

PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS

At our school we have several opportunities for you to get involved in.

THE PARTICIPATION COUNCIL (PC) consists of representatives from the parent and staff community. The PC has an advisory role and sometimes must give consent on certain topics, in accordance with participation council regulations.

Parents of our PC are Katharina Strobl, Norbert Werthenbach, Giovanni Vergottini. Teachers of our PC are Clare Beatson, Katie Zalewska, Do O'Dea.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE (AC) consists of parents and staff members, who help organise and arrange activities and events for fundraising and social purpose, such as school trips, Sinterklaas, Christmas events and the End of Year Party.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Besides our physical education programme, we encourage children to move and be physically active during the day. We participate in a healthy active (gezonde school) programme. Since children are still growing, there is even more need to keep the body hydrated so it functions properly, and a reason to have regular 'water' breaks during our lessons. This is important for both physical and mental activities.

INDEPENDENT CHILDREN

When starting primary education, children are asked to put on their own coats, change into their gym clothes and back and go to the toilet independently. We recommend students wear clothes without buttons

IN OUR LIBRARY WE OFFER A VARIETY OF ENGLISH, DUTCH AND OTHER LANGUAGE BOOKS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.



¿HABLA ESPAÑOL?

ARTS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION

We participate in a cultural education programme organised with Pier K, Cultural Education, which includes activities and excursions that support arts and cultural education, such as museum visits, media, dance or arts school projects.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All children attend PE lessons at least twice a week where they learn to challenge themselves, discover new and wider ranges of movement, and put their cooperation skills into practice through team games/sports. Find the latest PE schedule on our website.

When your child starts the day with PE lessons as indicated in the schedule, please ensure they are present at school at 8.00 am promptly, we will walk with the group to the gym hall. If you are not able to make it in time, please bring him/her to the location yourself and notify the teacher accordingly.

SPORT SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS

Throughout the year, OIS will take part in several sporting tournaments together with our sister school OBS De Optimist, such as football, hockey, volleyball and handball. Confirmation on dates will be confirmed in the coming months.



VOLUNTEERING & SUPPORT FROM PARENTS is highly appreciated, such as reading or library activities, logistic assistance, excursions, parties/ social events, and specific expertise.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES are parents who volunteer to assist their child's class teacher in class activities. They are a welcoming informal network of support, communication and a source of assistance to the class teacher for non-educational matters.

LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL

The Language Friendly School is a new global network of schools who welcome and value all the languages spoken by their students. Optimist International School has taken its first steps towards becoming a member of Language Friendly Schools. By allowing students' home languages in school, multilingual students get the chance to strengthen their cognitive and social skills.

IS THERE LEARNING HAPPENING?

there by doing assessments. Our Learning Leader plays a key role in monitoring this as well as our team of teaching assistants and specialist teachers.

LIBRARY Our OIS library offers books in multiple languages and we encourage students to borrow books for reading at home. Our library is unable to run without the support of our volunteers, so your help is vital. Please help us share the love of reading!

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn



A TRUE PEARL WITHIN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

The Inspectorate of Education valued and appreciated the school with a score of two times 'Good' for quality assurance and quality culture and saw a quality of education, above and beyond the regulations enshrined in law. They also appreciated the ambition and the clear objectives set.

- The coming year further development will include:
- Further IPC implementation and accreditation
- Language Friendly School accreditation
- Strengthening our Dutch as Additional Language (DAL) programme in collaboration with Haarlemmermeer Lyceum
- Healthy school (gezonde school) accreditation

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COMMUNICATING WITH EACH OTHER

- School guide
- School information poster/calendar
- Newsletters
- IPC start letters
- Notice boards
- Website
- Parents app
- Parent's guide National Curriculum
- Family school partnership and home learning guide

- School-to-home and home-to-school communication about learning activities. At the beginning of each IPC unit, you will receive a letter outlining what learning will be covered, including the main objectives of language and mathematics. We invite you to attend specific activities related to the IPC, for example an entry or exit point.
- To discuss the development of your child, we plan three regular individual parent-teacher meetings per year (to be found in the year calendar). When a child is new to our school we plan an evaluation meeting after the first four weeks. For further questions, please make an appointment with your child's teacher.
- To discuss general school related matters, please make an appointment with one of our members of management. You can find them at the door each morning to welcome you and your child.



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

INFORMATION GUIDE & YEAR CALENDAR 2020-2021

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ORGANISATION OF GROUPS

The children are organized in age-based classes.

AGE	OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (GROUPS)	BRITISH SYSTEM (UK) (YEARS)	K-12(US) (GRADES)
4	Group 1	Early Years	Pre School
4-5	Group 1	Foundation	Pre School
5-6	Group 2	Key stage 2 - year 1	K
6-7	Group 3	Key stage 2 - year 2	Grade 1
7-8	Group 4	Key stage 2 - year 3	Grade 2
8-9	Group 5	Key stage 2 - year 4	Grade 3
9-10	Group 6	Key stage 2 - year 5	Grade 4
10-11	Group 7	Key stage 2 - year 6	Grade 5

We have single year groups as well as combination groups. In a combination group children in two group levels are being taught in the same classroom. Within the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) units and learning objectives are broken down into 'Mileposts'.

Although learning objectives are different per year group our groups work closely together within a milepost, with dedicated teachers and teaching assistants. This provides us a variety of ways of grouping children to gain the best results.

SCHOOL LIFE

SCHOOL OFFICE The school office and reception are situated near the main entrance. The reception area is also available for you to grab a coffee/tea and chat with parents (till 8.30am).

SCHOOL TIMES Our school times are from 8.15 am-2.00 pm. Please bring - your child to the classroom from 8 - 8.15 am. We encourage you to join your child while they are doing their 'starters' task during the first fifteen minutes of the day, to get further insight in the learning that is happening in the classroom.

PARKING AND TRANSPORT

You can park in front of our school or use the parking lot in front of the Braambos school, but we encourage you, where possible, to come by bike or bus (bus 341 stops in front of the school, or bus 340 at Spaarne Gasthuis on walking distance).



BRINGING OUT YOUR INNER MAGIC

Bringing out your inner magic' reflects our feeling that it's exciting to grow by learning, this lies at the heart of all that we do. We prepare our children for the fast-changing world they will be living and working in. We use IPC as our core programme (International Primary Curriculum) and provide specific language and numeracy lessons (following the British National Curriculum) daily to enhance the development in these areas.