

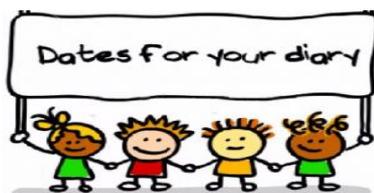
Newsletter 29th November 2019

Dear Everyone,

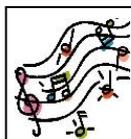


Thank you to everyone who came to the Walk in the Woods last Sunday – there was an amazing turnout and it was lovely to see everyone discovering the forest and enjoying such a beautiful, autumnal afternoon. We tried our best not to lose anyone and ended up with an extremely long caterpillar of families threading our way through the trees. The children had a great time and it was a pleasure to have time to chat to people. We probably broke every single record for the number of photos taken in one afternoon, but the scenery was so stunning that the photos will provide wonderful memories for years to come. It was a great way to celebrate the end of autumn, before the Christmas festivities start next week. Some of the photos will be on the website over the next few days, so do take a look.

It's hard to believe that December is here already, but it is a very special time in school with lots of music, stories, art and creativity. It's a chance for all the children to discover the excitement of performing in their shows, whether on the big or small stage, and for us all to enjoy the magic of glitter, tinsel and glue. Mr Tranter was seen leaving his classroom tonight with several splodges of silver paint on his head ... a collision with a paintbrush, it would seem!



The last **Friday Coffee morning** of the year will be held on **13th December**. Come along and enjoy some Christmas treats and end the year on a festive note! (Christmas jumpers are **not** compulsory!) Everyone welcome!



The lines have been learnt, the songs are echoing around the building, the scenery has been painted, the costumes are prepared, and the **Years 1 & 2 Christmas Show** is **nearly here ...**

Make sure that you note the details:

Date: Thursday 5th December

Time: 17.00

Place: COMMUNITY CENTRE DE KAM

Beekstraat 172
1970 Wezembeek-Oppem
Tel. 02 731 43 31
info@dekam.be

<https://www.google.be/maps/place/GC+de+Kam/@50.8436526,4.4892453,16z>

The theatre can be reached by taking the **7 or 25 tram** to Montgomery (direction Vanderkindere), and the **39 tram** (direction Ban-Eik) to Beek/Ruisseau, followed by a **short walk** (approx. 8 minutes) to the theatre.

Information: The children eat lunch at school and go to the theatre on a coach. We practise the play during the afternoon and stop for a snack and a drink (provided by school), before getting ready for the performance, which will start at **17.00**.

You can get to the theatre on public transport, but please remember that there is a short walk from the tram stop to the theatre, and that there can be delays in the evenings getting out of Brussels. There have been occasions when parents have arrived very late for the shows due to these delays – which is hugely disappointing for everyone, children and parents alike!

After the show, the children collect their school bags and coats and **return home with you** for a well-deserved good night's sleep 😊.



Please note that the Year 2 swimming group **will NOT be going swimming** on the day of the show as they will need all their energy for singing and dancing!

The **Junior Department Show** is quite definitely an *all-singing, all-dancing* show and will take place on **Wednesday, 11th December** at the slightly later time of **17.15**.



Please note that it is at a **different** theatre: -

Place : DE LIJSTERBES THEATRE

Lijsterbessenbomenlaan 6
1950 Kraainem

Tel: 02 721 28 06
delijsterbes.be

<https://www.google.be/maps/place/de+Lijsterbes/@50.861905,4.4617793,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x47c3dc605379603f:0x3e2d4b260549ea02!8m2!3d50.861905!4d4.463968>

Take the 318/410 bus (Direction Moorsel – Leuven) from Avenue Eugene Plasky (Meiser) to Kraainem Dezangre (14 stops) followed by a 2-minute walk to the theatre. Again, please allow enough time to reach the theatre as there will be the usual delays going out of the city.

The Junior Department children will eat lunch at school and be taken by coach to the theatre. The rehearsal will be followed by a snack and drink (provided by the school) and the **show will start at 17.15**. After the performance the children collect their school bag and coat and **return home with you** – also for a good night's sleep!



There is nothing quite as special as watching our youngest children performing their songs, so please make sure you have noted the dates and times for the **Nursery** and **Reception** shows, which will both be held in the Infant Building.

Nursery – Thursday, 12th December at **11.30**

Reception - Monday, 16th December at **11.30**





Reception will be going to the Warandeborg Park in Wezembeek-Oppem on the morning of **Thursday, 5th December**. This ties in with their Autumn nature theme and gives them the chance to share the big bus with the Year 4 tennis group, to explore the park and to play on the playground. What an adventure! Please make sure that the children have a warm coat, hat and gloves and that they have suitable outdoor shoes, as the ground may be wet and slippery.



Year 1 will be going to the same park on the morning of **Thursday, 12th December** to look for signs of life in, on or near the lake and stream. They will also have a short PE session and time to play on the playground. Children should wear their PE clothes and have suitable outdoor shoes, a winter coat and hat and gloves.

If the weather is very wet on either of these days, the trip will be cancelled and postponed to another Thursday next year.



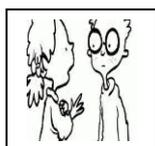
The **Junior Department** will be setting off to Woluwe Park on **Friday 13th December**, on a **Narnia Adventure Orienteering and Outdoor Games afternoon**

This is part of their Adventure Assemblies programme and will be an energetic, exciting way to end the term, with an orienteering course, outdoor challenges and team-building games. Whether they meet the White Witch, Mr Tumnus or even Aslan, remains to be seen, but it promises to be a great event!

Points to remember



Thank you for having returned your photo orders. These have been sent to the photographer and we will give the photo packs to the children as soon as we receive them.



Here are the talk topics:

Nursery: *'Were the clothes you wore inside this weekend different to the clothes you wore outside? Why were they different? If they weren't different why was that?'*

Reception: *'What other colours would you like to see in Autumn leaves apart from red, orange and yellow?'*

Year 1: *'What do you think will be the best part of our exciting day at the theatre next Thursday?'*

Year 2: 'What was my favourite thing I did at school this week?'

Year 3: 'Christmas is a time for giving. What can you give that doesn't cost any money?'

Year 4: 'What is your character in the play like? Are they like you?'

Year 5: 'Why do you think it is important to have legible handwriting? Discuss'

Year 6: 'How did we survive without mobile phones?'



Stars of the Week



Reception: Aradhya for her marvellous colouring of the woodland scene.

Vihaan for remembering a lot of the vocabulary from our Forest and Woodland topic.

Year 1: Kabir for super 'free writing' about his favourite parts of 'Tiddler'.

Mishka for great work in phonics on our sounds of the week and our tricky words.

Year 2: Ishaan for his brilliant poetry writing.

Dhriti for her great performance in adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.

Year 3: Pranav for being kind, helpful and ready to learn throughout the week.

Prajwal for careful and accurate work in mathematics.

Year 4: Daswanth for coming from behind in SuperT to beat last year's Category 2 champion - can he go all the way?

Crishelle for learning her emergency part in the Show in 24hrs - miracles do happen at Christmas!

Year 5: Shinnosuke for gaining his pen licence.

Year 6: Tala for her beautiful and mesmerising display for our Black Hole project. We all love it!

And a thought to
end the week:

MUSIC GIVES A
SOUL *to* the UNIVERSE,
WINGS *to* the MIND,
FLIGHT *to* the IMAGINATION,
& LIFE *to* EVERYTHING.
PLATO