

## Newsletter 6th December 2019



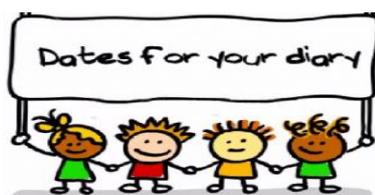
Dear Everyone,

What a lovely start to the week as the children came in to see the Christmas trees all lit up and sparkling! Whether big or small, the children's faces are always a picture as they push the buttons on the Santas to make them sing, or marvel at the decorations as they enter the classrooms for the first time.



The excitement has grown throughout the week and Years 1 & 2 put on a wonderful performance yesterday with Santa finally changing his mind about going on strike. A big thank you to all of you who came and gave the children such warm encouragement – you were a great audience. I hope you were really proud of them, they worked extremely hard and excelled themselves. The Junior department is working flat out to put the final touches to their show for next week and Reception and Nursery are definitely enjoying practising their songs. I'm looking forward to seeing them all in costume!

To add to the festivities, and in true Belgian style, St. Nicolas paid his annual visit this morning, bearing the traditional gifts of chocolate, biscuits and oranges. The children greeted him with the special St. Nicolas songs and showed off their French by answering his questions and asking plenty of their own. There were several puzzled faces amongst the younger children when he said he had parked his donkey in the garage – I hope you didn't have to look for it on your way home!



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 letter for the **Spring Term after-school clubs** has been sent out today. Don't forget to take a good look at it and let us know which clubs your children would like to participate in next term. There is a varied, interesting mix of activities, catering for all age ranges.

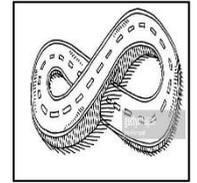
Here are the descriptions for each club to help you with your choices:



The new **Yoga classes** for years 3 – 6 are on Monday afternoons, and are led by an experienced yoga teacher.

'Tanya's love for Yoga started during her childhood as she saw her father getting energy and joy by practicing yoga. She did her TTC (100 hrs) from Patanjali Yogpeeth and pursued an Acupressure course from the Jay Bhagwan Institute of Naturopathy, India. She is also a certified Yoga Instructor from the Quality Council of India, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India and believes it to be God's gift that she has been imparting the benefits of this heavenly knowledge called Yoga and Acupressure. As a member of the Art of Living organization, for Tanya, good health is not a mere absence of physical and mental diseases, rather it is an expression of happiness, love and enthusiasm'.

The ever-popular **Scalextric club** is on Tuesday afternoon, for year 3 - 6. Make sure you book your place **NOW** as this is one of our most popular clubs and places will be given on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.



"High-octane thrills and (many) spills! Choose your car, choose your lane and try not to crash! Will it be the fastest driver, or the least crash-prone who wins? Who will be this year's 'World Series' champion?"



**Lego club** is on Tuesday afternoons for children from Reception to Year 2. **Lego club is a fun and interesting way to discover those budding engineers, designers and architects of the future! Come along and meet the challenge of constructing with the world-famous bricks and try out Mrs Davies' famous 100-brick challenge!**



**Art club** is on Tuesday afternoons for Years 1 & 2. With paint, glue, pastels, collage materials – there will be everything you can imagine, all ready for you to create your own masterpieces! Come and use your imagination and explore lots of exciting art activities 😊



Wednesday afternoon is **Needlecraft club** for years 3 – 6.

**Come and join us, you will learn how to do cross stitching and some basic embroidery** xxxxxxxxxx 😊

**Sports Club** for years **2 – 6** is on Wednesday afternoons in the Junior Department. Please note that Year 2s will be taken to the Junior building and should be collected from there at the end of the club.



**Open to Y2s and up, girls and boys alike, Sports Club aims to introduce children to football, handball, hockey and basketball and some indoor sports should the weather get too harsh. The group will look to improve individual close ball skills, movement and positioning without over-emphasis on competitiveness.**



Thursday afternoon is **Craft Club** for Reception to Year 2 children. **We'll enjoy a nice time after school making different crafts out of all kinds of material, objects and paint. There will be some planned crafts to work on and children can also bring ideas of things they would like to create, and we'll see how we can make it happen!**

### **Indoor fun & Games**

Come along on a Thursday afternoon to our **Indoor fun & Games** club and try out some old and new games.



Spend an hour learning new table games and playing your old favourites. You can even borrow one game a week to play at home with your family.

Board games and other table games are an important way to develop logic; strategic thinking; problem solving; confidence; co-operation; language skills; visual, spatial, auditory and tactile awareness. Explaining the game rules at home, and playing them with the family, will be great fun, and another confidence boost.



The **Junior Department Show** is quite definitely an *all-singing, all-dancing* show and will take place on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, 16<sup>th</sup> December at **11.30**



**Year 1** will be the morning of



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.

going to the park in Wezembeek on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** to look

**Please note that they need volunteers!**



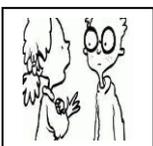
The **Junior Department** will be setting off to Woluwe Park on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, on a **Narnia Adventure Orienteering and Outdoor Games afternoon**

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



The Christmas holidays start at **12.15 on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** and we return to school on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January. The school will be closed over the holidays, but you can contact the school office by email. Please note that there is **no garderie** on the last day of school.



### Here are the talk topics:

**Nursery:** 'What is an Advent Calendar and when does it start and finish and why?'

**Reception:** 'Who took a present from Santa's bag?'

**Year 1:** 'What do you expect to see now that winter has started?'

**Year 2:** 'What was my favourite part of the Christmas show?'

**Year 3:** 'What did you enjoy the most about the Junior show? What was your favourite scene and why?'

**Year 4:** 'Recount the story of St. Nicolas in English'

**Year 5:** 'Should we be using more technology in the classroom and what is the future for handwriting?'

**Year 6:** 'Do you support the motion that mobile-phones should be banned in primary schools?'



## Stars of the Week



**Reception:** Adam for his sensible work on measuring cups of water.

Pranav for his enthusiasm in our P.E. lesson.

**Year 1:** Ayesha for doing so well in her Maths assessment this week.

Magizhvini for super work on the er and air sounds in Phonics, and for super singing.

**Year 2:** Shaurya for brilliant work with coins this week and for always being happy to help out a friend during class.

Anwitha for making beautiful Christmas decorations for our classroom!

**Year 3:** Aahid for a super effort in literacy with reading and phonics.

Arjun for good listening in class and working hard.

**Year 4:** Aasritha for giving everything to her part, singing and her dances in the show - the whole term in fact.

Hiya for not taking the easy option academically.

**Year 5:** Hithaishi for a super abacus maths test result and for playing her part in the play so well.

**Year 6:** Ronit for his awesome Powerpoint presentation with the world on fire 'gif'

*And a thought to end the week, inspired by the Year 1 & 2 show.*

What would be the best Christmas treat that you could give someone?

Give a little time,

Give a little sunshine,

Give it to somebody who would love to spend a little time with you...



The children particularly enjoyed this song and sang their hearts out with real feeling and enthusiasm.