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Important Dates

Calendar – IPS HILVERSUM

- Study day~26 September
- Kinderboeken Week~1-12 October
- Rainbow week 6-10th October
- Autumn Break~18th-26 October
- Study Day~Monday 27 October

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Maternity Cover for Miss Lourdes

Miss Lourdes will be leaving us on 17th October to start her maternity leave. Lauren McMahon will be the cover teacher during this period.



My name is Lauren and I'm really excited to be joining IPS Hilversum as a Group 2 teacher. I'm originally from London and have recently moved to Amsterdam, where I'm enjoying exploring the city by bike and learning more about Dutch culture. Outside of school, I love to play netball and I recently ran a half marathon to raise money for children living in book poverty. I also enjoy baking and sharing treats with friends and family. I'm really looking forward to getting to know both the children and the school community, and to working together with you as a team.

Streetwise at IPS

Last week Groups 3-8 had an exciting day with ANWB Streetwise! Professional instructors brought traffic safety to life with electric cars, zebra crossings, traffic lights, and even a bicycle course — making learning both fun and practical.

Groups 3 & 4

- practiced safe crossing, cycling, and the use of helmets, seatbelts, and child seats.

Groups 5 & 6

- discovered how reaction speed and braking distance affect safety, and why seatbelts matter.

Groups 7 & 8

-sharpened their cycling skills, hazard recognition, and traffic awareness — excellent preparation for secondary school!



We loved seeing our students engage, learn, and grow more confident on the road.

Celebrating Rainbow week

IPS Hilversum will again focus on inclusivity and diversity during Gooi & Vecht Pride month. Click [HERE](#) for information on activities in the region.



On **Wednesday 8 October** we invite all students to come to school dressed in rainbow colours! During the day our assemblies will have the theme of Pride and students will create artwork inspired by the rainbow flag.

1 Dag Schoon - A Cleaner Community Together!

Today, our Group 6 students proudly joined thousands of children across the Netherlands in the 1 Dag Schoon campaign. Together, we helped make our surroundings a little cleaner. The students walked quite a distance and, despite the rain, kept going with great energy. They were surprised by how much litter is still found on the streets and felt very proud of everything they managed to collect. It was a wonderful experience of learning, perseverance, teamwork, and community spirit!



World Teacher Day



Today the PTA gave the team treats to celebrate World Teacher Day which falls on Sunday 5th October this year. Thank you, we certainly enjoyed the cakes and Tompouce!

Inquiry insights

Workshops from the Globe

In collaboration with the Globe, Hilversum cultural education programme, the students in Groups 2 and Group 5 have been having musical experiences.



Group 2 students participated in a music and dance workshop: ***De stem van de nachtegaal***, The voice of the Nightingale.



Group 5 students have had two sessions this week from their musical workshop, **Singing Together**. The students are working together with songs from musicals, participating in 3 workshops and ending with the final performance to their families at the 14u in studio 8 in Heuvellaan Hilversum on Thursday 16th October.



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