

June 2018

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This is our third and final school newsletter of the academic year. It is also the last newsletter from this location.

In April, volunteers came from AEGON for a day and helped clean out the shed. This was the start of the big clear up prior to our move and work has continued since.

In May, the choral group 'Altered Five' came and visited the school as part of the programme 'Live Music Now'. The children really enjoyed this musical experience, which was of excellent quality.

In May we also went on our whole school trip to Plaswijckpark. It was perhaps the wettest trip that Three Little Ships and Lighthouse children have ever been on but a good time was still had by all.

In June, Class R started harvesting their crops at the farm, Class A went all prehistoric and TLS learned a lot about sun, sea and sand. The staff, meanwhile, started packing boxes while trying to keep the classroom environment happy and stable for the students.

Pictures from our events are posted on our Twitter accounts and some also make it onto the website!

In July, we will break for the summer and that will also bring an end of an era. We will say 'goodbye' to our little grey building, taking lots of memories with us.

Many children are moving on to other schools and locations. Some are moving abroad. We wish you all a wonderful, happy, healthy, fun summer and hope to see some of you back in the new building on Monday 27th August.

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

Building News

The building work at the van Heutszstraat is in full flow. New windows, floors, toilets, heating, and paintwork are all taking shape.

The ground floor will have a blue colour scheme, the first floor a yellow colour scheme and the second floor will have a green colour scheme.

A lift will also be installed for disabled students, staff and visitors.



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We have heard that the sewage system in the street will be renewed at the end of the summer. This may make affect the entrances to the building that we use and the local parking at the start of term. We recommend that you do a drive-by in the week before term starts to check out the current situation after the summer break.

Important Dates

Friday 29 June 13.00 – 15.30 Summer Party

Friday 6th July - school reports given to parents

Tuesday 10 July 14.00 – 15.00 End of Year Celebration

Wednesday 11 July 2018 – last day of school year. School closes at **12.30**

Monday 27th August 2018 – first day of the new school year

The school calendar and important dates for 2018-2019 are now on our website

Staff News

As you are aware, Mr. Robert Jan will be leaving us to take up a new and exciting position at Bartiméus, the support service for children with a visual disability. We wish him well in this new venture and hope he will come and visit us in the new school building.

Miss Eleni continues to recover after her recent operation. We hope that she will begin to come back to work in September 2018.

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

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News from Three Little Ships

The children in TLS have been busy bees since our last school newsletter. We worked on our topic *Spring*, learning about plants, flowers and baby animals. The children enjoyed planting their own seeds and watched them grow in the windowsill. We labelled parts of a flower and even created our own flowers using different materials. After reviewing the seasons, we celebrated King's Day and showed our support by making orange crowns and decorating the class and ourselves in the traditional Dutch colours.



In May we focused on *Community Helpers and their Transportation*. We had so much fun learning about who helps us, keeps us safe and healthy. The fantasy corner transformed from a garden center to a doctor's office very quickly. The children seemed to be all coming down

with a common cough making the doctor's work extra hard! They even didn't mind the long queues! We put out fires, made traffic lights and even went on a safety walk through the neighbourhood.

Now we have reached June, focusing on *Summer: Sand, Sun and Sea*. We have had a delightful time learning about the different activities that we can play on the



beach, what animals we might find at the bottom of the sea and why we must wear sunscreen when we are in the sun. We wrapped up our topic with a walk to the ice cream shop. It was a great way to cool our bodies down from the summer heat. Now we are packing our suitcases and getting ready for the summer holiday! In last weeks we will discuss the year as a whole, and reflect back on our topics, favourite activities and of course friendships we have made.



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News from Class A

In Class A, we have been learning all about dinosaurs - this has been a really popular topic with all of the children.



We learned a song about dinosaurs - The Prehistoric Dinosaur Brigade - and we stomped and flapped like dinosaurs.

We looked for dinosaur eggs and found tiny dinosaurs inside.



We hatched some dinosaur eggs in water - each day, they got bigger and bigger.



We found dinosaur bones in the sand and chipped a dinosaur skeleton out of a rock.



We played with dinosaurs in the swampy mud and gave all of the dinosaurs a jolly good wash, learning about clean and dirty at the same time. That was fun. If you need some washing-up done, I think that you could ask anyone from Class A and they would be a great help.



We made dinosaur fossils in Playdoh. We counted dinosaurs and we made books about dinosaurs.

We love dinosaurs!

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News from Class R

Class R have been learning heaps this school year; next to the academics in class, there was hands on learning, sensory learning and lots of fun as well!



Our lessons at the farm (Reigershof) have continued this year, with Miss Ester teaching us how to take care of an allotment and enjoy the crops: flowers, vegetables and fruits. After the summer the last ingredients will have fully grown and we can bake a pizza in the woodfired oven.

More skills come in place as two children have been cycling to the farm, learning about traffic rules, balancing, safety (as well as locking your own bike) and dealing with unexpected situations.

Mid June a number of children joined the HSV Sports Day, which was at the HDM hockey field. Lots of children, a large field and quick changing of activities: quite some challenges... There was lots of laughter going on and children helping each other out to make it a big success for each and everyone.



In IPC we are learning about light and sound and as we found out sound is made through vibrations, Miss Jonna brought in her electric guitar for us to feel how the strings vibrate. Then we learned how these vibrations travel through many parts of our ear into our brain!

We hope that you have enjoyed reading about our learning.

Our next school newsletter will come out in the new school year!