

# End of Year Newsletter

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Newsletter

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## Special Interest Articles:

- Balance in our life!
- Wonderful Theatre productions.
- The new school year.



## BALANCE

Let's follow the message of the Middle School and find our Balance again! It is an opportunity to stand still and reflect upon our way of living. Isn't it a bit too fast? Am I not demanding too much of myself? Of others? "Lost the Kinitron" urges us to look at life from different points of view. This

becomes possible when we use both sides of our brain simultaneously. Left for logical, analytic and sequential. Right for holistic, synthetic and empathetic. Kinitron means Balance. Wouldn't it be nice if we could find the balance in everything we do!

## THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Have you been in awe of the theatre productions? The children had such a great time! The Wednesday performance broke the ice, the nerves disappeared and Friday and Saturday gave us a great spectacle for the eyes and ears. The Primary of Rotselaerlaan 1 made us experience how beautiful, serene and colourful the world really is! The Primary from Rotselaerlaan 3

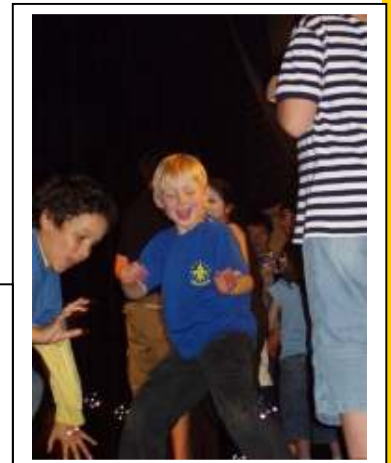
challenged our views on Global Warming. The "Future in 2092" had seen it all! Their devices and knowledge on fighting the globe's problems were impressive! Did you know that all of this is uniquely made by the staff and children of the Montessori school? Every year again! In the meantime the Sterrebeek Children's House had a Sing Along and the other Children's Houses will still have a special festivity!

## The Yellow Submarine



*"The future has arrived! Be warned, look after your planet!!"*

## In the Jungle



## Violin Wezembeek-Oppem



## Lost the Kinitron



## Singalong Sterrebeek



## DVDs Available

Ad Zijl, father of Tijs & Anne, made 2 very nice DVDs of the theatre production of the Primary and the Middle School's "Lost the Kinitron". You can purchase these from the office; €3 for 1 and €5 for 2 copies!



## More Photos on NEW WEBSITE

Have a look at the new website: [international-montessori.org](http://international-montessori.org). It gives a lot of information on child development, forthcoming events, newsletters, calendar, school bus service, links, **and beautiful photos!!**

## Student on stage!

Do you recognise Saana Koivisto? She played violin and sang in the semi final of the Euro Song Festival in Helsinki! Saana came to the Montessori school from when she was 2 1/2 to 8 years old!



## Bus Service

The school bus service is organized by the office of Tervuren and covers quite a circle around the 4 International Montessori Schools. On a daily basis more than 30 children are transported and therefore we are truly contributing to the cut in emissions! This service is of course also available next year. In

case you would like to add your child to the list, please fill in the form available on our website and hand it in as soon as possible.

## Library Books - Parent Library

Would all parents please hand in the school's library books? We would like to have children's books from the classrooms and the copies from the Parent Library returned! We would also like to thank Dee Stevens and Lisa Dibb very much for keeping the Library open during this school year!

## Last Day of School

Friday June 22 is the last school day of the year and we would like to invite you for a shared buffet style lunch in the garden of your child's school from 12.00 in Rotselaerlaan and from 11:30 in the other centers.

Would you bring a plate of food to share with the other families? You may bring savories or a dessert. Lunch finishes app. 13:00. Upon departure would you take your child's spare clothes, boots, slippers and

other belongings home? This greatly facilitates our summer clean up.

Before you arrive for the lunch, the children will have a special games morning in the garden.

## Bus Service on Last Day of School

School finishes at respective 11.30 or 12.00. In the light of finishing off the year together with parents, the bus service is only provided upon special request.



## GRADUATION MIDDLE SCHOOL

Two students are graduating from the Middle School this year. Kai Lange came his whole life to the Montessori School! He started in 1993 and we cannot imagine school without him! Kai will do the Baccalaureate at the European School and we hope to see him again in next year's theatre production!! Cameron Dibb is also 16 and is currently investigating on where he wants to complete his final 2 years of secondary. Cameron spent just one year at the Middle School, but definitely gave a great contribution. Good luck to both of you on your continuous path called LIFE!!

## NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:

### Welcome Morning:

The new school year starts with the Welcome morning on Friday August 31, between 9.30 and 11.00 hrs. All children and families are welcome! This will be a nice opportunity to greet old friends and meet new ones! The Welcome Morning is also a great "Ice breaker" for children changing classrooms and for all of us to get back into the routine!

## First School Day 2007-2008

For all returning children to the same class and for children moving to Primary and Middle School, school starts on Monday September 3 with the standard arrival hours.

For the Children's Houses:  
Children's House children, who change premises and graduating Toddlers starting in Children's House,

receive individual time slots with dates for settling in during the first week of September.

All new children:  
Early July, both new siblings and new families receive individual settling in times for the first weeks of September. This scheduled intake greatly facilitates children settling in smoothly.



## Staffing

Staffing mostly depends on the happy event of babies being born! This year we have some teachers come back from maternity leave and some who will go on leave. Please find the news on the staffing arrangements in your centre. (Please note that changes can happen at any time due to staff's personal situation)

### INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL, ROTSELAERLAAN TERVUREN

Children's House: Laurence will work together with Anna Kheiro-Bengtsson. Anna has been working at the school for 10 years and is returning from maternity leave. Ninette will go on Maternity leave and Veronique Louet will work with the Toddlers in Sterrebeek.

Primary: Griet will be returning to the Primary in Rotselaerlaan 3. Brian Thelen, who had a break of 1 year from our school is returning to Middle School and will also work in the Primary in Rots. 3. Sandra, Chris, Christabel, Nathalie, Stephanie, Dorina, Rinze and Anne will stay put!!

### INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI "SAVOORKE", TERVUREN

Toddler Community: Maryline will come back after the birth of baby Amadine. We would like to thank Lisa for working during the past 4 months and wish her a good start back in Canada!! Heather continues as Head of School and will be there in September again together with, Marie, Karen,

## Continuation Staffing

### INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI WEZEMBEEK-OPPEM

Children's House Upstairs: Adeline has decided she would like a change in career and is thinking about picking up her profession as psychologist. Caron will remain the English speaking teacher and will be joined by Isabelle Coppola. Isabelle worked prior to her leave in the school in Sterrebeek. Lidia remains Head of School and is together Brigitte ready for the next school year!

### INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S CENTRE, STERREBEEK

Toddler Community: Greet will continue as the directress and will be joined by Veronique Louet from the school in Tervuren and a new staff member Katia Boudet. Odette will continue as Head of School and directress of the Children's House and will be joined by Charlotte and Ewa Rollmann. The children know Ewa already, since she is currently also part of the team. Charlotte will take maternity leave from the end of September to the end of March.

## New Holiday Calendar on the web

For future holiday planning you can find the 2007-2008 Holiday Schedule on our website. The complete calendar stating all happenings and events will be

printed in October. Do you have new ideas on social events and/or would you have time in helping with the organization? Please let us know!!

## Summer Camp - still vacancies

Still places free for the summer camp!! There will be a focus on science experiments and craft with recycled materials. Please phone 02-7676360 or 02 784 2784 to book a place for your child or download an application form from the website!



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