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Dear parents/guardians,

Over the past few weeks, we have been focusing on Divali, Saint Martin's Day and Respect Week at school. Divali and Saint Martin's Day both celebrate light: hope, sharing and caring for one another. It was wonderful to see how the children understood this theme and how the lights and stories brought the groups together.

During Respect Week, we talk to the children about how to treat each other with kindness and care. We are noticing that this is becoming increasingly visible: children are thinking about who they are and how they interact with others.

The Sinterklaas season is also just around the corner. A celebration full of giving, fun and celebrating together. Parents who would like to help with the activities are very welcome. On Monday or Wednesday, they can contact Margreet for more information. After Sinterklaas, we will start the festive Christmas period together.

We look forward to working with the children and you, their parents, to make these festive weeks at school a special time. Thank you for your involvement and support!

Warm regards, also on behalf of the team at ikc Wereldwijs, Toyah Vogels Managing Director

School playground

As you know, a piece of playground equipment was removed from the school playground during the summer holidays. As a result, there has been a hole in the ground in the middle of the playground for several months. The road workers will be renewing the surface on Monday. A balance beam will be installed, which is also suitable for younger children.

In addition, a number of repairs are planned. We want to move the water pump slightly, in the hope that this will prevent large puddles from forming in the playground. Unfortunately, we cannot always prevent this when it rains heavily, but we will do our best.

Fortunately, we have a large green playground where children can play happily. We are very proud of this and want to keep it tidy.

Agenda

Tuesday 25 November:

9:30-10:00 Sports Service Theme Meeting in the School Library

Friday 28 November:

Schoe racks (24-11: Bring a shoe to school)

Friday 5 December:

Sinterklaas celebration

Wednesday 10 December:

8:30-9:15 uur Christmas Theme Meeting in the School Library

16:00 uur Information afternoon for parents of Year 7 and 8 pupils: Transition to secondary education.

Thursday 11 December:

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Thursday 18 december:

Christmas celebration/Christmas dinner

Did you know that?

Every day, one class is on playground duty.

During this duty, the class helps to keep the playground and the immediate surroundings of the school tidy and clean at a certain time of the day.

We believe it is important for children to learn to take responsibility for their environment. By working together to keep the playground clean, they not only develop a sense of ownership, but also contribute to a pleasant and safe place for everyone to play.





Schoe racks

Sinterklaas is back in the Netherlands. On Friday 28 November, we will put our shoes out. We will sing songs and hope that Sinterklaas and his helpers will put a present in them.

We kindly request that you send your child to school with a shoe, trainers or boots on Monday 24 November. This will ensure that everyone can put their shoes out on Friday 28 November. The shoes will be returned to you on the same day.



Sinterklaas song



- Sinterklaas kapoentje.
- Gooi wat in mijn schoentje,
- gooi wat in mijn laarsje.
- Dank u Sinterklaasje!

Friday, 5 December: Sinterklaas celebration

On Friday 5 December, Sinterklaas and his helpers will be visiting our lovely school! The children are expected to be in their own classrooms at 8.30 a.m. They will then come outside with their teacher to welcome Sinterklaas and his helpers.

You are welcome to wait until the festivities begin. However, it is important that the children remain with their teacher. We therefore kindly ask you to stand behind the fence. This will allow all children to see Sinterklaas and his helpers clearly.

After the welcome, Sinterklaas will go inside with the children.

The children will receive treats from Sinterklaas and his helpers, but we would like to ask you to send them with their lunch. (On Friday, there will also be Tommy Tomato, of course).

We look forward to celebrating this fun party together!













Leave requests

In just over a month, the Christmas holidays will begin. We have noticed that some parents request extra days off around the holidays.

You can find the leave request form and the accompanying guidelines for leave on our website.

We advise you to read these guidelines carefully before submitting the application form. This will allow you to assess in advance the likelihood of your leave being granted. The management strictly adheres to the applicable legal regulations.

A request for holiday leave must be submitted to the school's location manager at least 8 weeks in advance.

The application form can be found on our website: https://www.ikcwereldwijs.nl/ Under Practical matters>Leave requests.

Arriving on time: Our 3-6-9 policy

It is important that your child(ren) arrive at school on time.

The school doors open at 8:20 a.m. and close at 8:30 a.m.

All children must be in class by 8:30 a.m. so that lessons can start immediately. Unfortunately, we have noticed that some pupils are regularly late. This means they miss out on teaching time and disrupt the lesson for other children and the teacher.

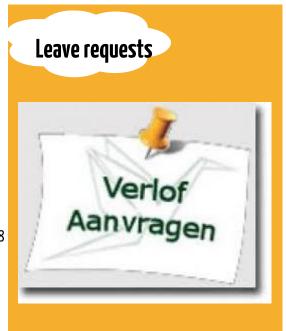
How does our 3-6-9 policy work?

- 3 times late: The teacher contacts the parent(s)/carer(s).
- 6 times late:
 The teacher reports this to the location manager.

 The location manager then contacts the parent(s)/carer(s).
- 9 times late:
 The school reports the absence to DUO (Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs, the Dutch Education Executive Agency).

 The truancy officer sends a warning letter to the parents.
- 12 times late:
 The truancy officer invites the parent(s)/guardian(s) for a meeting.
 A fine may be imposed at that time.

Please note: the number of times late applies to the entire school year.













Dear parents/guardians of pupils transferring to secondary education,

We would like to invite you to the annual presentation on the transition to secondary education on

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Wednesday 10 December at 4 p.m.

This year, the presentation will be given by our own teachers in the following languages: Dutch, English, French, Arabic, Turkish, Ukrainian, and Tigrinya.

You can choose which presentation you would like to attend.

The presentation will cover the following topics:

- how secondary education and vocational education are organised in the Netherlands;
- the differences between primary and secondary education
- how school recommendations are made
- what support options are available in secondary education
- what schools are available in Haarlemmermeer, what their specialisms are and what their limitations are
- what to look for when choosing a school
- how the application, lottery and enrolment process works

The timeline for the transition to secondary education is as follows:

- 10 December: information session for parents
- 12-15 January: You will receive the final school recommendation. After this, the recommendation cannot be adjusted without consultation. If the transfer test results in a different recommendation, the recommendation will be adjusted to this level in consultation with you. This can only be in the direction of more theoretical, not more practical. As in Year 7, the school recommendation will be signed by you and your child.
- January/February/March: You will visit the schools your child may attend with your son or daughter. We recommend that you always visit
 several schools. When registering for a secondary school, you must indicate three choices in order of preference.
- 3 and 4 February: Year 8 children take the transfer test. We have chosen to have all children take the test on paper. The reason for this is that the children are used to taking tests on paper. Auditory support has been requested for children diagnosed with SLI or dyslexia. These children are allowed to decide for themselves until the last moment whether they want to make use of this support.
- The results of the transfer test will be announced on 15 March.











- In the week of 23 to 27 March, we will contact you and your son or daughter to review the transfer file and, if necessary, adjust the school recommendation based on the results of the transfer test. You will receive an invitation to De Overstap, the digital transfer file for all schools in Haarlemmermeer and the surrounding area. We will enter your child's details known to the school into this file. You will be able to view the details and we must confirm that you have done so. You must use this programme to register your child for the three schools of your choice. (see further in the letter)
- Between 25 and 31 March, you must register your child at the three secondary schools of your choice. You can see how this works in the video from last school year. Please note that the dates are not correct for the current school year: https://youtu.be/e4CES5a1c38? feature=shared.
- On 8 April at 1 p.m., you will find out which school your child has been placed in and registration will follow.
- The registration days at the secondary school are in the week of 13 April.
- On 10 June, you will receive definitive notification of the placement, class and form teacher.
- On 24 June, all children will have an introductory afternoon at their new school with their new class and form teacher.
- A while ago, all Year 8 pupils received the Secondary School Guide. This guide contains a wealth of information.
- The guide is also available in digital form on our website under Practical Matters>Documents.
- Kind regards,
- Team IKC Wereldwijs

Parents' evening: Help, my child is online!

Meer Primair is organising a parents' workshop for all its schools, in which Laurens Veltman will take you on a journey through the online world of children. This includes making agreements about mobile phone use, what you can do together with your child to combat cyberbullying, and how your child can best protect themselves online.

Guest speaker Laurens Veltman gives workshops on this topic throughout the country. It is extremely interesting to attend!

You can choose from three dates/locations at three Meer Primair schools. An evening is also being organised for English-speaking parents at IKC Wereldwijs. As a Dutch-speaking parent/carer, you are welcome to attend one of the other two locations.

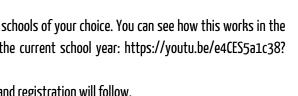
You can read more about this in the attached letter and flyer. The flyer also explains how you can register by scanning the QR code.

















Student Council

The student council helped with the vegetable garden. The children covered the soil with leaves to keep the roots warm in winter and prevent weeds from growing.









Parent information meeting: Sportservice

Tuesday 25 November 08.45 – 09.30 Location: IKC Wereldwijs library

Dear parents,

On Tuesday 25 November, Sportservice will be visiting our school to tell us more about: Sports and play activities for children After-school activities Activities during the school holidays

The Sportservice staff will explain everything clearly and there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions. Everyone is welcome! Feel free to drop by. It will be informative and fun to hear about the options available for you and your child.

See you then!

Team IKC Wereldwijs









