



NGG ID PTA Weekly Bulletin No.3. November 3rd 2011

Dear International Families,

Welcome to the third edition of our new weekly bulletin. Grab a coffee and reserve 10 minutes of your day to enjoy this veritable whopper! My emailed request for you all to use this bulletin to broadcast and share what is happening in your classrooms and in our community came up trumps; let's keep working together to keep the communication flowing, this is great. If you have items that you wish to contribute to the bulletin, published next on Thursday the 10th of November, then please contact me before hand at: heathergartside@gmail.com.

This weeks' edition is heavily into Halloween. Quite rightly so; with the extremely capable Jo Jobling guiding us, we worked harmoniously together to create the best Halloween party ever for our kids! The energetic and inspired Gr.3 students have an article about a trip to the zoo, Jenny has supplied some "Culture Club" information, there is some info on PTA funds, we have information on an exciting football tournament at our school on Saturday morning, Stine has yet again found some "Golden nuggets" for entertaining us at the weekend and lastly a few advertisements from parents at the end of the bulletin!

With best regards and enjoy,

Heather

• **Primary Halloween Party 2011**, by Jo Jobling

“What can I say? What a team! Thank you so much for all your time, effort, energy, fun, smiles, skills, patience, laughter, willingness and enthusiasm at the Halloween party on Friday, 28th October! I loved it from beginning to end and I hope you did too!”

Special thanks to the Events team; Christine Dilling, Jo Ardern, Kim Nielsen, Pam McGruther and Sandra Abildgaard whose time and energy was given so willingly to make the party a hit. Hope you will be encouraged to stick with Events – I'd love to work with you all again! Special thanks to Pam's hubby whose company generously sponsored the Build a Bear competition. This meant all the money raised could go towards sweets for the party- yay!

I'm always amazed at how much effort parents, teachers and students put into our events. The Class Reps and their teams pulled out all the stops with bright colours, imaginative ideas and spooky themes all around the canteen. It was a real sight to see, and you all must have been very busy beforehand- it was so worthwhile! The children really enjoyed themselves, and the atmosphere was lovely.

I really want to thank Sharon Makin for making the toughest of calls - which activity won the coveted Best Stall trophy. Grade 3 were the victors this year, and they get to proudly hold the trophy until next year's party. Toni Bird, Siobhan Murrin and the children of Grade 3

Also, thank you to Michelle Bentsen and Birgitte Fraemohs who had the near impossible task of choosing just one winner per grade of the fancy dress competition. The standard was so high this year! They made the tough decision and the children received a medal plus a few treats.

So many girls and boys volunteered to help us too from Grades 7, 8 and 9. They were amazing at face painting, craft making and tattoo applications and were a real help! Also, Kristoffer Abildgaard took some great pictures of the party – thanks to you too!

Many thanks again to everyone involved! Please look out for the forthcoming (grow- ups only) Champagne tasting event the PTA are planning - it would be great if you could join us to sample some bubbles. I think we deserve a party too!

- **The Halloween Party 2011**, by Heather Gartside Knudsen

For several years now I've been up to my neck in preparations for the annual Halloween party at school. This year my (festive) burden was eased considerably; as Jo Jobling and her brilliant Events Team (Kim, Christine, Jo Arden, Pamela and Sandra) took the reins and did us all proud! Class Reps and primary parent helpers arrived dressed-to-impress and full of energy with splendid stands. It was a lovely harmonious feeling prior to the party and during. Perhaps it was Jo's excellent planning? Or that we have such gorgeous kids? Or that I was able to get a relaxed over-view for a change? Whatever, it was a delight. Our excited Primary and Gr.6 kids arrived squealing (but very promptly) at 14:30 and devoured their gooey cup cakes and got into a few sticky-fingered crafts. At 15:00 the blue curtains were pulled back and 80 over-sugared demons, witches, ghouls, werewolves, vampires, ghosts and suitcases got into all the great activities.

- Grade 5: "Pumpkin Throw" manned by Dorte, Yvonne and Jonna. The fabulous pumpkin cut-out was design and made by gr.5 student Anjali
- Gr.4: "Witches Hats" was manned and arranged by just about all of the class parents! Catherine did a great job at decorating the hats
- K2: I heard strange shrieks and groans from the corner of the room and investigated where they were coming from; Ana Paula of course! The K2 parents had made a fabulously decorated and very inspired "Bat a Rat" scenario.
- Gr.3: The winning stand at this years' Halloween party. Toni, Saira and Loreta, in conjunction with gr.3 class teacher Siobhan, had made a great themed "Feely boxes" display. Toni had even baked a cake for the first time in her life, cunningly surrounded in 5kg of candy, which made it a sure fire hit with all the customers!
- **Well done Gr.3. You get to be the proud winners of the NGG ID Trophy Cup for a year!**
- Grade 1: "Scary cans." I didn't feel very scared, but it was a beautifully decorated stand and Class Rep Christa told me that it had been a dream to organize with the class parents

- Grade 2: “Yucky dip.” It was pretty yucky, with big vats of congealed blood, worms and something brownish. Hmm, the aim of the game was to find the hidden bead
- Grade 6: “Throwing rings and creatures into buckets.” No adequate title for this frightful amusement, but some awesome looking homemade cupcakes were being given as prizes!

It was a great experience for all the kids to visit each other’s classes’ stands and feel proud about their own. Well done all those parents involved! No time for too much patting on the back at International department parties though...”It’s time for the “Fancy dress parade.”

And the winners are:

- K1: Floor
- K2: Dane
- Grade 1: Louis
- Grade 2: Adam
- Grade 3: Lilia
- Grade 4; Victor
- Grade 5: Anjali
- Grade 6: Astrid and Sebastian

Well done to all of you! (It’s maybe worth noting for next year that most of the winners came in home-made costume)

Thanks to everyone involved, it was a great party. Thanks Jo and the Events team, also PTA Reps and class parents, grade 7, 8 and 9 volunteers and gr.9 Kristoffer Abildgaard who took many great photos. Thanks to teachers Karen B, Michelle and Sharon for judging the competitions and locking up after the party, also Torben and Karin S for the sound system and Jan Thrane for the loan of his extensive pumpkin collection!

If you wish to view a fine collection of photos from Kristoffer, then they can be viewed for a short time at his "Flicker" at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kris92soccer/sets/72157628017329130/>

For 20 kr he can make a CD. Anyone interested can order from him directly at: k.abildgaard.photography@gmail.com

- 2000DKK has been spent from **PTA funds** on a collection of DVD's on South African history by Derek. This request was first made and granted in 2010, it is only now that they are available
- Dorte Denker Schmidt is our **PTA funds Treasurer**. Along with a small committee of Gr.9 Class Rep Jenny Uhel and PTA Chairman Heather, we distribute our (dwindling) funds according to a shared decision on what we feel is appropriate. We will meet on November 10th to discuss the future of our finances. Heather has been in discussion with Jan Thrane about spending the remaining funds on a re-vamp of the school entrance area; messy bike racks, new seating for teens and tired parents and the removal of the puddle and tree stump. We will keep you posted, or email Dorte if you have any queries: dorte@dencker-schmidt.dk

• **Grade 3 Visit the Zoo!**

On Thursday 6th October Grade 3 went to visit the zoo. We went as we are learning all about the rainforest and the animals of the rainforest.

First we took a bus, then the train and then we took another bus.

Copenhagen was very busy with lots of people and bikes everywhere.

We went to the tropical area in the zoo. The room was filled with bird calls and animal sounds. The splashing of the trickling waterfall filled the already noisy air. We saw a strawberry frog, sloths, parrots, butterflies, tiny monkeys and a long sleepy Boa Constrictor!

We were looking for rainforest animals so that we could draw them, when we got back to the class.

We also saw capybaras, toucans, jaguars and alligators. We also had popcorn after lunch!

It rained a lot on the trip but we thought it was like a rainforest because of all the rain.

I think this trip was awesome☐

Compiled by Albert, David, Maha, Mia, Shruti, Tina and Urte.

- **International Schools Cup at NGG ID!**

On the morning of Saturday the 5th of November NGG ID are hosting the second International schools cup in and around the Big Gym! Grades 1-8 will be competing against teams from CIS and Prins Henriks Skole

Under 8s and under 10s competition: 9:00 – 10:50

Under 12s and under 14s competition: 11:00 – 13:25

(Josh says that younger players should arrive at 8:40 and older players at 10:40)

Please please come to the Big Gym to support our teams! We need your cheering and strong support. It's not just about football though; it's a chance to meet other international families, see friends from our school and nibble on wonderful refreshments serve by the beautiful moms of our football players!

- **Culture Club** is visiting the Paul Klee exhibition at the beautiful Louisiana Museum for Modern Art in Humlebæk on Wednesday 23 November. Doors open at 11:00, so you just have time to join us for a little jogging at 09.00 from the school gate :)

KLEE & COBRA

30. september 2011 - 8. januar 2012

Mødet mellem Paul Klee - en af den moderne kunsts store klassikere - og Cobra-gruppen, er efterarets store oplevelse på Louisiana. Her kan man nemlig opleve det tætte både kunstneriske og åndelige slægtskab mellem disse to tilsyneladende vidt forskellige brændpunkter i det 20. århundredes kunst. I en udstilling, der er fuld af vitalitet, kraft, dyr, masker - og farve.

LOUISIANA PÅ PAPIR: VIJA CELMINS

8. september 2011 - 8. januar 2012

Som den tredje kunstner i udstillingsserien *Louisiana på papir* er Vija Celmins et godt eksempel på, at dét at arbejde på papir kan være et

kerneområde for en kunstner. Hendes virkemidler synes enkle og hendes motiver få – ørken, spindelvæv, hav og himmel. Men Celmins har en særlig magisk evne, så vores blik løftes fra det lille papir og helt ud i verdensaltets stjernehav. If you plan on getting a Louisiana membership card (and a free lunch at the museum) please contact Jenny on 28491384 or jvandenpanhuyzen@gmail.com

“What’s on for families?”

Some of the activities described in the previous edition of the News Bulletin are still current, so check up on especially museums and exhibitions. Some of the site addresses are repeated underneath for your convenience.

If you have any good tips about coming events in the Copenhagen/North Zealand area, please send them to stine@sippel.dk, and they’ll be included in the News Bulletin/“What’s on for families?”

- Indoor flea market at Selmersbo Centret: Selmersvej 13, Hørsholm 5 and 6 Nov., 10.00 – 14.00
- Hubertusjagt I Dyrehaven/the yearly fox hunt (no fox!):
www.hubertusjagt.dk/
6 Nov., 10.00 Start at ”Peter Lipp’s House” in Dyrehaven, Kampenborg
- Dansk Jagt og Skovbrugsmuseum:
www.jagtskov.dk/fileadmin/user_upload/dokumenter/Aktiviteter/Programmer/portraetkunst-jagtskov-annonce.pdf
6 Nov. 10.00 – 14.00: Creative drawing/craft making for child and adult. Book beforehand

- Cirkus Museum:
www.sjovforborn.dk/detail.asp?l=VisArrangement&ID=3518&A=Cirkusworkshop-for-hele-familien
6 Nov., 11.00 – 12.30: Learn the circus artist trade. For children and grown ups.
- Trommen:
www.trommen.dk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=179&Itemid=253
10 Nov. 19.00: Band Night featuring different artists from the music school in Hørsholm. Free of charge
- Bellevue Teatret: www.bellevueteatret.dk/?side=1&id=149
12 Nov. "Folk og Røvere i Kardemommeby": A very well known and beloved play for children (and adults). Book in advance, but be aware it's in Danish only!

- Extra tips:

www.naturstyrelsen.dk/Lokalt/Nordsjaelland/Skovlegeplads_Eghjorten.htm The nature playground "Egehjorten" in Hillerød
www.experimentarium.dk,
www.sjovforborn.dk (list of numerous children/family related events)
www.planetariet.dk
www.politimuseum.dk The Police Museum
www.louisiana.dk/dk/Menu/B%c3%b8rnehus/B%c3%b8rnehuskalender/ID/574A417E-9E50-468F-A4DB-DBAE64B78651 The Louisiana Children's Museum – look at the site for current events

- **The Advertising Page:**

NL4KIDS.COM

DUTCH PREMIUM FASHION



K1, Gr.1 and Gr.8 mom Christa Schraeverus has a new venture: fabulous Dutch clothing for girls. This is Christa's first fashion import business and she will be sharing more coming months! Starting spring/ summer collection 2012. Watch this space!