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Important Dates

- **Wednesday 9 March** - online Q&A session at 14:00
- **Friday 11 March** - Group 8 Unit 4 reports published
- **Monday 14 March** - Q&A session at 10:00 in the Mondrian theatre
- **Monday 14 March** - online Q&A session at 18:00
- **Wednesday 16 March** - Rembrandt location gym will be a polling station

Whole School Information

Responding to global events

On Monday this week, when our staff participated in a Study Day, we began the day with a moment of silence for those involved in the conflict. As an international school, we are not involved with politics; however, we are all very aware of the hostilities which have escalated in Ukraine. At IPS we pride ourselves on being one community and welcoming students and their families from all over the world, including Ukraine and Russia. If students raise concerns, as educators we remain mindful of our role to:

1. Make time and listen when a child wants to talk.
2. Tailor the conversation to the child.
3. Validate their feelings.
4. Reassure them that adults all over the world are working hard to resolve this.
5. Give them a practical way to help.

Our teachers also referred to these articles posted by Save the Children [here](#) and the NY Times [here](#).

Some classes are also participating in a student-driven art project for students at the PSI Kyiv, an IB World School. You can read more about that here: <https://linktr.ee/PSIKyiv>.

School contact people

We have a team of five teachers. They each recently underwent training to become a school contact person.

The contact person's role is to:

- Be a first point of contact for students and parents about concerns and complaints
- Be an information source for options and possibilities to do with concerns/complaints
- Assist a student or parent in reporting a complaint to an external contact person
- Maintain contact with the complainant to ensure the issue is resolved
- Provide follow-up care to the student in question once the matter is resolved

				
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The internal contact person observes confidentiality with regard to everything that comes to their attention with respect to their duties as contact person. "This obligation does not apply to the competent authority (STIP), the complainant (or their parents), the external confidential advisor, the complaints committee, the judicial authorities or doctors." You may contact them at their email address: contactperson@ipshilversum.nl

IPS new school motto

This past week, our students and staff were asked: "Do you want to make history?" and we wondered if you wanted to join in the fun? [Here](#) is the poster all about it, here is the [IPS word cloud](#), referred to on the poster (and to be used as your starting point), and [here is the link](#) to the Google form where you can submit your entries. Closing date: March 18! Get creative; you could be making history!

Class composition meetings

A reminder that there are three Q&A meetings coming up to address the proposal to mix classes within every group to create new classes for 2022-2023.

In short, if this process goes ahead, this may affect your family as the plan (as outlined in the previous newsletter (17-02-22)) is for students within a year group to be mixed in order to make homogeneous classes within each group, and for groups to move into the same location for greater collaboration and sharing of resources (single teacher/class no longer isolated!).

Please join one of the information sessions, as this is the opportunity for the principal to explain the thinking behind the proposed changes, and the impacts it will have, and for us to hear your perspectives, too.

Q&A sessions:

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| ❖ Wednesday 9 March at 14:00 | meeting code: meet.google.com/syu-ppba-zwt |
| ❖ Monday 14 March at 10:00 | in-person meeting in the Mondrian theatre |
| ❖ Monday 14 March at 18:00 | meeting code: meet.google.com/vpx-tqkz-tdn |

Group 7

The market is back!

Group 7 teachers are excited to announce that the Group 7 market is back! Students built their businesses from scratch and will try to make them successful by initially holding two markets for Groups 4 - 8 students:

- Rembrandt: Monday 7 March
- Mondrian: Friday 11 March

Parents will also have an opportunity at a later date to witness the marvellous products and support the little entrepreneurs' endeavour. The market stalls will range from personalised notebooks, fun stationery, funfair games, video games, hand-crafted pencil cases, jewellery, scrunchies and much

more. Please remind your children (in Groups 4 - 8) to bring some money (amount at your discretion, but no more than €10) in a purse, wallet or envelope if they wish to purchase some of the great products offered on that day. Cross your fingers for good weather!

Early Years

Unit 2 reports for Early Years learners who completed the whole unit are being sent out today via ManageBac. Please contact our PYP Coordinator, Stephanie Noda: snoda@ipshilversum.nl, if you do not receive your child's report or have any trouble accessing it.

Rembrandt location

Polling station

On Wednesday 16 March, the Rembrandt gym will be used as a polling station from 06:30 - 24:00. This means that adults will enter the playground, and walk through it to access the back door of the gym, which is in the Bink preschool garden. Our staff will remain extra vigilant during recess times.

STIP Hilversum

Helping your child deal with loss

The Stip Academy is offering a free parent lecture (in Dutch) on the topic of grieving in children. The session will be run by Machteld Lavell from the Expertise Centre for Dealing with Loss. Machteld is a grief and loss therapist and works with children and young people.

During the session, Machteld will offer practical tips on how to assist children in mourning.

- Location: online - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Time: 19:30 - 21:00

You may also register via: Stip-academie@stiphilversum.nl



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