

...Learning for Life

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Important Dates

Wednesday 15th December
 Thursday 16th December
 Friday 17th December
 Monday 10th January
 Tuesday 11th January

EYFS Christmas Morning **[9.00am and 10.30am]**
 Primary Christmas Evening **[Go home 12.30pm/return 5.30pm]**
 Staff Only/No Children
 Teacher Training Day (No Children)
 School resumes for Term 2



Sinterklaas Feedback

What a fantastic day the children had!

Water play, bouncy castles, train rides galore...Popcorn, ice-cream and more!

Sinterklaas, in all his regalities, made it to Onitana, and opened up his book of wisdom in front of every NISL child. The children sang for him and received treats from the Pieten! The school was draped with décor and filled with excitement. As the children went home, walking past our Dutch flag waving in the breeze, it was safe to say that the committee was filled with satisfaction having organised an event to remember. Well done; Mr Frits, juf Danitsa and Mrs Zainab.

Pre-Reception After School Activities/Daycare

Next week will mark the last French, Art, Zumba and Drama class for Term 1 for Pre-Reception children who stay back after school. On Monday 13th/Tuesday 14th you may still pick up your Pre-Reception ASA children at 2.15pm; they will watch the older children rehearse for their production until pick up time.

Daycare for our youngest classes. Minimax and Maximax, will be offered throughout next week and for the final Monday 13th/Tuesday 14th.

After School Activities for Reception and Primary

We plan towards re-introducing ASAs at NISL having fought off and fought through COVID and have been engaging again more recently with facilitators who offer the likes of Gymnastics, Karate, Hip-Hop and Bricks for Kidz. These are just a few examples of what will be offered, pending the newly brewing COVID variant. We will keep you updated.

Online or Onsite – Term 2/Week 1

If Nigerian Government guidelines revert to asking incoming international passengers to quarantine for seven days (rather than the current two if vaccinated) then we will revert to our online plan line for the first week back in January. Things are rather uncertain for now; we will keep you updated.

Sinterklaas Highlights



Christmas Frenzy Begins...

As per tradition, once Sinterklaas waves goodbye at our NISL gates, the spirit of Christmas commences. Over the next two weeks and building up towards the holidays, there are many diary dates for Parents to take note of and many magic moments for children to look forward to. The fortnight of celebration ends ultimately with performances and productions, to which we finally invite you all to join. With the new COVID variant causing some concerns we can say that all upcoming plans are tentative but planned in good faith. Please carefully read the below explanations of key Christmas traditions and print off the final page as a checklist of reminders. Do ask if you have any questions!

Christmas Bazar/Bake Sale – Student Council

SC will be hosting their first charity event of the year and will be selling Christmas hats, tree decorations, artwork, books and CAKES!!!

The plan is to sell, buy, dance and laugh our way through the morning of **FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER.**

We would like to encourage all NISL children to bring some cookies or cakes to the bake sale and contribute, as 90 percent of all funds raised will go to LUTH Hospital's children's ward.

Red and White Day

On **Monday 13th December** we would like everyone to dress in red and white please for a festive whole school photograph and feel. Monday 13th marks the beginning of the final week...the countdown is on...

Charity Drive – Gift Box/Bag

Children will soon receive a letter about bringing a gift to school by **Tuesday 14th December**. ALL wrapped gifts or sealed bags should be placed under the Christmas tree which will appear in the reception area of the Admin/Specialist Block. We like to very specific about the contents/suggestions for gift boxes so as not to cause upset when children are opening them (we believe uniformity will keep things simple – thanks for your understanding and support).

1. Juice pack
2. Lollypop or small candy
3. Toiletries such as a bar of soap
4. Toothpaste/toothbrush
5. ONE extra SMALL token gift that you feel is appropriate for a child your own age...

EG a small toy, colouring set, a story book, pencil case, water flask or math set

Early Years Foundation Stage Performances

We will be hosting two Bubble Performances on **(Wednesday 13th December)** in the Gym. All Minimax and Maximax children should please arrive at the usual 8.00am on this day. Parents of Minimax and Maximax will be served coffee and given the opportunity to mingle on the field area. There will be some time to kill as the little ones sort costumes and stage make-up! You may want to ask your nanny/designated adult to drop your child off at 8.00am and arrive separately (before 9.00am) for the performance itself. *The Minimax/Maximax Performance will start at 9.00am prompt.* Pre-Reception and Reception children can also be dropped off at the usual 8.00am. if you choose to bring your Pre-Reception or Reception children in a little later (by 9.30am) that is fine. Coffee will be served for Pre-Reception and Reception Parents from 9.30am to 10.30am; again, as mentioned above, you may choose to drop your child off and join later for the show. Entirely up to you!

The Pre-Reception and Reception Performance will start at 10.30am prompt.

If you have children in both Bubbles then we look forward to hosting you for longer and serving you a double dose of coffee! We promise to be flexible and full of reminders and ask that you in return be punctual and COVID compliant. Best of luck to our youngest actors and actresses!

**There will be an EYFS party on Thursday 16th December (last day of Term)
with a special guest appearance from Santa. Please look out for party food, sign-up sheets...**

Primary – Christmas Celebrations

On the last day of Term 1, **Thursday 16th December**; all Primary children should be picked up (as if it were a Friday) at 12.30pm please. Going home for a rest before the evening excitement kicks off gives the committee time to set up the banquet hall, stage and bar (the latter being for you Mamas and Papas, not the kiddoes!).

Years 1-6 alongside Groeps 4 and 5 should make sure they return to school at 5.30pm (and please no later) to have a formal dinner before the open-air production. We look forward to seeing Parents, staff and of course the students all dressed up in their party clothes and in the Christmas spirit. Glitz and glamour is the theme. Children will need to change into their production clothes after the formal dinner.

Boys in the past have worn a shirt and tie when returning at 5.30pm, some even a three-piece suit!

Girls have been seen in smart dresses and even full-length ball gowns!

Christmas comes but once a year ... going all out at NISL is indeed the tradition!

Whilst children eat inside, Parents can mingle, nibble, sip on a glass of wine and enjoy some Christmas carols...Please look out for Parent Food Sign-Up Sheets...

Stay safe – Stay healthy ... Be careful – Be thankful

Regards from The NISL Team