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## Whole School Information

### Staffing update

#### ★ Farewell to Sara Philippen-Gibbins



Sara joined IPS Hilversum 14 years ago. During her 13 years as a class teacher, she worked across almost all year levels - a true testament to her vast breadth of knowledge and flexibility. For the last 18 months, Sara has literally collaborated with every single teacher in her role as PYP Coordinator. Many parents had the pleasure of attending workshops that she has facilitated during this time, too!

Sara is preparing to embark on a new challenge as she takes on the role of PYP Coordinator at International School Almere; a unique opportunity which came about as this school is about to begin its journey towards IB authorisation.

Sara will be missed enormously both as a person and school leader at IPS Hilversum, and we wish her well in her new adventure at the end of this school year.

#### ★ Introducing our new PYP Coordinator

Nadia Boucard has been a teacher at IPS since 2009. During those 15 years, she frequently stepped up to actively engage in school discussions and workgroups about the website review, report review, technology; she has been a very active and respected member of the School Council for the last three years.

Nadia brings so much to the table. Her years in the classroom (both in the Netherlands and in Scottish schools), together with an in-depth knowledge of our school combined with realism and humour, make for a very positive mix.



We are incredibly grateful to Sara who begins a comprehensive handover process to Nadia this month, with Nadia becoming the PYP Coordinator on 1 September, 2024.

### ★ Interviews for new Assistant Principal

With many thanks to **Olga, Sangeetha, Kashnie** and **Jenneke** who together made up the parent panel that interviewed our candidates for the position of the new Mondrian Assistant Principal today. The candidates were put through their paces on Tuesday by the leadership team, by a panel of teachers on Wednesday, and before the parents today, they faced four Student Councillors:



L to R: **Mario, Riyansika, Eva, Krish**

### Parent Workshop

Our next workshop will focus on how technology supports learning. Please join us at the Rembrandt location at 09:00 on Friday 24 May to engage in the conversation and enjoy meeting other parents. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Calendar 2024-2025

Next year's school calendar was shared prior to the break; however, one day has been shifted by Stip Hilversum and so the study day on Friday 14 March has moved to Wednesday 5 March. The calendar [on this page](#) on our website is the updated version.

## PTA

### Staff Appreciation Lunch

The PTA is organising the annual staff appreciation lunch and flowers for the teachers on Wednesday 22 May. If you'd like to bring a dish for the lunch, please sign up via this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA5AF22ABFDC34-49700089-staff> Contributions will need to be dropped off at the Rembrandt location from 08:45-09:00 or between 12:00-12:30 on 22 May. Please ensure dishes/containers are labelled with your name. Please see the flyer below for more information.

### Coffee Morning

The PTA is hosting a coffee morning on Tuesday 21 May. Our social events that are organised by the PTA are for all parents in our school community. Attending these events comes with no obligations of volunteering or joining the PTA. So if you'd like to meet other parents or come and say hello, please come along! Please see the flyer below for more information.

[Please scroll down!](#)

PTA PRESENTS:



**Wednesday 22nd May, Rembrandt**



Please bring a dish to contribute to our wonderful school staff lunch! Sign up via the link



On the day, each child brings a single flower to school so that their teacher has a bouquet to take home at the end!

PTA PRESENTS:



Join us for a drink & meet with other IPS parents!

**Tuesday 21st May  
From 09:00-10:30**



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