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19.04.2016
 PTA meeting



23.04.2016
 Flea market



27.04.2016
 Kings day

ESH NEWS



From our Director

Dear Parents,

The accreditation of every associated European School must be renewed every three years. As our Primary department started in 2012/2013, a renewal was due in this school year. Maybe you remember that we had European School inspectors in our school in November last year. The outcome of that visit became official when the Board of Governors of the European Schools confirmed a renewal of the accreditation based on the report of the inspectors this week.

Although we already communicated oral feedback from the inspectors to the Participation Council, the official report of the audit is now public domain, along with the decision of the Board. We will publish the report on the

intranet for parents so that you can read the outcomes yourself. In any case, it is no secret that the outcome was very positive, according to the audit team; "This European School is an enlightening example for the European Schools".

You can imagine how pleased I am and how I think we should all be proud of achieving this well-deserved recognition of our hard work. Thank you to everyone in the school from Primary to Secondary and administrative staff, as we all contributed to this positive outcome. Of course our gratitude goes also to the deputy director Mr. Voorneman and to the former director of the school Mrs De Graaf for all the work they have done leading up to this outcome.

with kind regards, Frans van de Kerkhof

GENERAL NEWS

On Sunday the 10th of April, Miss Henry and Miss Slegg successfully completed the 42 km **Rotterdam Marathon**. They ran in memory of Miss Slegg's mother who passed away in July last year, after a short battle with cancer. Both teachers raised money for Macmillan Cancer, a charity in the U.K. that provides support for people affected by cancer and for Cancer Research. Donations are still welcome at the box at the reception!

Many Thanks from Miss Henry & Miss Slegg

ESH will be **donating 30 laptops** to an under-privileged school in Gambia, Africa. Sheraz Uddin (our ICT coordinator) travelled there during the February vacation and visited the Prospect School. He felt compelled that something needed to be done in order to facilitate the ICT development for the primary children.



Our P5 classes held a fundraiser for **Wandelen voor Water**, they raised an impressive total of € 1125,50 in just over an hour during their fundraising activities at school by selling books, toys, cakes and crafts. On Tuesday the 22nd of March P5 pupils walked along Kijkduin carrying 6 litres of water in their backpacks to understand what children in developing

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 19 April

PTA meeting

Friday 22 April

Koningsspelen for Primary

Saturday 23 April

ESH flea market

Tuesday 26 April

Secondary PC meeting

Thursday 28 April

Primary PC meeting

School closed

Wednesday 27 April

Koningsdag

2 –16 May

May holiday

Friday 10 June

INSET day

countries go through. The money raised will be used for the School Sanitation and Hygiene project in Bangladesh. The funds will be doubled by Aqua For All foundation.

Many thanks from Miss Wright, Miss O'Hare and Miss Langhorst



PRIMARY NEWS

From Deputy Director Primary, Eugene Voorneman

A big thank you to all those parents who came to watch the **Francophonie en fete performance**. It was a wonderful morning of performances and sharing good homemade foods.

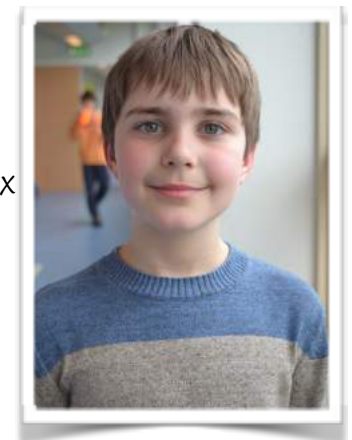
We would like to update you on the **Cooperative Learning developments** in school. Following the INSET day in January all teachers started to use the structures in their lessons. In February we had the 'Minute Coaching'. Experienced CL coaches and our CL trainer visited every classroom for about 10 minutes and watched teachers and pupils working with a Cooperative Learning structure. It was so good to see that all teachers are embracing this way of working together and pupils enjoy this way of working together. On March 16 we had another INSET afternoon. You can find more information about Cooperative Learning on the display board in the hallway, opposite the stairway.

We asked our students; "If you could be King (or Queen) for a day...."



J'aimerais faire de skateboard dans les couloirs - Tomas

I'd get astroturf for the playground and a 3-course buffet for everyone's school lunch - Max



...step-racen! - Ella

Introducing...Debbie Smit, Nursery teacher English section

My role at ESH is Nursery English teacher. Miss Dammy is my assistant and we have 23 pupils in our class. I started working at ESH in October 2014. Previously I have taught in Melbourne, Australia, Milan, Italy, Bochum, Germany and Terneuzen, The Netherlands. I joined the ESH teaching team because it is a multilingual and multicultural school. I was motivated to work with teachers from other cultures to share my teaching experiences with and to learn from their experiences. My favourite part of the school day is being in my classroom with my children supporting them to develop socially, emotionally and academically.



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If I could be king/queen for a day I would love to be pampered.

Introducing...Klaas de Jong, class teacher PNE3



Ik ben groepsleerkracht van klas 3 in de Nederlandstalige sectie. Het is een groep gezellige leerlingen met wie ik taal- en rekenlessen doe, maar ook wereldverkenning, kunst en sport! De Europese Uren op maandagmiddag worden door mij gecoördineerd. Met de collega's van de klassen 3, 4 en 5 kiezen we een thema en geven daar op allerlei verschillende manieren invulling aan. In de medezeggenschapsraad vertegenwoordig ik het personeel met twee collega's. Samen met de coördinator schooltrips bereid ik excursies voor. Dit doe ik voor de derde klassen en we streven ernaar één keer per jaar een schoolreis te organiseren in het kader van de Europese Uren voor alle klassen 3, 4 en 5.

In augustus 2013 ben ik op de ESH gestart. Mijn onderwijs carrière startte op een basisschool in Bolnes vlakbij Rotterdam, de stad waar ik geboren ben. In 2004 ben ik naar Italië gegaan en ik heb daar 9 jaar voor de Europese School in Varese gewerkt. Ik ben heel veel van Italië gaan houden en ik kijk met veel genoegen terug op de jaren daar. De omgeving van het Lago Maggiore is adembenemend! Italiaans eten vind ik heerlijk! En ik hou van de zon! Ik heb uit overtuiging voor de Europese School en het bijbehorende onderwijssysteem gewerkt in Italië en ik wilde dat blijven doen nadat mijn contract daar was afgelopen. Dat was mijn voornaamste motivatie: een Europese School in een internationale omgeving. Dat bood de ESH! Ik prijs me gelukkig met mijn werk hier. Graag geef ik les in creatieve vakken; dat komt ook bij de Europese Uren goed aan bod. Leerlingen verbazen me keer op keer met interessante presentaties, mooie gedichten en spannende verhalen. Dat zijn momenten die ik koester.

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Vaak praat ik met kinderen over wereldproblemen en hun begripvolle houding voor mensen die het om welke reden dan ook moeilijk hebben; dat spreekt me aan. Als ik voor een dag koning was, zou ik ervoor willen zorgen dat er meer en serieuzer naar kinderen werd geluisterd. Dat zou de wereld wel eens ten goede kunnen komen.

SECONDARY NEWS

From Deputy Director Secondary, Deirdre Byrnes

Francophonie en fete was a success throughout the school and I would like to mention a special thank you to the L'autre pays du theatre who supervised our students in a drama workshop.

Our students also recently participated in a range of workshops presented by the **Safe School** organisation. They were able to choose from Capoeira, dance or improvisation and the results were shared in an enjoyable performance at the end of the day.



News from the Music Department

The S1 students have been busy learning about the different instruments in the orchestra. What's more, they have been trying out the instruments they can choose to play in S2 next year. Last week brass teacher Rene Sommer came to visit all the S1 classes for a brass instrument workshop. A few students were so excited about the possibility of playing a musical instrument, that they wanted to get a head start and have joined the Jazz Band. S1 parents will receive a letter soon containing all the information about the Music programme in S2 and S3 and details about ordering a rental instrument and the timeline for making the final choice.



The Night of the Classics was a great success. Many students and ensembles performed wonderful pieces of music, with a focus on classical music and jazz. Some highlights of the evening were the String Ensemble playing Palladio, the Jazz Band playing Cantaloupe Island, the Vocal Harmony Group singing Lullaby of Birdland with some great choreography, and the Music Passion Club performing Mack the Knife. It was great seeing so many dedicated musicians on stage and this event will definitely become a tradition in our young school!

The Music Department is always looking to expand the number of instruments that students can use during the Music lessons and the ensembles. So should you have an instrument lying around that is not being used anymore, please consider giving it a new home and contact Ms Oosterman (c.oosterman@eshthehague.nl)

S1 also have a deadline for opting Latin next year, this decision must be made by April 21st. On Wednesday the 20th of April it is the P5 – S1 transition morning. School will finish at 12.00 hours.

S2 will be going on a school camp in June, this trip will be organised by Ms Maartje van der Leij.

Any **S3 and S4** students interested in joining the Participation Council can join a training on Wednesday the 13th of April from 16.00 – 17.00 hours. On Tuesday the 19th of April some S3 and S4 students are participating in the regional finals of the Olympic Moves volleyball tournament. We will be holding an informative meeting about the L2 trips for S3 and S4 students (held in their S4 and S5 years). The meeting will be held during an evening and you can expect to be informed on all aspects of the trips.

On the 20th and 21st of April we are holding **class councils**, parents will receive a letter about this soon. School finishes at 12.00 for students. On Friday the 22nd of April we are celebrating the work of **Shakespeare and Cervantes**. In the spirit of harmonised teaching our L1 teachers have organised a range of reading, listening and speaking activities in all L1 languages.

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J'aimerais que tous les habitants montent a cheval pendant 1h - Audrey



I would play video games all day. And I would help some people with their maths - Lorenzo



...een lange fietstocht doen! - Mikko



...auf einem weissen Pferd reiten!

Annika & Maya

News from the Support department

Last month the first **Satisfaction Survey** was held in ESH Secondary School history. With a 72 % response rate from parents we would like to thank all of you for providing us with your feedback and input. Apart from querying parents, there were also surveys for pupils & staff. All results will now be analysed by the different departments of our school after which we will share a summary of this analysis with you and with the Participation Council. We will keep you updated on the further outcomes of this survey but are very grateful for the feedback received.

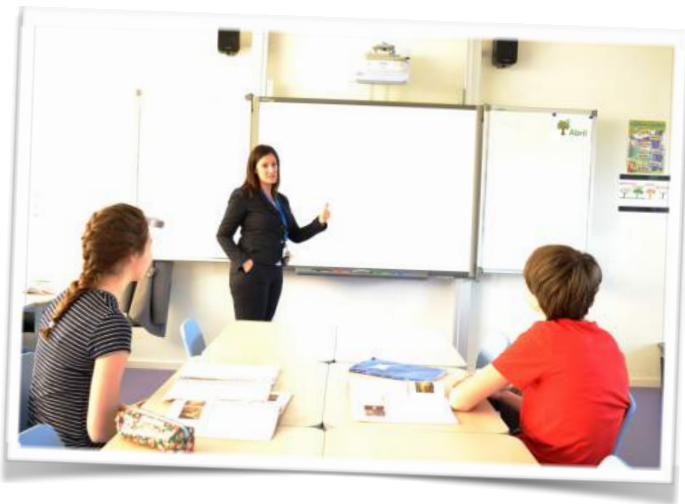
Jaap Marsman - Support Coordinator

Introducing...Elena Olivera Soto, Spanish L1 & L3 teacher in Secondary

Soy la profesora de español como L1 y L3 y también la coordinadora de L1 en secundaria. Empecé a trabajar en la ESH en agosto de 2014, cuando la escuela secundaria abrió sus puertas por primera vez. Fue muy emocionante formar parte de ese comienzo. Soy profesora funcionaria en España y allí di clase de Lengua y Literatura en Madrid y en Murcia. Después me mudé a La Haya y me especialicé en las clases de español a extranjeros por todo el país: en organismos internacionales o en la British School en La Haya, en la Universidad Erasmus de Rotterdam, en el Instituto Cervantes de Utrecht... ¡Hace ya más de trece años que empecé a dar clases! ¡El tiempo vuela!

Soy profesora de secundaria por vocación y me apetecía mucho aportar mi granito de arena en la constitución de esta nueva escuela, donde la multiculturalidad y el multilingüismo son tan valiosos. Disfruto y me divierto mucho en clase con mis alumnos. No dejan de sorprenderme con su entusiasmo y ganas de aprender y eso hace que estemos siempre planeando distintas actividades, como el vídeo con la campaña de salud que los chicos de L3-S2 han grabado recientemente, las clases de cocina española con los alumnos de L3-S4, o las lecturas de los clásicos de nuestra literatura con mis estudiantes de L1-S4.

Es sorprendente lo rápido que aprenden.



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Me aseguraría de que cada niño tiene algo que comer, un techo sobre el que refugiarse y acceso a la educación. La escuela es fundamental, no solo por los conocimientos que se pueden adquirir, sino por los valores que allí se inculcan y por los lazos que se establecen entre niños de la misma edad que tú. Muchas veces olvidamos que jugar es importantísimo en nuestro desarrollo.



I would let
everyone know
that I am King!

- Leo



I would force everyone to
make a giant pond in their
backyard for a pet squid -
Daniel