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Important dates

- Wednesday 11 October ~ Rainbow Day
- Friday 13 October ~ Parent workshop
- 19-29 October (inclusive) ~ October break
- Tuesday 31 October ~ Optional dress-up day for Halloween
- Friday 3 November ~ Parent coffee morning

Whole School Information

Coffee morning

Thank you for joining the parent coffee morning today in the Mondrian gym. It was lovely to see so many new and returning parents with children at both campuses chatting and getting to know each other! Our next coffee date will be after drop-off, in the gym at Rembrandt on Friday 3 November. We hope you can join us.

Toddle family messaging

Please note that Toddle family messaging has been disabled. Parents are kindly asked to send emails to the class teacher for communication purposes, and remember to notify the school office in case of absences. Toddle will continue to be used for student portfolios, announcements and reports.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging (DEIB)

A reminder that IPS Hilversum will focus on inclusivity and diversity during [Hilversum Rainbow Week](#). In connection to our focus on belonging (have you read the latest blog - [Where do we belong?](#)) we will participate in this on Wednesday 11 October. To help celebrate, we invite all students to come to school dressed in rainbow colours!

Halloween dress-up day

After the break on Tuesday 31 October, students are invited to come to school in fancy dress. It may be Halloween themed, or Day of the Dead, PJs, superhero... anything goes! Everyone is welcome to bring pumpkins to school, carved or not!

Parent workshop next Friday

Please come along to our next parent workshop to learn about the **Rock and Water** program.

- **When:** Friday 13 October
- **Where:** Mondrian gym
- **Time:** Shortly after 09:00 to give parents dropping children off at the Rembrandt campus time to get there!



Parent satisfaction survey

As reported in last week's newsletter, as part of our STIP internal audit, we asked parents to complete a parent satisfaction survey. The survey is anonymous, and if you have more than one child attending IPS, you may choose to complete this survey again. Otherwise, just select the year group of one of your children. Your participation in this survey would be greatly appreciated - research shows that only 10-30% of people complete surveys. So far we have 13 responses! We still hope to buck that trend! [Please click here to access the parent satisfaction survey.](#)

October holiday dates

Please be reminded that there are two teacher study days (19 and 20 October) which precede the October break. Students will begin their break after school on Wednesday 18 October and return to school on Monday 30 October.

Rembrandt

Kiss and Ride at Rembrandt

The Kiss and Ride schedule was sent by email today. The class rep will be looking for two volunteers per day for the week their class is on the schedule. Thank you in advance for volunteering 10 minutes of your morning from 08:40 - 08:50 to help keep the start of the school day safe. The schedule is also available [here](#).

School Council

New School Council members

The School Council would like to extend its gratitude to all the parents who submitted applications to join the council. To move forward, we are excited to announce that the voting (a requirement by Dutch law) of new members will take place next week. We encourage all parents to participate in choosing the individuals who will represent the IPS parent community on the council. Stay tuned for details on the voting process next week!

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