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## NISL NEWS 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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### Important Dates

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup>/Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Reports to be Distributed  
New Site Visit  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
EYFS End of Year Recordings  
Year 1/Groep 3 Upward End of Year Recordings  
Leavers Assembly/Last Day of School



Now more than ever, we look up to the skies  
for hope, inspiration and faith.  
We look to you also, our Parents, for  
partnership, support and understanding.

**NISL is getting ready for the big move...**  
**New site, new beginnings...**

Please do reach out to us if you have contacts, supplies,  
contractors, ideas, advice or sponsorship.  
Together we can make this happen!

**Please read everything below very carefully and do ask if clarification is needed.**  
**There are a lot of changes and amendments to dates concerning**  
**new site visit, report distribution, Parent Teacher Conferences and productions.**

### New Site Visit

Most of you will now have read on the Parent WhatsApp group that we will not visit the new site tomorrow as originally planned. This is in light of uncertainties around Democracy Day movement. All Parents are instead invited on SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> June from 9.00am to 10.30am.  
No children please, Parents only.  
Address; 4 Onitana Road, Off Second Avenue, Old Ikoyi (easily located via Google Maps).

## Burst Bubbles

We really have faced a tough time recently with three burst Bubbles out of five at home, learning online. Students have been adaptable and you as Parents of course supportive. I'd like to also use this forum and opportunity to thank the Team for pulling things together last minute, unexpectedly and so well. As things stand, our return date is THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> June for the below classes and children:

- [Pre-Reception and Reception](#)
- [Years 1 and 2](#)
- [Groepen 3 and 4](#)

Monday – no online learning due to the Public Holiday.

Tuesday and Wednesday – online lessons as per Zoom overviews sent out.

Thursday – Back to school 😊

## Report Distribution/Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC)

As the header of this Newsletter says; Change is Constant. Circumstances sometimes warrant or dictate compassion and adaptability. With so much “up and down” over the last couple of weeks in terms of Bubbles bursting, we have decided to postpone report distribution and PTCs. Once all children are back on site and all report folders have been returned to teachers; we will ALL send reports out together on [Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June](#). They are after all called “End of Year” reports and we will still have a week left for PTCs. These will be scheduled now on [Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom](#). You will therefore have the opportunity to read and digest your children’s reports over the weekend. You may already contact Class Teachers to book a Zoom Conference for these two new postponed dates. There’s still a while to go, so reminders will be sent next week. If you have filled in a leave request form to travel before the final week of term and require a soft copy of the report, please do indicate this to the teachers.

## End of Year Celebrations

Despite our attempts and hopes to have a huge (staggered) finale with Parents and cameras, lights and action, we have been forced (again due to circumstance) to simplify things. Some teachers have voiced your requests to come and watch the little ones on stage and I can assure you that we seriously considered adapting our protocol at the end of a difficult year. We have now decided, however, that it simply isn't worth the risk knowing that we have so recently and so internally been affected by COVID.

*The show(s) will go on though... Simplified but still special.*

[Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June](#) – our two EYFS bubbles will perform on stage and be recorded so that you will be able to view all they've been learning in IEYC; some highlights and favourite parts!

[Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June](#) – a similar scene by scene recording session will take place with the primary year groups with a special “End of an Era” theme. The originally planned for production on a grander scale has been postponed to the new site and will take shape, we hope, as an opening ceremony.

[Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June](#) – all students will come at the usual times 7.45am to 12.30pm to pack up, say goodbye to friends, teachers and to Walter Carrington. We will wave off the “leavers” and “graduates”.

## Numbers next Year

Although we sent intent forms out some time back, we know that our new site update/location may have an impact on your commitment to NISL next year. We also appreciate that some families are only hearing now from their own companies of employment regarding the future. We know these are uncertain times but please, please do keep us well updated regarding your plans. On a more positive note, we would like to thank those who have spread the word regarding our move as we have noticeably been contacted by more Ikoyi families. We are definitely very excited to see your reactions next weekend when we go for the Parent visit because taking the Team was very exciting and feedback overall was great! We have fingers crossed for a healthy pupil population next year.

*Have a peaceful and productive weekend...  
Happy Democracy Day and see you on Tuesday...*