



Newsletter number 1

Important dates in the coming weeks:

September 1 and 3, 2020	Introductory meeting with teacher
October 12-16, 2020	Regatta vacation
October 19, 2020	Staff study day (all children free)

No parents' evening on August 27, 2020

In connection with the prevention measures surrounding the COVID-19 virus, there will be no parent evening in your child's group this school year. Normally on this evening you would hear from the teacher (s) in your child's group what the school year will look like. This school year we will do it differently, the group teacher will show you a video where they will tell you a few things about the methods they use in the group.

Prevention measures for the COVID-19 virus

Undoubtedly you have noticed, but parents are still not allowed in the playground and /or in the school. I would like to point out that this is an island decision and that we as a school must also adhere to it. We would like to ask you to show your understanding if you are approached by one of our employees to wait at the gate.

We would also like to ask you again to keep your child at home in case of symptoms of flu or cold/cough.



At school we do not shake hands with the children and their hands are regularly washed during school hours. An employee from the cleaning company also ensures that the doors, toilets, etc. are cleaned regularly during the day and if a group is outside or has gone to the gym, the class is also cleaned during that time.

Traffic situation

We are doing everything we can to ensure that traffic flows around the school properly. But we also ask you, if necessary, to park your car where this is allowed and where it is not an obstacle to the flow of traffic.

Unfortunately, we have to make do with our current parking space and that sometimes requires some patience and understanding for each other. Also, please consider the function of the "Kiss and Ride" zone. Here you can stop, let the children get out or get in and then drive on again. This is very important for the flow of traffic.

There are also children from group 6, 7 and 8 who walk to the Kaya Amsterdam to get in the car there. As a parent, please make clear agreements with your child regarding the safety of your child.

Group 6a

Group 6A has done a unique collaboration assignment this first week of school. Children were divided into six groups and made a tower from spaghetti, marshmallows and tape. The assignment was to make the highest tower in the class. That was a challenge! The children were open to each other's ideas for building, they celebrated success and listened to each other. It was a job well done and the teachers were very proud!



Developments within after-school care and ... there is a new location.

The Professional Childcare Foundation Bonaire (SPKOB), our partner for after-school care, has opened a beautiful new location: "De Ocean", located next to the Trans World Radio building. The first months the students of group ½ will go there. Children from the lower school groups are brought this short distance by bus because Kaya Amsterdam is so busy.

In October 2020, two emergency rooms will be placed at our school by SPKOB, which will be used by both the school and after-school care.



Once the emergency classrooms have been placed, the children of the NSO will be back at the school location.

This school year the NSO will offer many activities. The children can already choose water polo, football, dancing, brass band, talent school, acting, painting, swimming and singing in a choir. There is also technique and Spanish lessons.

The cooperation with the NSO is increasing, because there are already two colleagues from our school (Miss Carlin and Miss Inge) who take the children to the NSO every day after school is out, where they together with the colleagues from SPKOB prepare for a fun and enjoyable afternoon.

Website of bs De Pelikaan

On the website of bs De Pelikaan, <https://bsdepelikaan.com/> you can find the school guide and the annual calendar 2020/2021. There are also our newsletters of the current school year. And... there is also a picture of our current team, which currently has 45 staff members!

Sincerely,

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director of the bs De Pelikaan