



### Newsletter number 3

Important dates in the coming weeks:

November 24 and 26, 2020	Parent/ teacher conferences
November 27, 2020	Study day for all staff (all children free)

### COVID-19

As of now, things are going in the right direction in regard to the number of COVID-19 virus infections. That is, of course, good news but we also know that things can go the other way. Therefore, we will continue to apply the measures at school for the time being; no parents on the square and children are dropped off and picked up at the emergency doors of the main building or at the entrance gates of the schoolyards. The children should wash their hands regularly and during the school day the classes are cleaned in between.

We also continue to ask you as a parent to observe the 1.5 meters distance. So far we have not had a student or teacher at our school who has been infected with the COVID-19 virus. In the unlikely event that this does happen, we will determine in close consultation with the GGD what the correct measures are at that time.

### Study day

This past Monday, October 19th, the team had a study day. Teachers and teaching assistants in groups 1 to 3 were busy preparing and organizing the "4x Wijzer" themes for the coming year. Teachers and teaching assistants in grades 4 to 8 followed an online "Snappet" training. Our students receive daily adapted (customized education) lessons via this platform for math, spelling and language. The big difference with the past is that the students no longer work in workbooks, but work digitally on their laptop. At our school we have been working with Snappet for 3 years, but regular training is important in order to stay up to date as much as possible.

### Road and traffic safety

For the benefit of road safety around the school, it would improve traffic flow and road safety if cars turned right when leaving the school grounds. Cars that would actually like to turn left have to make a circle through the roundabout. We are happy to support this suggestion which came from parents and feel that it would be good to take that into account in the future.

### School uniform

There are again enough school shirts in all sizes in stock at Alfa & Omega.



## **Children's Book Week November 9th-13th**

Soon the Children's Book Week 2020 will start!

This year's theme is "And then ...".

On Monday, November 9th, we will open the Children's Book Week at school. Due to COVID-19 measurements, of course there will be no big meetings or celebrations. The opening of the Children's Book Week will take place by dancing in the classes themselves this year.

Of course we will dance again this year to the Children for Children song, matching the theme. Would your child like to practice at home? Below is the link.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=2&v=e1X1D48H8uM&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=e1X1D48H8uM&feature=emb_logo)

In the coming days, we will pay extra attention to children's books at school with the emphasis on "history" and "back in time". All groups will also participate in a creative competition, organized by the Bonaire Public Library, in which the focus will be on "Bonaire of the past".

For language development and reading promotion, coming into contact with books is of course very important. Reading is not only exciting, beautiful and fun, but also educational. We hope that you and your children also give some extra attention to reading and this year's theme "And then ...".

Do you have any nice items to support the theme in the classroom? Think of an old Walkman, cassette tape or other objects within the theme? We can use these items in class or for making an exhibition in the auditorium. Do you have anything that we can borrow? We'll gladly take it! Don't forget to provide the item with a sticker with your name on it. After the Children's Book Week, you will of course receive the borrowed items back.

Kind regards,

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