



NGG ID PTA Weekly Bulletin 2012 – Week 6

Dear International Families,

This is the PTA Bulletin until after the winter vacation, next edition on the 1st of March. A busy week again for the PTA, with a very successful movie night and a very positive and productive meeting of class reps this past week. In this bulletin Jo has written some more details on some more events for you to attend. We urge all families to support us, and would really love it if we could entice our splendid teachers to “catch the wave” and share the community spirit with their families too; we are the PTA (Parent and Teachers Association) after all! It would be awesome if we could get a teacher team for the quiz night on the 9th of March especially...we will watch our own kids!

Thanks to Sharon and Daniela for a nice article on a recent K2 and Gr.1 trip, it feels like those halcyon days of the newsletter again!

If you have great ideas for the PTA, fundraising or school, items to be discussed with the admin, or if you wish to contribute to the next bulletin then please contact me at:

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Have a great vacation!

Your PTA and Bulletin Team

- **PTA Coffee meeting:**

Your class reps and some sub reps meet for an informal meeting at Anna's warm and beautiful house on the 7th February. It was a relaxed and harmonious meeting with 13 of us present; I will carry forward ideas raised to Karen and Jan Thrane after the vacation

- **PTA Meeting:**

There will be a PTA meeting with the admin and your reps on Monday the 19th of March at 19:00. Please contact your reps with your thoughts and concerns for issues to be discussed by the 9th of March.

- **Book Sale:**

The class trips for the secondary students have begun, with Gr.9 returning last week from a successful trip to Berlin with the Danish department. On the 9th March Gr.8 will be having a book sale in the aula at drop-off and pick-up times to fundraise for their trip to Poland. If you have gently used books that you would care to donate and recycle to us book starved expats, then please bring them to the Gr.8 room from the 5th of March.

- **Secondary Party:**

Older children from Gr.6 up to Gr.9 haven't had a proper party for them all in a long long time!

Is there a team of parents of CIE students out there who would like to help too? (So far I have Lene and Anna to assist)I have the canteen reserved for the evening of Wednesday the 16th of May. Please contact me now if you can help at heathergartside@gmail.com

- **Movie Night:**

We had such a fun time on Friday, 3rd February when the little Gym was transformed into a warm and cosy movie theatre! 23 children and their parents settled down with sweets and popcorn to watch The Smurfs. Parents chatted quietly and enjoyed a well deserved coffee together, and the kids got snugly under their blankets, laughing at the antics of the little blue guys and their nemesis, Gargamel. Our children were so well behaved, engaged and happy and it was a real delight to see. We also had the unexpected but welcome bonus of raising a profit (580Kr), after we'd paid for the snacks and drinks.

- **MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!**

The funds raised from the Halloween party amounted to an healthy 1700kr, plus the 580kr from Movie Night giving us a total of 2280kr. We want to give this back to our wonderful children and have been busily planning some community based events to that we can all participate in and enjoy. There will still be nominal entrance fees, but materials and prizes will be purchased with this money.

- **Quiz Night- 9th March:**

It's a bit of a British tradition to regularly participate in pub quiz nights. Being away from home and needing my quiz fix, I thought we might try an NGGID International Quiz night, Friday, 9th March in the canteen. It's for the whole family from 6pm until around 8.30pm, there'll be a quiet corner for the kids to wander in and out of but some questions you'll need their help to answer too! We'll split into teams, with international general knowledge questions over six rounds about music, current affairs, sports, picture rounds and stuff the kids are learning in school. We'll have breaks for refreshments such as soft drinks, beer and wine at very low prices, and we'll be providing bar type snacks for you to nibble on whilst you think. Nothing too serious, nothing too taxing, just lots of fun. Please RSVP if you plan to attend and start forming teams with you best/cleverest friends! We cordially invite teachers to form a team to keep us on our toes and show us what they are made of! The price for this event is 50Kkr per family.

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- **Easter Egg Hunt- 25th March:**

We warmly invite you all to the forthcoming Easter Egg Hunt on 25 March. Come along to the splendid Naesseslottet in Holte (www.naesseslottet.dk) on Sunday, 25th March 2012, from 12 noon until 4pm to join in with some themed crafts, and of course hunt for those all important eggs. We're hoping that the Fashion Bunnies will provide a catwalk show of amazing Easter themed creations, and we'd love to see your children bring a home decorated Easter Bonnet - winner gets a prize! We've got use of this amazing location because of Amer Ramzan's generosity, (thanks, Amer!) and it's really beautiful. In addition to the grounds, we can use the very gothic vaulted canteen for a pot luck lunch. Bring along a dish to share and a picnic blanket as I just know that the sun is going to shine! This promises to be one of those lovely days to remember. More information later, but please put a note in your diary for now. The price for this event is 50Kkr per child.

- **K2 and Gr.1 Trip - Putting it in perspective**

Recently the Milepost 1 classes (K2 and G1) went on a trip to Nivågaards Art Gallery. This trip was in conjunction with our latest Unit entitled 'Sensational', in which we have been finding out about the 5 senses. On this trip we hoped to use our sense of sight as we enjoyed viewing the amazing paintings in the Gallery. Nivågaard is usually closed on weekdays in January and February but, as a school party, we were lucky enough to be allowed inside. (Imagine having a whole Art Gallery all to yourself!) Arriving a little early, we were shown to the café where we had a quick snack and prepared for the events to follow. Our guide then took us to the Aula and explained that she would be demonstrating ways to introduce 'perspective' into artwork. (My initial reaction on hearing this was, "Does she realise how young these children are?") However, I need not have worried; as she explained that she was going to show us how to trick our eyes into believing that something was 3D even though it was drawn on a flat piece of paper. What followed was a very 'child friendly' demonstration of how to use the 'vanishing point', size and colour in order to create the illusion of distance. The children were fascinated and responded by asking and answering questions. Following this, we split into two groups. One group was sent off "to be magicians and make picture illusions" i.e. do some drawings of their own, using perspective. The other group was then shown some of the paintings in the Gallery which demonstrated the 'illusions' that had just been taught. It was amazing to see a group of 5-6 year olds, gathered around a 400 year old landscape painting, discussing how the artist had used the 'vanishing point'. (Being so young, some children had a little difficulty understanding the age of these paintings – apparently someone's Grandma is 400 years old!) We were shown a number of paintings and the children were challenged to identify which techniques had been used. Some children were so enthusiastic that they wanted to get up close and touch the paintings to demonstrate their thoughts..... and had to be reminded that these works of art were valuable and 'alarmed'. It was wonderful having the Gallery to ourselves and some children particularly enjoyed the 'magic' lights that turned on as we entered a room and off again as we left. Someone wanted to know why the paintings were kept in the dark and a small group of students tried to come up with answers. Some suggestions were:

- So you know if there's anyone there. You need to turn off the lights in an empty room.
- So the paint doesn't get spoilt
- So the people in the paintings can go to sleep.... (that's so sweet)

The groups changed activities and it was great to see how the children tried to apply the techniques they'd just observed when making their own drawings. Following lunch (and a free latte for the adults ☺) the classes had time to play outside in the park before it was time to catch the bus home. Never having been on a class trip to Nivågaard before, I was a little concerned that the young

children might be overwhelmed by the formality of the Gallery. However I will leave the final word to one of the 5 year olds. "That was great. I will have to come with Mummy and Daddy so we can look at the paintings and I can show how the painter was magic. Now I can do magic in my pictures too. Can we come back tomorrow?"

Text by Sharon and photos by Daniela



“What’s on for families?” / Week 7 & 8

Don’t forget to pass any good tips about coming events in the Copenhagen/North Zealand area, to stine@sippel.dk.

- **“Fastelavn” in Fields:** www.fields.dk/events/fastelavnsferie.aspx
Feb 13 – 15 at 11.00 – 15.00 and Feb 18 at 10.00 – 14.00
Deco workshop where costume accessories can be created

Feb 18 at 14.00
“Beat the barrel” – the traditional Danish Fastelavns activity (ask Danish friend’s for an explanation!)

There are many more activities – help the baker decorate “fastelavnsboller” (buns), treasure hunt arranged by Build a bear etc. heck out the site!
- **Creative workshops for children at Louisiana:**
www.louisiana.dk/dk/Menu/B%3c3%b8rnehus/B%3c3%b8rnehuskalender/Vinterferieaktiviteter+i+B%3c3%b8rnehuset
Feb 11 – 12 at 11.00 – 18.00
Collage making, family guided tours of the museum, painting, clay paly etc.
- **Waste at “Københavns Museum”:** www.copenhagen.dk/dk/det_sker/udstillinger/skrald_i_kbenhavn/
An interactive exhibition about the waste and garbage of a city – and of its recycling and re-use. Children are invited o climb into a waste container!

Februar 13 – 17 at 14.00-16.00: Workshops where waste is used creatively
- **Forest ranger for a day at “Jagt og Skovbrugsmuseet” i Hørsholm:**
www.jagtskov.dk/aktiviteter/aktivitet/calview/event/callastview/view-list%7Cpage_id-154/caldatum/2012/02/12/caltype/termin/skovfoged_for_en_dag/
12 Feb and 18 Feb at 10.00 – 15.00
Children get to carry out many of the chores of a real ranger like sawing, chopping and cutting...
- **“Beat the barrel” at “Jagt og Skovbrugsmuseet” i Hørsholm:** www.jagtskov.dk/aktiviteter/
Feb 19 at 11.00 – 14.00
Don’t forget to get dressed up!
- **Winterbreak in Hørsholm Midtpunkt:** www.hoersholmidtpunkt.dk/
Feb 11 – 18 during opening hours

Circus workshop, fastelavns party, face painter etc.
Different activities. It is possible to buy a ticket for various items worth 110 dkk at 45 dkk
- **Egyptian workshop in Glyptoteket:** www.glyptoteket.dk/besoeg/kalender/vinterferie-paa-glyptoteket
Feb 11 – 19 (closed Monday)
Create amulets and turn a toy teddy into a mummy, or participate in a treasure hunt among real mummies! The current exhibition is “In the shadow of the pyramids”

- Ice Age at the Zoological Museum: www.zoologi.snm.ku.dk/Udstillinger/Saerlige_aktiviteter/vinterferie2012/
Feb 11 – 26 at 10.00 – 17.00 every day
Ice workshops, dissections and competitions, where the prizes are pieces of a Mammoth’s tusk.
- Brunch at Kokkedal Slot: www.kokkedal-slot
Every Sunday
- Sometimes accompanied by music.
- Disney on Ice in Forum: www.disney.on.ice.dk
15 Feb and 16 Feb at 11.00, at 15.00 and at 19.00 on both days
- Play heaven for children (3 – 10 years): www.ptt-museum.dk/en/exhibitions/special_exhibitions/inside_the_stamp/
Every day at 10.00 – 16.00
A play centre with lots of activities related to the motifs of various stamps , where the overall theme is “inside the stamp” ...
- Extra tips:
www.planetariumet.dk
www.christiansborgslot.dk
www.experimentarium.dk
www.arken.dk
www.snm.ku.dk

Also! Ice skating in the open on “Slotssøen” in Hørsholm (by the church). The ice is now safe, but always check the current status...