

...Learning for Life

NISL NEWS 12th November 2021

Important Dates

Monday 22nd November
Tuesday 23rd/Wednesday 24th November
Friday 3rd December
Wednesday 15th December
Thursday 16th December
Friday 17th December

Reports to be Distributed
Parent Teacher Conferences
Sinterklaas comes to Lagos
EYFS Christmas Morning
Primary Christmas Evening
Staff Only/No Children



Thanks to all Parents who popped by through the week for our Term 1 coffee mornings.

Your feedback was invaluable and taking you for a tour of the school to show you how things function now that we are fully up and running was super! Your positive reactions were encouraging for sure...

We will definitely plan towards another round of coffee mornings in Term 2.

Sinterklaas at NISL

One of our most important and traditional Dutch events is around the corner. Do you actually know who Sinterklaas is and what the celebrations entail? You may want to reach out to a Dutch friend within the community or a family who has been at NISL for a while longer than yours to help explain. Reading our attachment to this Newsletter will also help you to understand this unique tradition. Diary dates and things to remember for the children will follow in next week's Newsletter.

PTC - Parent Teacher Conferences

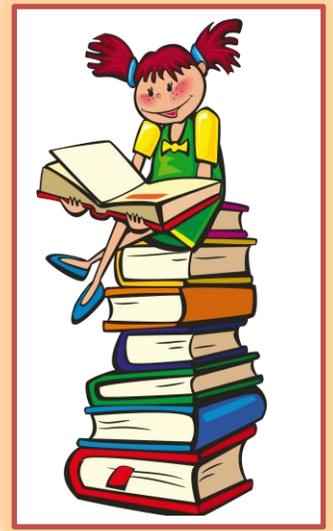
As previously explained; these conferences will be held onsite this time around. Please contact Class Teachers with your preferred choice of day, either Tuesday 23rd or Wednesday 24th November. We really encourage all Parents to book a slot, as reflecting upon the School Report together ultimately helps your child. Although reports are not sent home this Term for our youngest two classes (Minimax/Maximax) we would still love to meet for PTCs with Parents of these classes. Timings will be similar to years gone by; after school and no later than 5pm. Once we know your preferred day and an indication of preferred time, Teachers can sit together and make sure sibling conferences are put as close together as possible. Each conference will last 15 minutes and you will get the opportunity also to see your child's class work.

Free Membership to Online Library

NISL prides themselves for having a long-standing relationship with our educational advisors Stichting NOB, the Foundation for Dutch Education Abroad. Last year, NOB generously offered Parents of children in the Dutch Section/NTC a free subscription to the vast online Amsterdam Public Library.

This offer is now being extended to the current school year and is open to parents of children in the Dutch Stream or children registered for NTC. Once registered, the membership will only expire when the child reaches the age of 19 or when cancelled by the Parent, so no need to re register if you already did last year. Reading is already a whole school focus for this year - so this offer is too good to miss out on!

Over 25,000 e-books, 2,600 audio books and free access... what's not to like? Please complete the Registration Form attached to this Newsletter and return to juf Danitsa (allow 2 - 4 weeks for NOB to process your application).



Report Folders

There are a few of these still lingering at home. Please return to Class Teachers unfailingly by Monday of next week.

Games Room

The children may well have told you, and some of you will have seen on your tour after the coffee morning, that the multipurpose hall in the central block at school has now been converted into a Games Room. Some of our youngest students are using one end of this for PE, dance and movement and the original plan was to work towards a soft play area for them. We have instead, however, created a super outdoor classroom for play near the traffic circuit for the EYFS. Our Primary children now enjoy the Games Room during break times and lunch time. They're loving exploring chess, Connect 4, Boggle and more. There's a ping pong table set up in there, plus a reading corner/card games.

If you have any "IN GOOD CONDITION" board games you'd like to donate; please, please let us know!

Christmas/End of Term

Although the end of term seems far off and our focus right now is very much on Sinterklaas celebrations, we can't help but also plan a little towards Christmas. For the first time since March 2020 (because we will celebrate in Bubbles rather than whole school) our plan is to put on mini performances rather than arrange for a recording. This means that Parents (in groups) will finally (fingers crossed) be invited in and that we will be arranging lines, song and costume. Part allocation will be hindered if we do not know in time regarding pre-holiday travel plans. The wish of course is that families do not travel off early but if this is unavoidable; do ask Mrs Naomi for a Leave Request Form and explain your reason for proposed absence.

The Green Team



With all the chanting and excitement we have been hearing from the playground recently, it is apparent that lots of kiddoes want to become **GREEN TEAM** members. Thanks to Mrs Florence, Mr Dayo, Miss Teniola and Mrs Ashling, an extension was granted for submitting "Trash to Treasure" art pieces showing creativity and individual ideas on how we can reuse and recycle resources around us. All entries must be submitted in the form of artwork and a brief (written or oral) explanation by **MONDAY 15th**.

A teacher panel will select, feedback, appoint and announce!!!

Happy Weekend Y'all... From The Team