

# SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021



**18 AUGUST**  
8.00 Welcome party all parents and children.

**PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS**  
We plan three individual parent-teacher meetings per year: in September, January and June. During these meetings the progress of your child(ren) is discussed: what they learn, how they learn and how parents can help. A child progress report will be provided before the second and third meeting. The meetings last 10 minutes. In case more time is needed, or a consult with others is needed, another appointment can be made.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
34	<b>AUG</b> PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	<b>START TERM 1</b> (until 7 Dec) FIRST SCHOOL DAY		<b>PARENT INFORMATION SESSION FOR NEW PARENTS</b>		
35		<b>PARENT INFORMATION SESSION FOR ALL PARENTS</b>		<b>SCHOOL ASSEMBLY BACK TO SCHOOL</b>		

**ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS IPC**  
The entry point is an activity that begins at each IPC unit and provides an exciting introduction to the work that follows. The exit point finishes a unit, and helps children to think about what they have learnt. It also gives an opportunity to celebrate the learning and we encourage parents to attend them where possible to get further insight into your child's learning.

During the parent information session, we explain our school's educational programmes. The class teacher will explain year group specifics. It is important that all parents are present.

**EXCURSIONS RELATED TO IPC**  
We organize excursions that support the learning of specific IPC units and will be planned during the year.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
36		<b>SEP</b>		<b>OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS</b>		
37			<b>SCHOOL TRIP</b> MP2 AND MP3 (longer day)		<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	
38			<b>SCHOOL TRIP</b> EARLY YEARS AND MP1			
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## SCHOOL TRIP

We will participate in a school excursion during the year, this will be fun and educational all rolled into one!



## HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OFF 2020-2021

Autumn holiday  
10 - 18 October 2020  
Christmas holiday  
12 December 2020 - 3 January 2021  
Spring holiday  
19 - 28 February 2021  
Holiday  
19 March 2021  
Easter  
1 - 5 April 2021  
May holiday  
26 April - 9 May 2021  
Ascension day  
13 - 14 May 2021  
Pentecost  
24 May 2021  
Summer Holiday  
10 July - 22 August 2021

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**  
17 August 2020  
11 September 2020  
19 and 20 November 2020  
18 January 2021  
25 May 2021  
7 June 2021

During professional development days the school is closed for children. Our school is a place where not only children are given learning opportunities, but also teachers develop their expertise to optimise the quality of education.

## 30 NOVEMBER INFORMATION EVENING SECONDARY EDUCATION

Haarlemmermeer Lyceum, International School Het Rijnlands Lyceum and International School Haarlem (ISH) are invited to give a presentation about their schools during this evening.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO GIVE A HAND WITH DECORATING AND ORGANIZING THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS!**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
40	<b>INFORMATION EVENING SECONDARY EDUCATION</b>					
41	<b>CHRISTMAS SCHOOL DECORATION (AC)</b>	<b>OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS</b>				<b>LEARNING CELEBRATION COMING UP</b>
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40				<b>OCT</b>		
41		<b>OPEN DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS</b>		<b>SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER</b>		
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**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**  
is celebrated in the Netherlands from 30 September to 11 October. This year's slogan is "En toen/ And then" which draws attention to books about historic events and stories set in the past. During this 10-day period we will celebrate the love of reading in class and host extra reading sessions in our library. <https://kinderboekenweek.nl/>

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**  
The school photographer will be taking personal pictures of all children, photos of brothers and sisters and class photos. We will also enable parents to register for pictures with brothers or sisters who are not attending our school.

**ABSENCE**  
The consistent daily attendance of your child is necessary to ensure their academic progress. It may be that your child cannot attend school because of illness or may be late or need to be collected early due to (medical) appointments. Please contact the school between 7.30 and 8.15 am (if you need to call before 7.30 am please leave a clear voice message). You can also contact the class teacher by email.

**DUTCH KINGS PLAY**  
The kings play (Konings spelen) is a day with sports and games. We want children to play, move and have fun. It's a tradition organized since 2013 in the Netherlands. The idea came from Richard Krajček, he's a famous tennis player and because of the enthronement of our king in 2013, the day is called Kings play.

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13	<b>START TERM 3</b> (until the end of the academic year)			<b>APR</b>		
14	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>		<b>EASTER CELEBRATION IN CLASS</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
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**INTERNATIONAL CULTURE DAY CELEBRATION**  
During international culture day we celebrate multiculturalism at Optimist International School. We learn about different cultures and traditions around the world. Exact time and activities will follow closer to the date.

**LEARNING CELEBRATION**  
At the end of each term we celebrate our learning. This celebration is lead by the children and where they express their learning experiences with materials and activities. Parents are invited by the class teacher to join this celebration.

**SINTERKLAAS**  
The feast of Sinterklaas celebrates the name day of Saint Nicholas, patron saint of children, on 6 December. The feast is celebrated annually with the giving of gifts on St. Nicholas' Eve (5 December) in the Netherlands.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

A progress report gives an overview of the child's progress based upon their working level and the next learning steps. It includes IPC, mathematics, language and PE in addition to their social emotional development and attitude towards work. The main objectives for the start of the year until January are covered in the mid-year progress report and the objects from February until June are covered in the end-of-year progress report. If specific learning objectives continue throughout the year, these can be found in both reports. For language and mathematics, we indicate the students' development compared to the British National average. The teacher can explain this in more detail at the parent-teacher meeting.



**LEAVE**  
Compulsory Education assumes that you comply with the standard school holidays, any extra holidays will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. An application, obtainable from the website should then be made to the Business Manager at least 4 weeks in advance. We are obliged to follow the directive of the government (Rijks overheid) when making this decision.

We will ask you to confirm the seat of your child. Registrations will automatically roll over to the next school year. Deregistration and the notice period are explained in our Fee policy (see website).

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**FOUR EVENING WALK FLORIANDE**  
The four evening walk is organized for all schools in Floriande. Optimist International School also participates, hopefully this year with a lot of our children! There is a reward for the school who has the highest percentage of participating children. They can walk either 5 km per day or 10 km per day. Parents can register for this in May.

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## SATISFACTION SURVEY

Scholën met Success. Annually, we ask all our parents, children from group 5 and older and our staff to participate in a satisfaction survey with Scholën met Success to establish how we are doing, to ensure that we maintain our standards, be aware of your expectations and make improvements where necessary in both the education and the care of your child.

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9	<b>MAR</b>					
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**GRADUATION CELEBRATION FOR GROUP 7 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILY**  
After successfully completing their primary school years, Group 7 is getting ready for the next big step in their educational career. We celebrate this moving moment with a diploma ceremony.

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**END OF THE YEAR PARTY (BY AC)**  
We like to celebrate the end of the school year with a get-together and celebration for all our children and their parents. During this party we appreciate the help of volunteering parents.



**TEACHERS' DAY**  
Teachers' Day is a special day for the appreciation of teachers. The idea of celebrating Teachers' Day took root in many countries during the 19th century; in most cases, they celebrate a local educator or an important milestone in education.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**  
see you august 23