Mendes. Then every band came up on the stage. Miss Teunissen said that next year Battle of the Bands will be at The European School of The Hague. Then we went to the bus and drove home. We came back to The Hague at 22:30.

## Meet the teacher...

### Evelien Langhorst, class teacher PNE5

Ik ben Nederlandse. Ik geef les aan klas PNE 5. Ik werk op de ESH sinds november 2013 en ben toen begonnen in klas PNE 4/5. Als leerkracht ben ik begonnen op een Nederlandse basisschool in Sliedrecht, waar ik 4 jaar heb gewerkt in verschillende jaargroepen. Daarna heb ik als leerkracht verschillende vrijwilligersprojecten gedaan op lokale scholen in onder andere Fiji, China en Thailand, voordat ik op de ESH kwam werken. Wat ik bijzonder vindt aan de ESH? De warme collegiale sfeer onder de leerkrachten en de leuke momenten met de leerlingen in de klas. Mijn highlight van het jaar? Dat waren er meerdere; het kamp naar Loon op Zand, het afscheidstoneelstuk/dans van klas 5 en het kerstoptreden van mijn Europese Uren koor. Eigenlijk zijn er wel bijna dagelijks hoogtepunten, die mijn baan als leerkracht op de ESH zo fijn maakt.



### Theodora Katanou, Latin teacher in Secondary

I am from Greece and I teach Latin to the S2, S3 and S4 pupils. I started working at ESH last year (2014-2015 schoolyear). Previously I was a teacher of Greek and Latin language, History and Philosophy in secondary schools for 15 years in Greece. During my Master's studies I was also supervising students during their internships and I was correcting their assignments and exam papers. For me the most interesting part about working at ESH is the multicultural and multinational environment. At the same time it is a really big challenge for me to show, by teaching Latin, the international language of culture, that although there are differences there are also many similarities between the citizens of Europe and the world.



### Ines Forster, German Mother Tongue teacher



Ich bin in Freiburg (Deutschland) aufgewachsen. An der Europäischen Schule unterrichte ich das Fach Deutsch Muttersprache. An unserer Schule bin ich seit ihrer Eröffnung im Jahr 2012. Davor habe ich als Klassenlehrerin an einer Grundschule in Stuttgart gearbeitet. Hier in Den Haag habe ich für die Deutschen Internationalen Schule und eine Montessori-Schule gearbeitet. Ich habe sehr nette deutschsprachigen Schülerinnen und Schüler. Nicht nur sie lernen jeden Tag, auch ich lerne täglich durch die vielen Sprachen um mich herum. Mein persönliches Highlight dieses Jahr war eine Rennrad-Tour auf einen hohen Berg in der Provence. Da war ich richtig stolz! Mein Schulhighlight...das wird wohl wieder der Sinterklaas sein, wenn er hoffentlich den Weg in die Europäische Schule findet.

## Suneel Madahar, ICT and Science & Biology teacher in Secondary

My name is Suneel Madahar, and I am originally from London, England. Currently I teach S1 - S4 ICT, and also Science and Biology. In fact I teach most students twice! I started work at the ESH in 2014, when the Secondary school first opened its doors. Before this time I had spent 2 years working in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in a large international school. The ESH is an incredibly special place to work. It's so small that everybody knows everybody else's name. Lessons are very relaxed and the atmosphere of the school is quite unique. My highlight of the year so far would have to be the talent show - it was great to see so many of our students up on stage showing off their own talents!



### Read more of our pupil highlights!

Hacer arte con Irene y mirar los libros de arte de la biblioteca

- Sabina ES P2



Ik vond het leuk toen Andre Kuipers kwam. En ik vond Naturalis leuk. - Julian NE P4



Met de juf leuke spelletjes doen en met de knikkerbaan spelen

- Nicolas NE P1A



La semaine de l'Espace! - Juliette & Elora S2