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Calendar – IPS HILVERSUM

- Reports ~ Friday 4 July
- Bridging Ceremony ~ Monday 7 July
- Graduation Ceremony ~ Monday 7 July
- Last day of school ~ Wednesday 9 July
- Study Days ~ 10 & 11 July
- Summer Holidays ~ 12 July - 26 August

Calendar 25-26-IPS HILVERSUM

Whole School Information

Staff updates



As an international school, we are used to the rhythm of change; each year brings with it both hellos and goodbyes. As we approach the end of the school year, we will be saying farewell to nine of our wonderful colleagues who will be moving on to new experiences in the next academic year.

Collectively, these dedicated educators have given more than 100 years of service to IPS Hilversum. We are incredibly thankful for the care, enthusiasm and commitment they have shown to our students and school community over the years. They will be greatly missed, but we wish them every success and happiness in their next chapters.

Tommy Tomato

We would like to inform you that starting next school year, we will no longer be working with Tommy Tomato for school lunches.

We have made this decision after careful consideration, as we feel that the current lunch service does not fully meet our expectations in terms of food consumption, organisation and sustainability.

We are currently in contact with other providers to explore lunch options that better align with our values and meet the needs of our students and staff.

We will keep you updated as soon as we have more information.

Sports Day

Last week, we missed the opportunity to say thank you to the PTA for providing the stickers and fruit for all the students at Sports Day. We can all agree that this certainly helped make it a truly special event.

Bridging Ceremony schedule

Below is the schedule for the parents to enter the gym at the Rembrandtlaan. Please use the main doors to enter and leave via the gym exit to ensure a flow of traffic.

Mondrian students will be walked over from Mondrian in their year groups.

Students will enter the gym with their class teachers to perform with their year group. Each child will then cross the bridge, wave to the audience (photo opportunity) and go to meet their new teachers on the other side. This symbolises the graduation of one year to cross over to the next year.

Monday 7 July REMBRANDTLAAN

Year Group	Parents' entry time	Departure time
Group 2	09:00	09:30
Group EY	09:35	10:00
Group 3	10:05	10:35
Group 4	10:40	11:10
Group 5	11:15	11:45
Group 6	11:50	12:20
Group 7	12:25	12:55

Inquiry Insights

Butterfly Workshop for Group 3

Group 3 students have been learning about pollinators and the importance of maintaining a balanced ecosystem for the plants and insects around us. Without them, humans would struggle to survive. After our trip to the bee farm a few weeks ago, they had the pleasure of taking part in a workshop led by a former IPS student, Yasmine. The focus was on butterflies. The children took turns planting butterfly-friendly plants, harvesting seeds from dried flowers, and playing a matching game. These activities consolidated their already strong knowledge about the concept of biodiversity. Believe it or not, towards the end of the workshop, a butterfly came by!



DIPS at IPS Hilversum

Last Thursday IPS hosted the Early Years DIPS meeting. We had 16 teachers from various DIPS (Dutch International Primary Schools) across the Netherlands. The day started with a workshop by Dr. Natalie Shaw titled "Loose Parts," followed by a second workshop titled "Our Journey to Play-Based Learning," led by Leigh Garrett and Claire Bethlehem. It was a successful day with lots of discussion and networking to help continue our learning and development.

PTA

Job announcement for PTA Treasurer

Our current Treasurer and his family are leaving the Netherlands (and IPS) so we are seeking a new volunteer to step into the role of PTA Treasurer for IPS and help support our PTA. The Treasurer will be responsible for managing the financial activities of the PTA, ensuring accurate record-keeping, and maintaining transparency in financial reporting. This takes around one hour's worth of work a month.

Please contact the PTA for the full job description if you are interested at pta@ipshilversum.nl.

International Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the International Summer Fair on Saturday. It was another huge success! ☀️ We couldn't have done it without the many volunteers who helped run the different food and drinks stalls, or fun activities, so thank you to all! 🙏



Zumba for Kids

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