



NGG ID PTA Weekly Bulletin No.4. November 10th, 2011

Dear International Families,

Welcome to the fourth edition of our new weekly bulletin. If you have items that you wish to contribute to the bulletin, published next on Thursday the 17th of November, then please contact me beforehand at: heathergartside@gmail.com.

This weeks' edition is heavily into football; with our teams doing really well in the tournament held at school last weekend. "Well done boys!" and many thanks to Josh for arranging it all. You'll experience the feel the great teamwork all around when you read his article. More great communal efforts at the Primary School Concert last night, what a wonderful show! I took notes (in the dark) and have written a small piece "hot from the press" Jenny has supplied us with some environmental news and Stine has yet again found some great things for entertaining us at the weekend. Lastly, a few advertisements at the end of the bulletin.

With best regards and enjoy,

Heather

• International Schools Cup:

This was the second football tournament of the year, this time held here at NGG. Four and a half hours of football produced some fantastic performances from CIS, Prins Henriks Skole and NGG ID. Once again, our players demonstrated fantastic team spirit, determination, organisation, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and there was even more skill than last time. The parents were tremendous supporters/bell-ringers/bakers/time-keepers/referees. A special thanks to Morten Wieghorst for agreeing to give out the medals, making the day even more special for the players.



The proud Under 14 team with their trophy, smiles and medals!

The Under 8s got better and better, but need to practice more (any parents interested in coaching them?). The new-look Under 10s once again reached the final. The Under 12s, most of whom train together every week, were desperately close to winning the final. The Under 14s, many of whom have trained together, battled to a deserved penalty shoot-out win in the final. The crowd were biting their nails, but the team remained calm and ultimately were rewarded for their unbreakable team spirit. Kristoffer's final save was a thrilling climax to the football feast. If only this coach's country had had some penalty takers like our Under 14s in 1990, 1996, 1998, 2004, 2006...

We have a particularly strong relationship with CIS, so there may be more sports matches later in the year.

Below are brief summaries of the contributions made by all 35 players:

Under 14s (Grades 7 + 8)

Kristoffer – marshalled his defence superbly and was fearless in saving 2 penalties.
Rikki – made some surging runs and looked capable of scoring in extra time of the final.
Karl – red faced at the end, as a result of total commitment to the team.
Kasper – has developed into a fine defender, with good positioning and strength.
Sean – strong tackles and smart passes, coped well with the bigger players.
Abdul – caused lots of headaches for opposition defences.
Lucas – some smart play, contributed well to a powerful attacking unit.
Sebastian – must take after his father.
Victor – Superb debut for the school, technically very good and an intelligent player.
Wassim – Couldn't make it, but deserves his medal for playing a big part in making the Under 14s an excellent team.

Under 12s (Grades 5 + 6)

Philip – some fanatsic shot stops and distribution got better and better.
Peter – probably covered every inch of the pitch and released some thunderbolts. Impressed the coaches.
Alex – a rock at the back and passed intelligently, a real team player.
Sebastian – good positioning, turns and ball control, a real threat up front.
Atash – intelligent play, good passing and worked for the team.
Sif – excellent attitude. Determined and made some great passes.
Dan – fearless defending and excellent passing. Checked to see if an opposition player was ok after a fall – great sportsmanship.
Daniel – made some important tackles and will play more next year.
Gibao – impressive debut for NGG and will be one of the main players next year.

Under 10s (Grades 3 + 4)

Luca – some super saves and became faster at throwing out the ball.
Mikkel – he was too fast and too skilful for many opposition players.
Noah – one of the leading players, formed a dangerous partnership with Mikkel.
Abdulaziz – fearless, full of energy and determined. A great competitor.
Albert – a true team player. Ran his socks off in the final. Intelligent play.
Toufan – a box of tricks, must be the Brazilian blood.
Mads – some good defending and passing.
Remii – brave and determined.
Mark – 100% committed to the team.
David – some good defending.

Under 8s (Grades 1 + 2)

Adam – was very busy and made some fantastic saves.

Vladimir – brave and determined.

Rebecca – good running and passing.

Caroline – is getting more used to this game.

Louis – a warrior who made some magnificent runs. Outstanding.

Sebastian – played well against players a year older.

Emile – a fantastic debut for NGG, a very good player.

Thanks to all the helpers and referees, without whom the tournament could not have happened: Michelle, Daniela, Karen Bøttger, James Tomlinson, Keegan, David Jobling, Allan Jensen, Lars Knudsen, Frank Bentsen, Andrej Krume, Iradj Farahani, Denisa Krume, Janet Daghri, Heather Garside, Ann-Marie Mohr, Mette Jensen-Visser, Charlotte Frisch Møller, Mae Hansen, Joann Jobling and everyone else who came and made it such a special day for the players.

Josh

• **The Primary Concert:**

Last night the Big Gym was packed with excited children and tired, but proud and expectant looking parents. Jan Thrane warmly welcomed us and then handed the microphone into the very charming and capable hands of Gr.5 students Aisha and Gibao. The concert was based on the theme of seasons of the year. K1 and K2 started with a fantastic performance:

K1 and K2: Spring was in the air with a throng of delightful little people wearing stunning masks and costumes. Will we ever forget the little cow (Floor) saying “Baby animals are born!” really really loudly. It got even better though when the kids began to sing “It’s beautiful in the springtime’ I could almost hear the sobs from the mothers in the front row!

Thanks to Ritu, Sharon and Daniela

Gr.1: Summer was the theme with a poem called “Sand.” There was a bit of warbling and getting lost, but luckily one of the students managed to bellow “written by John Foster!” loud enough to get the show back on the road and us roaring with laughter. The beautiful children then launched into a lively disco beat with “A lovely summer day.”

Thanks to Pia

Gr.2: A toe-tapping tune all about summer began this performance. In mid-song a cardboard tree miraculously tipped over right at the best moment. Timing or what? Gr.2 offered us some great cameos of sporty summer things to do. You might be forgiven for thinking that their teacher was sports mad!

Thanks to Josh

Gr.3: Autumn leaves and 26 kids dressed as a forest greeted us when huge and very happy Gr.3 leapt onto the stage. This was my weepy bit; as one of my kids said a few lines along with her classmates about autumn and then showed some lovely paintings. Gr.3 topped it all off with a song called "Conkers" and an impressive bit of communal swaying

Thanks to Siobhan

Gr.4: This was a surprising performance, with Gr.4 starting with a shared poem and being a bit giggly on the stage. But then, after a little song they stomped up to the higher stage and wowed us with a fantastic dance routine to "Under my umbrella" by Rhiana. They sashayed to the beat and twirled their umbrellas in great style and synchronicity. Dry ice poured onto the stage and we all cheered our heads off!

Thanks to Jennifer

Gr.5: Winter was depicted by this class of very harmonious looking children. A beautiful song began with three girls singing brightly, and then the rest of the class walking on and making us all cry with "Spring will surely come." Then came a technical hitch with the microphone, (thank you Daniel) and a series of gorgeous wintry paintings and poetry. A bit of a rock number with "Wet play" next and then a dance. The blue curtains swished open and Jennifer Lopez and Pitbull pounded out with "Get on the floor." It was a total knock-out; with white streamers flashing and the students loving their dance so much...it really glowed. The applause was staggering, even louder when they did it again after the music stopped!

Thanks to Andreas...and I bet that Michelle choreographed that dance!

The Grand Finale:

The entire Primary School of students assembled on the stage and sang "A season for everyone." It was a delight and a wonderful end to this truly entertaining and magical show. Karen B gave thanks to all those involved; the wonderful wonderful classroom teachers mentioned above, to the P.E and single subject teachers, to Daniel on sound and lighting and lastly to the very inspired and energetic Karin Swiegers!

Heather

- **Environmental Issues:**

For the first time in history, there are more than 7 billion people on Earth.

This scary milestone for the globe means greater threats to the animals, plants and wild places we're all working hard to save.

Our planet is in the midst of its sixth mass extinction crisis, with plants and animals going extinct at 100 to 1,000 times the normal rate. And this one's being driven by us -- people.

The population crisis is why the Center for Biological Diversity has broken new ground over the past two years, creating our human overpopulation and endangered species campaign and sparking nationwide conversations about the impacts of skyrocketing population with our award-winning Endangered Species Condoms.

In fact, *The New York Times* today credited the Center for "breaking the taboo by directly tying population growth to environmental problems." Other groups, the *Times* said, "have dodged the subject" for decades.

The momentum had been building as today's milestone approached; we launched a new, national 7 Billion and Counting campaign this month that raised public awareness and distributed 100,000 free Endangered Species Condoms in all 50 states.

From the Center for Biological Diversity

Jenny

- **What's On For Families:**

This week there are not many suggestions, but DO check general sites – some can be found underneath, and don't forget to pass **any good tips about coming events in the Copenhagen/North Zealand area, to stine@sippel.dk.**

- "Mortens Aften" is a danification of "Martin of Tours" a saint celebrated on the night of November 10 in Denmark. You can read about it on: www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_of_Tours. The traditional meal is duck with various side dishes, and many people go out for the traditional "Mortens And (=duck)" on Nov. 10. Remember to call the restaurant in advance to book, should you decide to join the tradition.

- Grand Opening of Kokkedal Slot: www.kokkedal-slot.dk/kalender
15 Nov. 16.00 – 19.00. The castle has been renovated and is re-opening as a restaurant/conference/fair/etc. center. Everybody is welcome at the opening reception, where there will be entertainment and tours of the buildings.
- Charity sports day for families at “Ør & Sund Fitness” in Humlebæk: www.orogsund.dk/nyheder/events
12 Nov. 13.00 – 16.00. An event benefitting the Danish “Christmas Seal Houses” for children in need of a break from their daily routines. Read more in English on this site: www.julemaerket.dk/default.asp?Action=Details&Item=538
- 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.planetarium.dk
www.politiumuseum.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