

Dear Parents,

During these weeks, teachers have had to work harder than ever, to not only adapt to a new approach to teaching, but also to learn new technical skills, research new online resources, understand and incorporate new software to enhance lessons and find ways to connect to students to maintain their motivation and assess their learning as well as their wellbeing. We appreciate that this situation has also asked more of our parents in supporting their children's learning, and the situation cannot compare to being at school, however, we are confident that we have created a learning environment which allows our students to develop. It is also important to point out that throughout this period, many of our teachers are juggling their work commitments with supporting their own children, and dealing with illness. Lessons will not continue during the spring holiday. Staff, students and parents all deserve a well earned rest and break from studying. As we go into the holiday, we hope that we will be able to welcome our community back at school on **Thursday, 7th May**. The final decision whether a return to school will go ahead as planned will be determined by the Ministry around 21st April and should there be any changes, we will naturally inform you immediately.

With the spring holidays almost here we wish to offer you a word of support from the Dutch language.

“Als de ene hand de andere wast worden ze beide schoon!”

This Dutch saying literally translated is “When the one hand washes the other, they both become clean”. In this time of handwashing for a minimum of 20 seconds and more often than ever, this saying sums up our present life task. It is asking us to take care of one another. Life will become easier when we help each other. Whether you are celebrating the return of the Cherry Blossom - the Sakura festival in Japan, Easter, the Passover, Nowruz or Holi around this time of year we wish you an enjoyable and restful spring break with your family.

Marcella Watts, Joan Roach and Daphne Dansen.



Contact us:

- You may call us between 09:00 and 12:00 for any urgent matters on the normal school number 040-251-9437 **use Option 1 or 2**
- Email the school office
 - primary@isecampus.nl
 - secondary@isecampus.nl
- If your child is unable to attend the online classes please email the school office first thing in the morning.

Primary Matters

After School Activities

Several parents have asked us what will happen with the after school activities and whether the activities that have been cancelled will be refunded. The leadership team has been in touch with the coordinators and with the coaches of the activities. We have decided to wait for the update of the government to decide how to handle this. If and when possible, we would like to extend the period of the after school activities, otherwise we will refund the payments. Once a decision is made, we will inform all the parents involved.

Primary Parents Virtual Coffee Hour

Group teachers, Ms. Dansen and Ms. Roach have invited parents of students in groups 2 - 8 to a virtual Coffee Hour. As well as being a nice way to reconnect with other parents in our ISE community, this meeting is an opportunity to ask questions about supporting your child at home. It is still possible to sign up for one of the coffee hours by completing [this](#) form.

Library

At the moment all the libraries are closed. The staff of the library in Eindhoven has been investigating possibilities to support schools and parents.

Every week the city library sends out a tip that the children can work with.

More information can be asked for by sending an email to j.bogaerts@bibliotheekeindhoven.nl

It is also possible to make your child a member of the city library for free. with this link <https://ct.bibliotheekeindhoven.nl/main.php?action=bieb-jeugd> it is possible to register your child for free.

More information about the city library can be found on this website:

<https://www.bibliotheekeindhoven.nl/tips-voor-thuisblijvers-jeugd.html>

Secondary Matters**Staffing**

Sadly as you are probably aware, Ms. Ballemans made the decision to take up a new position and will leave the ISE. It is a pity we are not able to give her a proper face-to-face send off when she leaves on 17th April. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Ballemans for everything she has done since she started at the ISE. She has brought structure, professionalism and amazing learning experiences to the department. She will be missed, but wish her all the best for the next step in her career. Unfortunately, again due to the current situation, the teacher due to replace Ms. Ballemans after the upcoming holiday is now no longer able to start on 7th May and we are in the process of determining how to manage the lessons. However, I am grateful to Mr. Hopman who will take over the teaching of the DP1 lessons.

Even during this difficult period, the recruitment of staff for next school year has continued. I am happy that we have filled most of the vacancies and will be welcoming new teachers in our Maths, Design and Dutch department after the summer vacation.

Report cards

As previously stated, this term we will be issuing MP5, DP1 and DP2 with report cards, MP1 to 4 students will receive a report card at the end of the school year with indicative grades. Last week DP2 students received their final report card and this week MP5 and DP1 students will receive their 2nd Progress Reports .

Progress Report cards are only released digitally via Managebac, therefore, please be reminded in order to access your child's report card, you will need to log on to the Managebac system. Please contact Ms van der Linden at evanderlinden@isecampus.nl for ManageBac support.

Progress Reports are not full reports but are intended to give a judgment of where the student is in their learning at this point in time. The progress reports are interim reports, which give an indicative assessment grade (IB 1 to 7). This indicative grade is not a summative grade based only on assignments and tests, but will also reflect a judgment by the teacher based on how the student performs in the classroom setting and on homework tasks. Students are also assessed against cross-curricular skills which will give an indication of their attitude towards learning.

For MP5 students please note that more specific recommendations for the transition to the Diploma Programme will appear on the report. Students who have improved in a particular subject will see an updated teacher recommendation that may indicate a different advice from the mid-year report. All MP5 students will be interviewed on their course selection for the DP in the next few weeks.

Due to the current situation, we cannot continue with the planned Parent-Teacher meetings which usually follow these reports. However, where there are serious concerns about a student's progress, Year Tutors will be in contact with parents and will arrange remote meetings. If you have a particular concern about your child's report we ask that you communicate with the Year Tutor rather than directly to teachers. The Year Tutor will then be able to make a decision on how best to address your concerns. Once we return to school, arrangements will be made to schedule Parent-Teacher meetings for MP5 and DP1 parents.

After School Activities

It is sad that we have had to cancel after school activities, however, I am happy that our PHE teachers are doing their best to create tasks to motivate their students to keep active. They have also made sure our staff are staying fit and healthy by providing daily workout sessions for us! I was delighted to hear that Ms Edmunds has managed to hold a remote after school crafting club with her group.

De koningsspelen

Koningsdag wordt ieder jaar gevierd op 27 april. Dit is ook de dag dat onze Koning, Willem-Alexander jarig is. Traditiegetrouw gaat hij die dag op visite bij een vooraf bepaalde stad en geven de bewoners een rondleiding door hun woonplaats. Hierbij loopt de Koninklijke familie, meestal samen met meerdere leden van het Koninklijk Huis, een route, en daarbij wordt er voor hen gezongen, gedanst, een (sport)demonstratie gegeven en ga zo maar door!
De drie dochters van Koning Willem-Alexander en Koningin Máxima bleven toen ze kleiner waren thuis, maar inmiddels zijn ze vaak ook bij de feestelijke activiteiten aanwezig. Het blijft wel tot het laatste moment geheim of dat Amalia, Alexia en Ariane van de partij zullen zijn!

Toen Koning Willem-Alexander koning werd, op 30 april 2013, heeft hij besloten dat er ieder jaar mag worden bewogen op zijn verjaardag. Vandaar dat er elk jaar een sportief Oranjefeest georganiseerd wordt, genoemd de Koningsspelen. Dat de Koning het bewegen en sporten belangrijk vindt, is geen verrassing. De koning is namelijk lid geweest van het IOC (Internationaal Olympisch Comité) en is dan ook vaak te vinden bij dit toernooi om onze Nederlandse sporters aan te moedigen!

Ieder jaar wordt er op de verjaardag van de Koning bewogen met alle kinderen op school. Scholen organiseren de Koningsspelen vaak in de vorm van een sport- en spelletjesdag. Ook brengt 'Kinderen voor Kinderen' ieder jaar een lied uit, met daarbij dansinstructies. Helaas is er dit jaar geen lied, aangezien de Koningsspelen en Koningsdag zijn afgelast. Normaal gesproken zingen en dansen alle kinderen in Nederland mee op het lied, vaak gekleed in oranje (de nationale kleur). De liedjes van de voorgaande jaren zijn: [Pasapas](#), [Hupsakee](#), [Fitlala](#).

Hopelijk kunnen we deze vakantie toch een beetje stilstaan bij de verjaardag van onze Koning, al is het maar door feestelijke oranje kleding te dragen, een extra rondje te wandelen, de dans van vorig jaar nog een keer te doen of een taartje op de verjaardag van de Koning te eten!



King's Games

King's Day is celebrated every year on the 27th April. This is also the day that our King, Willem-Alexander, celebrates his birthday. Traditionally, he will visit a different city every year. The residents will then give a tour of their beautiful hometown. The Royal Family, often accompanied by members of the Royal House, will walk a route and on the way they will enjoy performances by singers, dancers and athletes. When the three daughters of King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima were smaller, they stayed at home, but now they are often present during the festivities. It will usually remain a secret until the day itself if Amalia, Alexia and Ariana will join the King and Queen or not.

When King Willem-Alexander became King on April 30, 2013, he decided that everybody should exercise and play games on his birthday. This annual Sports Day is called the King's Games. It is no surprise that our King finds sports and games very important. The king has been a member of the IOC (International Olympic Committee) and is often found at this tournament to encourage and support our Dutch athletes!

All the children in school will play sports and games on King's Day, but singing and dancing are also important on this day! The young singers of "Kinderen voor Kinderen" (= Kids for Kids) release a song every year, along with dance instructions. Unfortunately, there is no song this year, as the King's Games and King's Day have been cancelled. Normally all the children in the Netherlands love to sing and dance on King's Day, often dressed in orange (the national colour). The songs from previous years are [Pasapas](#), [Hupsakee](#), [Fitlala](#).

Hopefully, we can still celebrate our King's birthday this holiday, if only by wearing orange clothes, going for an extra walk, doing last year's dance again or by eating a piece of birthday cake!

From left to right: Princess Amalia, Queen Máxima, Princess Alexia, King Willem-Alexander and Princess Ariana.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Some useful information from the GGD

* <https://www.rivm.nl/> The RIVM provides advice and up to date information about the Corona virus. Parents can read here what to do if someone contracts symptoms or is declared contagious FROM the Corona virus.

* <https://www.pharos.nl/> Pharos provides information about the Corona virus and measures taken, in various languages and through illustrations. This information is relevant to ex-pats.

* <https://opvoedinformatie.nl/> Opvoedinformatie Nederland provides information for parents about the Corona virus. This includes educational tips for home study.

* <https://www.mediaopvoeding.nl/> Mediaopvoeding.nl provides information concerning responsible usage of Media resources for children who are now at home fulltime.

* <https://oudersenonderwijs.nl/> Ouders en onderwijs provides information for parents concerning the closure of schools and day care centers.

* <https://www.nji.nl/> NJI provides tips for parents on how to cope with the new home situation.

* <https://www.positiefopvoeden.nl/nl-nl/opvoedthemas/covid-19-top-tien-opvoedtips-voor-ouders-en-verzorgers-in-onze-kere-tijden/> Triple P Nederland provides Top Ten Tips for educating children in insecure times.

* <https://www.villapinedo.nl/ouders/> For divorced parents that seek advice with raising their children, Villa Pinedo provides on-line training for divorced parents, which is free of charge in the coming weeks.