

...Learning for Life

## NISL NEWS 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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### Important Dates

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (inclusive)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Midterm Break

Id el Maulud (tentative)

Back to School



ENJOY NEXT WEEK OFF  
AND SEE YOU BACK IN  
SCHOOL ON  
MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER!

### Yearbook Parents

Please notify Mr Salami via [nislict@nislagos.org](mailto:nislict@nislagos.org) if you feel you have photography, graphic design or proof-reading skills and would like to join this year's Yearbook Committee. This committee traditionally works throughout the year and compiles a child led book which reflects the school's ethos and captures its magic moments through the academic year.

If interested, please email this weekend; ideally, we need two Parent Helpers.

### Tummy Bugs and Runny Noses

This message serves as a gentle reminder to not send your child to school if he/she is not feeling well. The NISL School Prospectus - which can be found on the school's website - states: 'In case of symptoms such as fever, diarrhea, vomiting or overall illness, the child should stay at home until all the symptoms have waned.' Unfortunately, we have recently observed a few children coming into school with runny noses, fevers etc. There also seems to have been a tummy bug going around which is of course very normal BUT keeping a child home for just a day can hugely limit an unnecessary spread. We appreciate unexpectedly having to keep your child at home may impact on your planning for the day especially as so many are working Parents, however, we need to put the health of our children above everything else and strongly urge you to comply with school policy.

### Friday Playdates

We have noticed that many playdates are arranged on a Friday after school which beautifully reflects our family feel. We request however that you update us if another family is picking your child up to avoid us having to call and double check with you.

**This really is causing unnecessary delays on Fridays after school at the gate.**

### EYFS Drop Off/Pick Up Timings

Please be reminded that our EYFS children should be dropped off as close to 8.00am as possible in the mornings unless of course coming in with older siblings; in which case they should arrive as close to the 7.45am mark as possible.

We have had some EYFS children who don't have siblings coming in before Team members are even on duty (from 7.20am).

**Similarly, pick up times need to be reiterated.** A few Parents are arriving exceptionally early and asking our Security to go to class and knock for children to be collected. This will not be permitted at all going forward unless your child is poorly and we as a school have contacted you. Wanting to avoid the traffic which is a reason given to us simply cannot be accepted.

If you are unavoidably delayed, on the contrary, then of course it is our duty of care to supervise and engage your child; please just inform us so that we are aware.

In ordinary circumstances, please be reminded of the below;

- ❖ Monday to Thursday, Minimax – Pre-Reception pick up – 12.30pm
- ❖ Daycare and Pre-Reception ASA children, Monday – Thursday pick up 2.15pm
- ❖ Monday to Thursday Reception pick up – 2.15pm
- ❖ Friday Minimax – Reception pick up – 12.15pm

### Operational Progress

We are so grateful for the bank of compliments sent our way as regards new site developments and how well things have come together physically and not just educationally.

The main U-shape outer building with our main classrooms is fully functional and the middle block (our Admin and Specialist Block) is now the priority.

Grass is growing, play equipment is being set up, library books are out of boxes and the gym floor has been laid!

**This mid-term break we will have a mammoth industrial clean and fumigators will come in.**



### Student Council

Mrs. Dipa and Miss Esther would like to reach out to any Year 3-6 students of the English Stream and Groep 4 or 5 students of the Dutch Stream who feel they can represent their class and commit to making a difference at NISL. Who would like to be the STUDENT VOICE?

**Are you prepared to write a speech and to put yourselves forward?**

- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Those interested in nominating themselves as potential leaders of NISL are invited to share a copy of their speech. This could be at drop off, break time or lunch time. Two “WHY ME?” copies of your speech should be printed by this day so that one can be passed on to Mrs. Dipa/Miss Esther. (One copy to stay with the child nominating themselves).
- **Election Week** – These speeches will be read to peers in class during the week. There will then be a voting system alongside Management feedback which will determine one representative per year group. The officially chosen names will be announced via the Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October Newsletter.
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** in open air on the playground; 7.45am. The chosen representatives will be introduced to the School and will receive their official congratulatory letters/job descriptions.
- At the discretion of Mrs. Dipa and Miss Esther (and taking into account votes); specific titles will be assigned to Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

**If you feel your child is interested in embarking on this election process and in being a “voice” for the School, then please support them with speeches and let us know if you have any questions.**

**Please note that the week after Student Council elections we will be appointing our Recycling Champions for 2021/2022.**

**If you prefer to work with community outreach or have journalistic talents, then please wait until Term 2 for other leadership opportunities ...**

## Inclusion and Diversity

Last year we launched a programme internally called The ID Curriculum which celebrated diversity and encouraged the children to be accepting of others and to not be scared to ask questions regarding differences.



*Spend some time this Mid-Term Break asking your child some questions...*

- ❖ Do you think a person is more important if they are a “boss” or in charge?
- ❖ Are boys more special than girls or are girls more special than boys?
- ❖ How many friends do you have of different nationalities?
- ❖ Which religions are similar and which religions are different?
- ❖ Whose name did you find unusual when you first heard it?
- ❖ Are the children in your class smart in different ways?
- ❖ What does “stereotype” mean?
- ❖ Why do people say “respect your elders”? Do you agree?
- ❖ Should we find a book or movie about someone with a physical disability?

## Important Staff Updates

It is with heavy hearts and after much deliberation, that we announce the departure of two Team Members from NISL. **Both Mr Frits and Mrs Lola are leaving Nigeria in December and will undoubtedly leave a void.**

The role of Vice Principal until numbers rise again in the student population has unfortunately been made redundant. Mrs Emma in her existing operational role as part of the Management Team will also support Mrs Dipa with academic matters as she has an educational background herself.

Mrs Claske will support as the Dutch face of NISL.

Mr Frits has done an incredible job in the time he has been with us showing compassion towards our children with individualised needs and who are on the SEN REGISTER. He has tidied up multiple systems and set in place more modern policies for the school to embrace. Many have nick-named him our Sharepoint King as he has done wonders with the administrative side of things at school. Despite the numbers in Dutch children dwindling at NISL, Mr Frits has worked tirelessly to set up our NTC programme and liaised with Dutch Parents passionately explaining the importance of home language to them. His impact on pupil progress, assessment and in terms of teacher support will be hugely missed.

By default, as Mr Frits’ wife, and after an unexpected lockdown in Brunei, we also bid farewell to Mrs Diyana, former Teaching Assistant in Key Stage Two.

Mrs Diyana has always proven to be a big personality in a small and delicate package. She brought such international flavour to the Team, enhanced our social media profile and was full of creativity. Her organisational skills were simply outstanding, and she was an exemplary Teaching Assistant no doubt. Please support us in wishing the van der Ree family; Mr Frits, Mrs Diyana and their three beautiful children (Aaron, Yasmin and Naiima) all the very best for the future.

The role of Reception Teacher will inevitably need re-filling and cannot be called a redundancy. We are short listing an alternative recruit and assure you that he/she will be the right person for the children. Interviewing strong alternatives still leaves us heart sore as Mrs Lola has proved unique and will leave very big shoes to fill. It is our duty and responsibility to only employ someone who proves passionate and experienced; who will serve your children well plus fit into the Team with ease.

Mrs Lola brought an unquestionable vibrance to any room or class she stepped into and balanced leadership so well with her teaching skills. She carried and led the EYFS through an OFSTED inspection in her capacity as EYFS Co-ordinator and will forever be remembered when we dance to Christmas songs or organise productions. She mentored a Teaching Assistant into becoming a teacher, has built life-long relationships with Parents, trained teachers on Safeguarding and was a go to person for many of our Support Staff. Mrs Lola has been a jovial and fun-loving member of the Team, which the children found so easy to relate to, yet she had a calm and faith filled approach to many other aspects of her role.

We wish Mrs Lola and her family, most especially her youngest daughter Atinuke who has been a part of NISL since she was three years old, all the very best in the United Kingdom and on this next step of their journey.

**Wishing all celebrating Id el Maulud an auspicious day next Tuesday ...  
Regards from The NISL Team – See you on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October!**