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Whole School Information

Staff updates

We have several updates to share with you regarding staffing. Parents whose children are directly impacted by this news received information this week.

Paul Shield

At the end of September, Paul will step out of his role with the Group 8 team. Luckily for us, Paul will remain at IPS as a member of the Student Support Team. Paul said: *"Due to circumstances, I must, with a heavy heart, take a step back from my role as Group 8 teacher. I have enjoyed the short time I had teaching your children and am confident my replacement will be an excellent teacher to them for the rest of the year."*



Hayley Simpson

Hayley joined IPS two and a half years ago during the pandemic and she got to know her colleagues at Frans Hals very well, though she missed out on getting to know many other teachers at IPS. Hayley's husband Tom recently accepted a promotion, and together they are relocating to Texas, USA. Hayley's last day with her students will be October 5. Hayley said: *"A huge thank you to everyone who played a part in my IPS journey! I know my students will continue to thrive and I wish them every success as they continue on their learning journey."*



Alice Gombert

Alice joined our Dutch team in March and since then she has been commuting huge distances every day that she has worked in Hilversum. Alice was recently offered a job at her former workplace, which is just a five-minute cycle ride from her home. Alice will leave IPS at the end of October.



Inge Verstraaten

After moving to the Netherlands from New Zealand, Inge initially taught at International School Utrecht. She has been based at Frans Hals with our Early Years for the past four years. Inge has now decided it's time to travel and embark on a Masters in Early Childhood Education. Inge's message to parents in the words of Loris Malaguzzi is: *"Observe and listen to children because when they ask why, they are not simply asking for the answer from you. They are requesting the courage to find a collection of possible answers."*



Rosa Alonso & Aviva Campari



It's no secret that Rosa and Aviva are both pregnant and will be leaving school soon!

Rosa will leave her Group 7 class to begin her maternity leave at the beginning of November. Aviva will be with us until the Christmas break, and begin her maternity leave in January.



Next week we will share information about the teachers we have recruited for these positions.

Appropriate outdoor clothing

One of the advantages of living in the Netherlands is enjoying the changes of seasons. This does, however, require a degree of preparation, as you can leave the house in bright sunshine and, an hour later, be in heavy rain. As we head into autumn and winter, rain is more likely and temperatures start going down. The students are taken outside at break times, and continue to walk to the Lieberg gym from the Mondrian in all weathers, including light rain. Please help to ensure your child comes to school dressed with suitable outdoor clothing e.g. waterproof coat. We strongly recommend ensuring children who cycle to school have appropriate waterproof clothing on their legs as well - sitting in wet trousers is never a pleasant experience.

Naming clothing

It would be appreciated if your child's name could be put on their clothing such as coat and sweatshirt (written on a label in pen often rubs off very easily). We try our best to return 'forgotten' clothing to students but this is not easy when children don't claim lost property, or when names are not on the clothing. The lost property is already beginning to grow and we would like to be able to reunite clothing with its owners.

Celebrations

Shana Tova to the families in the IPS school community who celebrate Rosh Hashanah next week. Wishing you a very happy new year!

To all the families in our school who are celebrating: Wishing you a wonderful Navratri, filled with joy and happy memories!

School Council

School hours survey

The School Council has received feedback from some parents that it can be a challenge getting children to the different school locations on time. Therefore, we would like your view on whether the current drop-off and pick-up times at the various school locations should be staggered. Please take a moment to [click here](#) and complete the School Council survey by 12:00 noon Wednesday 28 September.

Parent Support Group (PSG)

Coffee Morning

The Parent Support Group (PSG) is inviting IPS parents from all locations for a coffee morning on Friday 30 September at the Rembrandt location from 8.30am-9.30am. This will be a fun morning for parents to meet some new and/or familiar faces! We look forward to seeing you there!

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