

...Learning for Life

NISL NEWS 26th November 2021

Important Dates

Friday 3rd December
Wednesday 15th December
Thursday 16th December
Friday 17th December

Sinterklaas comes to Lagos
EYFS Christmas Morning
Primary Christmas Evening
Staff Only/No Children

Zie ginds komt de Stoomboot uit Spanje weer aan, hij brengt ons Sint Nicolaas, ik zie hem al staan. Hoe huppelt zijn paardje het dek op en neer, hoe waaien de wimpels al heen en al weer

Look there is the steamer from far away land, it brings us Saint Nicholas, he's waving his hand. His horse is a-prancing on deck up and down, the banners are waving in village or town.



Sinterklaas

The aroma from our new multi-media come cookery room has been divine this week with classes popping in and out to bake their very own pepernoten. Today children will have brought home a note as regards a shoe and a carrot/apple... Intriguing indeed; be sure to read the note with them! Songs are being sung, chimneys have been decorated, Pieten have been caught on CCTV camera and preparations are in place through this build up for the actual main event on Friday 3rd December (next Friday!)

Please can ALL Parents read the attached programme and details of what is needed from home.

Children should please be picked up later than usual next Friday to squeeze in all the more fun and festivity.
12.30pm, 12.45pm and 1.00pm for EYFS, Years 1-4 and Grp 4/5 and Yr 5/6 respectively.

Christmas at NISL

Though we traditionally do not move into the Christmas festivities at NISL until Sinterklaas has waved goodbye at the school gate; there are a few mentions that are necessary. Further details and updates will fill next week's Newsletter.

- Our EYFS children will perform on Wednesday 15th December
- Minimax/Maximax Performances will start at 9.00am and Pre-Reception/Reception at 10.30am
- Separate to the performances, the EYFS children will have class parties on Thursday 16th
- Our Primary children (Year 1 and Groep 4 upward) will perform on Thursday 16th December
- This Thursday Primary production will be an evening affair; carol singing and more!!!
- Parents will be invited in for the upcoming COVID compliant Christmas events



Pick-Up Procedures/No Play

Something that was very well practiced at Walter Carrington, for safety reasons and not at all to restrict play, was children waiting with Teaching Assistants at the bench area before going home when Parents or designated adult arrived. Here at Onitana, we seem to have become a little more relaxed, which is super so long as kids are all still safe. We will reintroduce this “no play” at home time policy for safety reasons after 2.45pm. We appreciate that some children waiting for siblings prefer not to wait in the car or on the benches, so we ask with all humility that Parents supervise play (on the grass only).

Play will only be permitted on the grass and only until 2.45pm.

Members of our Team, escorting classes down, will also be vigilant and join in with supervision until that time. Alternatively, why not use the extra few minutes, due to COVID staggered pick up, for reading a book together on the bench or for having a cuddle?

Feedback Parent Teacher Conferences

It was absolutely amazing to see so many of you on school grounds and after so long, visiting the classes for your PTCs. Thank you so much for the feedback provided in such a short time on our amazing teachers. Spontaneous feedback in the corridors about what a great job they all do and how well they've connected with your children was sincere and heart-warming. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity also to see work displayed in classrooms and to peruse through workbooks.

All signed reports should be returned before the Christmas Holidays.

Social Media

We have been updating our “NISL Primary” page recently and are now ready to embark upon Instagram too. Please do like and share uploads so as to keep the good word going. Our next upload will celebrate your children's learning in Specialist Lessons and show the importance of the holistic child.

Student Council Update

Our SC have decided upon their chosen charity for the year and proudly announce that they will donate 90% of every fund raiser (bar one) to the children's department of LUTH (Lagos University Teaching Hospital). The reason we say “bar one” is because our Councilors will nominate one fund raiser, as per tradition, which will actually go towards something for NISL.

[SC are organising a Christmas Bazaar for Friday 10th December. Details will soon be sent out...](#)

Parent Support Required

If we have any families in the party rental/event organising business who may be willing to sponsor or support with the Christmas events ahead; please contact Mrs Dipa. We are also seeking help from any one in the catering industry or a Parent who sells battery operated candles. Paddling pools also needed! Odd but important requests 😊

NISL Values

Some of you will be aware that eight of our school values were derived from the IPC and more recently we added four more. These are somewhat the foundation to our ethos “learning for life” and are discreetly embedded in many areas of the curriculum and school life. If you could spare twenty minutes this weekend, please sit with you child and see if they can unjumble the letters of the below NISL Values (can you???) This will work especially well with our older children. With our younger students, you will be surprised at how well they can define our values; have a go! Ask them what each one means and share some experiences and examples together.

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**WISHING YOU A SUPER WEEKEND, DO LET US
KNOW IF SINT POPS BY TO YOUR HOUSE**