

ISW NEWSLETTER

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS **SEPTEMBER 2024**

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The International School of Wassenaar's Bi-Monthly Update for Parents & Students



A WORD FROM MR. VERLOOP

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES:

- **25 Sept-2 Oct**- German exchange to NL
 - **4 Oct** - Brugklas & MYP2 Rocktober Party
 - **3 Oct** - DP Parents Information Evening
 - **4 Oct** - MYP2 Movie Night
 - **5 Oct**- MiniMUN
 - **9-15 Oct**- French exchange to NL
 - **16 Oct** - Global Citizenship Theme Day
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Immerse yourself into the world of the ISW - Enjoy the newsletter!

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Staff,

I hope you all had a wonderful first month back at school! The year kicked off with excitement, from the grand opening of our new wing to a series of memorable events, including Vlietland Day, the Voorlinden Museum visit, and cycle safety lessons. Our MYP1 students had a fantastic time at the annual camp and house tournament, while MYP2 enjoyed a fun-filled sports afternoon.

Inside this first newsletter of the year, you'll find photos and highlights from these special moments. I look forward to building on this positive energy as the year unfolds!

Kind regards,
Robert Verloop



INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE



Dear student(s), parent(s) and guardian(s),

After a trial period of 2 weeks, please see below the new working schedule of the Administration and Admissions Office from 08:00-16:00:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ms Jacobs	✓	✓		✓	
Ms Wilde	✓		✓		✓

As you can see, we are both here on Mondays but alternate on the days thereafter. For this reason, we kindly remind parents/guardians to send absence notifications (sick leave, medical appointments etc.) to both of us. You can also leave a message on 070-5121801 before 08:30 am.

All students should have received a locker card by now. If not, please visit the mediatheek/library and ask for one. Students who have lost their locker card should also visit the library.

We will soon send out the order form for the royal blue school hoodie. The hoodie costs €30 and comes in varied sizes. If in doubt about the correct size, students can try them on in the office. Once purchased they cannot be exchanged unfortunately, so make sure the size is correct. There is no need to bring cash. Parents who have ordered a hoodie will receive an invoice after delivery.

A kind but important request to all new parents/guardians: please provide your local address and contact numbers for our administration and for emergencies. We need to be able to call you if your child is sick and wants to go home.

Kind regards,

Ms. Jacobs and Ms. Wilde



MEET THE MENTORS & CLUBS

On 29th August, parents were invited to school to meet the mentors of their children.

Here is our MYP mentor team for 2024-2025!



Clubs Schedule Term 1:

Day	Club	Location	Teacher
Monday	The Plot Twist Crew	D0.10	Miss Haasnoot
	Orchestra	Music Room	Mrs. van Leeuwen
	Programming	B1.12	Mr. Rutkowski
	Flag Football	Field	Mr. Verloop
Wednesday	Choir	Theatre Room	Mrs. van Leeuwen
	Debating (16:15 - 17:30)	D0.07	Ms. van den Putte
	Magazine Club	D0.10	Miss Mehta
	Print making workshop	B0.16	Miss Garcia Martinez
	School Band	Music Room	Ms. Hermans & Mr. van der Toorn
Thursday	Chess	D0.07	Mrs. Parginos
	First Lego League/Robotica (14:45 - 16:15)	To be decided	Mr. van der Weegen
	Fitness Club	Gym	Ms. Calero
	Magic the Gathering	D0.09	Mr. van Roosmalen



OPENING NEW BUILDING



The first week back at school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated the official opening of our brand new D-wing! Students took pride in showing their parents around, leading guided tours through the spacious, modern classrooms and learning areas. As the days go by, students are quickly finding their way around and loving the open, airy feel of the new space. With plenty of room to learn, collaborate, and study, it's already become an incredibly productive place!

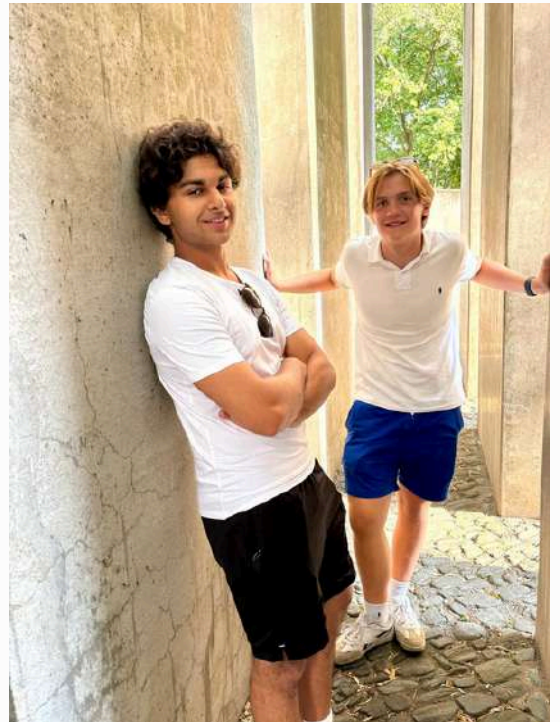


DP2 BERLIN TRIP

On the scalding hot days of September, the class of DP2 enjoyed a city tour of the historic city of Berlin. Along with four teachers, we explored many historical sites of Berlin like the ruins of the Berlin wall, concrete bunkers turned into art exhibitions and historical museums. Berlin dazzled at night with lively bars and attractions like the Brandenburg Gate and the Berlin Palace towering in front of us. The city walks gave us the experience of the German metro with our talented photographer Gheed taking cinematic snapshots of the city and of course, the people that highlighted the experience of the trip. The historical art museums, bunkers and palaces that we saw fascinated us with the city that treasured its history. We came across other surprising spots like the place where the corpses of Hitler and his wife were burnt or where the Berlin Wall was the most treacherous.

On the last days of our city tour, we visited the huge Mall of Berlin and spent the evening in the game rooms with pool, ping pong and other games. The route back to Netherlands, though arduous with cancelled and or delayed trains, the class enjoyed our time in Berlin with our lovely teachers.

Written by Siddhi Prabhu (DP2A)



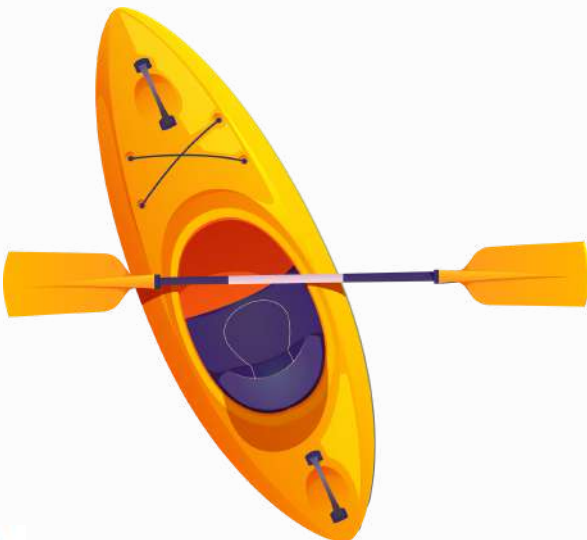
DP1 TEXEL TRIP

After arriving on Texel and picking up our bikes, we cycled to the northern coast, where we enjoyed a scenic beachside lunch and climbed the lighthouse for a stunning view. That evening, the excitement peaked as everyone dove into archery tag and bubble football, igniting some friendly competition and a lot of laughs. The next day, we visited the Ecomare museum, where we explored the combination of a seal sanctuary, nature museum, and aquarium. Later that day, we played teambuilding activities on the beach and wrapped up the trip with a barbecue. This was followed by a lively 'bonte avond,' a Dutch tradition where students showcased their talents through dancing, storytelling, and singing.



VLIETLAND DAY

On Friday 6th September, MYP2 and the brugklas cycled via the parks route to Vlietland where they spent the day on the water. Lots of fun was had building rafts, kayaking, racing dragon boats, cycling pedalos and climbing on the survival inflatable. After a long day, we cycled back home together, tired but happy after so much fun!



CAS

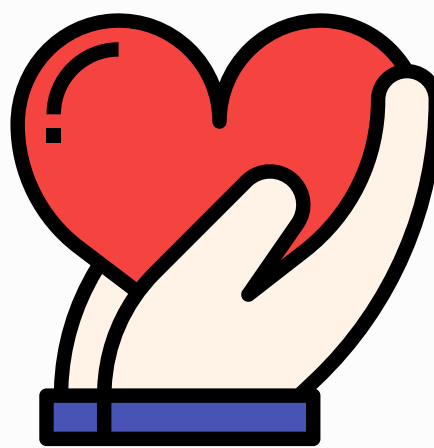
On the 30th of August, we held a CAS workshop for our DP1 students with the aim of introducing them to the CAS programme and helping them understand the key elements of Creativity, Activity, and Service. The workshop gave students the opportunity to not only explore what CAS entails but also begin reflecting on how they can engage with it throughout their DP journey.

Our DP2 students played a crucial role in supporting their younger peers. They split up into smaller groups, working alongside the DP1s to guide them through activities, answer questions, and provide insights from their own experiences. This peer support was invaluable, as it helped the DP1s gain a clearer understanding of CAS and how to approach it.

Following the workshop, the DP1 students had their first real opportunity to dive into CAS during their Texel trip. Whether it was trying new and exciting activities like bubble football and archery tag or pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones through long-distance cycling, the trip allowed them to begin their CAS experiences with energy and enthusiasm. Additionally, during the Bonte Avond, some students showcased their creativity by singing, dancing, and storytelling, further building their CAS portfolios through artistic expression.

Meanwhile, the DP2 students are steadily progressing through their CAS portfolios, working towards completing their 18-month CAS commitment. With their projects well on track, they continue to demonstrate leadership and dedication, setting an excellent example for the DP1s as they embark on their own CAS journeys.

Mr. Pretorius
Cas Coordinator



AUGUST AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

On Friday 30th August, MYP1 participated in an exciting House Tournament led by our valiant MYP5 student leaders: Rosalie Cremers, Troy Jones, Kelly Lim, Max Shin and Juno Verbeek. The students played dodgeball and football in between fishing the balls out of the brook. At the end of the afternoon Aquila was pronounced the winner!



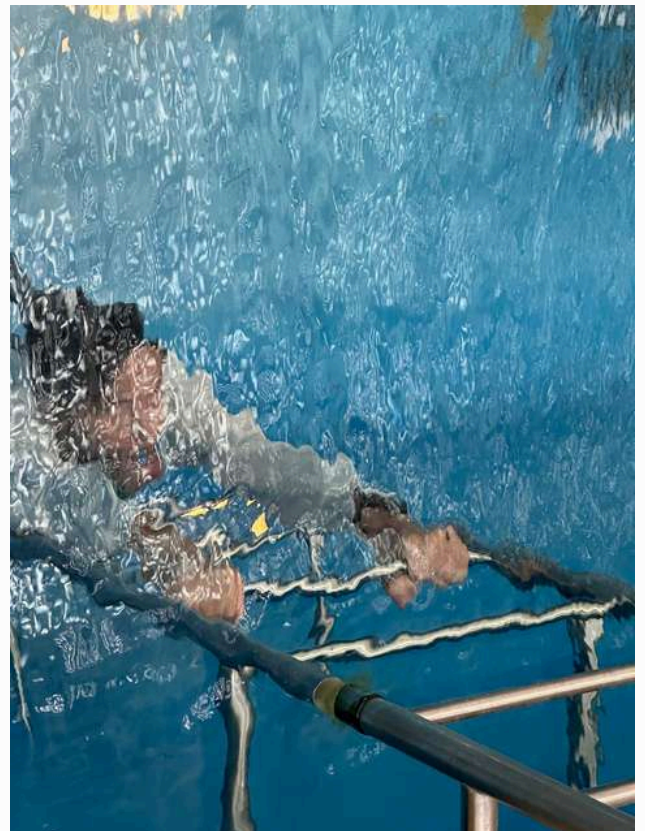
Mixed teams of MYP2 and the Brugklas had a thrilling afternoon of games on the sports field on Friday 30th August. The PHE department organised an array of games which were supervised by the RLW Peters and Meters (student leaders).

On the first Friday of term, MYP3-5 could be found racing around in the Backershagen Park taking part in team building exercises and capture the flag, rounding off with a well-deserved ice-lolly.



MUSEUM VOORLINDEN

Visual Arts students in MYP5, DP1 and DP2 visited the Voorlinden Museum in Wassenaar on Tuesday, September 17th. Seeing the work of Australian artist Ron Mueck allowed students to engage with art in a real-life context and will enable them to use that experience to inform and enrich their own art-making practice in school.



MYP1 CAMP

From 12th -13th September, MYP1 were on camp. During the trip, we kayaked, built rafts, learnt archery, cooked marshmallows on a fire and survived the infamous mud island! Well done MYP1 for being such good sports and team players!



VISUAL ARTS

In this term, MYP1 students are exploring the essential elements of art through creative learning experiences. They are drawing inspiration from artists such as Henri Matisse and the Bauhaus School, and experimenting with various techniques and materials. The objective of this unit is for students to create a personal symbol that represents their identity.



MYP2 students are learning how to represent tonal values in their artwork. They are understanding how texture and volume can help them create more realistic pieces. The other day, they painted a still life with lemons using watercolors. Afterward, they were allowed to eat the lemons!



With the idea of connecting with our subconscious to unlock the power of the imagination, MYP3s are exploring the movement of Surrealism. They are enjoying the freedom of creation this art movement gives them.



MYP1 CYCLE SAFETY

On Friday 19th September, the team from Totally Traffic took MYP1 out on their bikes in the school's neighbourhood. The students learnt how to safely cross a road, turn at junctions, stop at lights and make their way round a roundabout. One of our students was even taught how to ride a bike in only 20 minutes!

