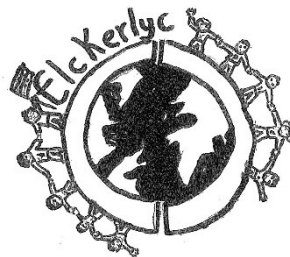


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Newsletter



2011

Diary dates

30th Sept
Study Day
School Closed

3rd Oct
Leidens Onzet
School Closed

5th Oct
Start Book Week

11th Oct
Bewaarde Land
Group 5
(replacing 23rd
August)

17th - 21st Oct
Autumn Break

31st Oct
Photographer to visit
school



Chopping marvellous!

A lovely savoury smell hangs in the air and a breeze made the enchanting smell invade our nostrils.

There was a shuffling of muddy boots and an echoing clank from the metal gates as it swung shut. There stood Gerard with a funny paper hat on his head and he was standing next to a rectangular table with a knife and vegetables fresh from the garden, moments later we started greedily on our delicious soup.

By Anna group 7

Welcome

Elckerlyc would like to welcome a new staff member, Ms. Joyce Tse, she will start officially in Group 5 during the first week of October. Joyce is Canadian and completed her studies at the University of British Columbia thereafter teaching at the Richmond School District before coming to Elckerlyc. She is very much looking forward to the new challenge and we in turn would like to extend to her a warm Elckerlyc welcome.



September 23, 2011

Lost property

A large store of lost property is currently on display in the aula. Please take the time to check the pile for any items you may be missing. Items will remain until Friday 30th September all unclaimed property will be donated to a local charity.

Camp 2011

Hello. My name is Kate Havenga, and I, along with a few other people from Group 7, volunteered to write a report about Camp 2011. So here goes...

My report starts in Elckerlyc International, in the Group 7 classroom. As we arrived we lined our suitcases up along the shelves. Then we put our small rucksacks on our tables and milled around for a bit. We all took a class photo and then took our bags to the coach. Then after saying good-bye to our parents, we all got onto the bus. After the Dutch children got in, we waved to friends and relatives outside. Then the bus gave a shudder and rumbled out of the parking lot. We cheered, but settled down quickly as an announcement came over the loud-speaker.

At last! We were there! We all took a suitcase from the space and heaved it across the gravel ground. I had mine already, but Anna couldn't find hers so I helped her. We were called by the I.S supervisors and together with our roomies, we trooped to our dormitories. I was in a room with Anna, Megan, Niamh, Emilie, Alex and Nina. We made our beds with great difficulty, and then had a light snack. We then went swimming in the public swimming baths. We had a blast jumping off the diving board. Then we played in our rooms, and then got called for dinner. We had pasta, or soup and for dessert we had a creamy concoction, with chocolate flakes. Later we had a bonfire. It was flamin' brilliant!

The next day we went GPS orienteering, but gave up when we couldn't find a tree. Then we went canoeing. I got left behind by the other canoes, though we got there in the end. We were all filthy wet and soaking dirty. We had a shower and got changed into our Bonte Avond outfits. We did our hair and makeup, and went into the corridor to wait. Niamh and I were the spitting image of each other. Well, we had to, as we were singing a song together. We sang *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun* by Cyndi Lauper. Then we danced till midnight, though sadly we didn't turn into pumpkins. The next day we had Sport's Day. My favourite game was Levende Stratego. Then we packed our bags and left the Stayokay.

That was my report about Valkenswaard, Camp 2011. I hope you enjoyed it.



Might you have?

In the last year or two our very healthy supply of games and language-building books seems to have declined. It's very easy for these things to end up in and amongst your games and books at home - especially as I lend them freely and with very little time restriction. Would you mind having a little look at home and if you find anything pop it back into the LDS (EAL) room? You don't have to drop and run as it's not a problem that you have them, but it would be nice if they were once again available for new families. At the same time may I also ask you if you have any games or language building books that your children have out-grown and you think we might be able to make use of here at school? I can assure you their donation to the department would be very much appreciated. Thank-you in anticipation Kerry Lockyer (Language Development Support - EAL)

Shoe Box appeal

Our school will be participating in the “**Actie Shoenmaatjes**”. This is an action to help children in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe by contributing a shoe box with school supplies, toiletries and small toys for children in poorer lands. It is our hope that our school could supply one box for each child that is registered to make a total of **129 for the IS and 140 for the DS**. Each child would personally fill a shoe box but we cannot do this without your help. If you have several children at school, you could also fill one box per family. The exact instructions regarding what may or may not be placed in the shoe box are outlined in a brochure that will be sent home with the children next week – there will also be an envelope in which we ask you to place **5 euros** to help with the transport of these boxes. You could donate more, but this amount is the minimum needed to make sure that the boxes can be transported. Please seal the envelope and hand it separately to Mrs. Kerry Lockyer (LDS/EAL)– **do not place it in the shoebox**. The brochure will also provide more specific information regarding where the boxes will be sent.

IMPORTANT!!! Please read the list of items allowed carefully. Please do not pack any broken toys or used toiletries in the boxes. The boxes should be brought to the Aula no later than **Wednesday the 2nd of November**. **Mrs. Kerry Lockyer and Mrs. Sally Johns** will need some helpers on this day to check and collect the boxes and then transport them to a central collection point on **Friday the 4th of November**. Are you available to help? Will you be able to fill a shoe box with your child? We hope that you are able to participate in this wonderful project to help those children that are less fortunate than ourselves. Kind regards, Staff of Elckerlyc International School
Contact persons: Kerry Lockyer LDS/EAL and Sally Johns Group 0.

Book week—October 5th until October 14th 2011

It is almost time for our annual book week celebrations. We have planned a programme full of fun activities and ideas for the children to take part in and would like to give you the following information so that you can plan or prepare where necessary! The theme this year is “Super Heroes”!

- **Wednesday 5th – Full IS assembly** to launch our book week performed by group 5. (Due to space restrictions, students only).
- **Thursday 6th – Puppet Show!**
- **Monday 10th – Usborne Book fair** in the aula from 14:00 hrs.
- **Thursday 13th – Assembly and prize giving.**
- **Friday 14th – Character Day**, always popular and lots of fun! Children (and adults) are invited to come to school this morning dressed as a super hero or a favourite character and to bring a coin in to donate to the fund for new books for the classrooms.



Our competition this year is “**Get Caught Reading**” – Students are invited to bring in photos of themselves caught reading in unusual places! To give you an idea this could be a dog basket or climbing frame etc. Entries will be displayed in the aula and four lucky winners will each receive a book prize! Please hand you photos in to Colleen Cropp, group 5 teacher by Wednesday 12th and don’t forget to write your name and group on the back! Good luck and make sure you “get caught reading”! We will also be holding a “**Donate a Book**” drive. You are invited to bring in and donate second hand children’s books that will be sent to a school in Kenya to help set up their school library. There will be a donation box / collection point in aula for the whole of book week, so if you have been putting off sorting those children’s books out, now is the time to do it! If you have any unwanted books drop them in the donation box in the Aula or give to your class teacher before Friday October 7th.

Your class teacher will give you details of the other activities that your group will be taking part in. So Super Heroes, enjoy book week and don’t forget to “get caught reading”! - The Book Week Team

A spot of science

On Friday James Graham from gp 4 brought his father in for show and tell. His father gave a fantastic demonstration about magnets and their uses. He also showed group 4 how to make a simple compass. The children were very interested. Many thanks to Mr Graham it is always appreciated having an expert in the class. Group 4 is looking for a reading parent for Monday either in the morning or in the afternoon. If you are interested in helping listening to readers on a regular basis please contact. S Habesch or S Goddard.