

NEWSLETTER

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We were on National TV

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Friday October 5 the RTBF invited them selves to make a news clip for national TV! They filmed for 1-½ hours and 60 minutes later we were in the news! The broadcast will soon be added to our Website for you to look at! This was an exiting experience for all of us!

International Teacher Training

Hundred Years of Montessori education is celebrated in our school by hosting the first International Montessori teacher-training course in Europe on a Summer/ Holiday block basis. The students have completed their first summer and are now observing and helping in different schools so you might see additional teachers in your child's classroom! We have been a training school for many years. Presently our

Primary classes will have student teachers from the trainings in Switzerland and Italy. The AMI 3-6 students will continue their course during Autumn and Easter holiday and will sit for their exams in the summer of 2008. We would like to thank the families who hosted students during the 2007 summer! It was much appreciated. If families can provide accommodation for the subsequent holidays, would you phone Rinze on 02-767 6360. Thank You!

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International Baccalaureate: Info evening and Status



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**Info Evening: October 16
At "Savorke" - 19.30
By: Stephanie Cnudde**

We are at the point of the Pre Authorization visit! On October 22 and 23, Sharon Thomson of the Lisbon International School will come and evaluate our program, practice and learning materials. She will also give a workshop, talk with staff, parents and

students. This is a very important step towards obtaining the full status of being an International Baccalaureate Middle Year Program (MYP). In the meantime the staff have booked their next IB workshops and will go to Moscow on November 7 to 11. They will follow lectures in relation to their subject specialties. We hope they can be tourists at the same time!

The Calendar - Questionnaire

We are currently making the new calendar and are brainstorming on forthcoming happenings and collecting nice photos at the same time. We would like to have your input again in relation to your ideas on family excursions, social events and information evenings. Attached to this

newsletter is a questionnaire. Would you take 10 minutes and fill out which kind of events you would like to attend and (if you have spare time) which ones you would like to help organize? Please also use it to place a critical note and a compliment towards the organizers of last year's events!! Thank You!

Parent-Address List: THINK GREEN - CAR POOL!

All parents have filled in the address permission forms, so here it is, the Parent Address List! It is produced for parents who would like

to connect for various reasons such as organising car pools, birthday parties, and after school play!

Forthcoming Events:

During September and October each class held, or will still hold, a happening for new parents. These Introduction to the Classroom evenings help families to orientate themselves in school. Additionally, each class

or location organizes a social event for all families to get to know each other. This can be in the shape of a "tea-party", wine and cheese or picnic. Please check the notice boards for the dates!



Info Evening: Reaching the full potential

HOW does the Montessori school help each unique individual reach their full potential?

This will be discussed on:

DATE: Thursday October 18

By: Annie R. Hoekstra - de Roos

VENUE: International
Montessori "Savoorké" -
Parent Café

Bergestraat 24, 3080
Tervuren

TIME: 19.30

Optimal Development depends a lot on the child's self-esteem! This develops by helping each child according to his/her personal characteristics. In the Montessori School we differentiate, adjust presentation modes and create joy in learning! How this is done will be presented on this evening. Families who have never heard about learning styles named Beaver-Fox-Dolphins and Owls are all welcome!!

Car Wash: Rotselaerlaan 3 - Saturday October 20

The Middle School students at Rotselaerlaan 3 do a Car wash from 9.00 to 16.00. Parents can sign up at sheets provided on the notice boards. The Middle School children can clean your car both inside and outside. The fees are: Outside: Regular cars = €10/ Large cars / Space wagons = €12
Inside = €2.50
The funds will be used towards their excursions!



Organic Apple Products for Sale

The Middle School children have started making Organic Apple sauce and jam again! The apples come from very healthy and never sprayed apple trees in the Ardennes. The Middle School children sell the jars for € 3.50 and come round to all schools as production allows!

Autumn Holidays

No school from Monday October 29 to Friday November 2. School reopens on Monday November 5.

Staff In-service - Day

Friday November 9 - No School

Last year we focused on left and right brain learning; on how to help children integrate the functions and skills developed in each half of the brain. This year we will focus our in-service days and additional Wednesday afternoons

on curriculum matters, reports and material making. The Middle School staff has their own workshops with the International Baccalaureate organization and will travel for that to Moscow during this weekend.

Info Evening: Second Language Acquisition

Monday November 12 at International Montessori "Savoorké" - Parent Café - Bergestraat 24, 3080 Tervuren, Time: 19.30 hrs. By Annie Hoekstra

Becoming multi lingual is an asset to every individual.

We will discuss how the brain copes with many languages: how to help the child in practical terms at home and which method is used at school. We will talk about verbal and written acquisition.

This information evening is interesting for parents with children of all ages.



SAINT MARTIN LANTERN PARADE

St. Martin Lantern Parade was a big success last year for the Toddlers and Children's House in "Savoorkke". So this year they would now like to invite all children to come and attend. A lantern activity will be done at school in all Children's Houses and your child can bring this on the walk in the forest.

WHEN: Wednesday afternoon
November 14

Time: 17.00 hrs. at Savoorkke

What to bring:

- A plate of food to share
- Appropriate clothing and shoes/boots/umbrellas

Drinks will be served at the end of the walk. All will be outside and we will go ahead rain or shine!



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are needed to see this picture.

Dad's Morning + Car Wash

Dad's Morning

Saturday November 17
At your child's classroom
Two time-slots:
9.30 to 10.15 and
10.30 to 11.15

All dads are invited to come with their child to the classroom and join in with the activities your child does during a regular school day. This gives you an opportunity to get to know the equipment, your child's level, the teachers and some other dads! Sign up lists will be provided for you to confirm your time slot. In Tervuren, the Middle School is washing cars during the whole day! You can sign up for that service as well!

SPECIAL School T SHIRT OFFER for all DADS

17-11-2007 Special T shirt offer for all dad's attending Dads morning! Buy a T shirt on the day for a family member (€18) and get one for FREE for DAD! Would you like to wear "Minds under Construction" to work! Or pass on the message of 'thinking differently' by wearing our "World upside down" T-Shirts?

We have all T-shirts in L-XL-XXL especially for the dads!!!

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The 6th Annual Christmas Market

Saturday November 24
Time: 10.00 to 17.00 hrs.
We will all be in Christmas atmosphere at our beautiful old farmhouse "Savoorkke". The Middle School will keep the Parent Café open and serve malt wine, coffee, tea and cakes! The stallholders will offer beautiful goods including jewelry; pottery,

glass-wear, knitted items and Treasure Trove will come to sell English children and adult books! We hope you will all come and make this into a successful event. We still have space for new stallholders; therefore interested people can contact delana.loevbak@bigfoot.com

Family Photographer

During the Christmas Market our school photographer is available to make Family, Sibling and/or individual portraits for you to use as Christmas presents. You have the choice of different backdrops and are free to make more formal or informal photos. The prices are very reasonable! Lists will be put on the school's notice boards for you to sign up. In order to avoid long waiting cues, individual timeslots will be given to each family.

A small note on nits

These little creatures are very strong. In the event of your child having nits, would you please keep him/her home 3 days following the first treatment and upon return bring a doctor's clearance! By doing so, we hope to stop the spread. Thank you!

We were on national TELEVISION



CHILDREN LIVE HERE AND NOW, THEY SHOW US HOW TO ENJOY LIFE!