



## Pre-School & Primary School

### Thursday Pack

The Thursday Pack is our weekly communication document sent to Parents and Staff to keep everyone updated with events, updates and household business at United World College Maastricht Primary.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010

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# Half Term Reflection

Dear Parents

The first half term of the new school year is now behind us. The children and teachers have settled into the new routines of their classes and it is business as usual. However it's an opportunity to reflect on what has been achieved and it's quite a list: over 50 new students have come through the doors, we've celebrated Peace Day and Book Week. We've had a Book Fair, an Open House, a TCK workshop, coffee mornings and a Welcome Walk. PD Clubs are under way. We implemented a reading assessment across the school and CAT testing in Year 4, 5 and 6. The most remarkable thing is that all of this has been achieved in six weeks! Because of this we extend a huge thank you to all parents, staff and children for making this first half term such a success! I wish you all a safe and enjoyable October break.

Regards

Ms. Catherine Copeland

Principal of UWCM Primary School

## Monday 25th October



Please note that school will be closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October. This day is professional development day for teachers but there will be **no school** for the children. **School opens for the children on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

## New pick up procedure at 15:15 and 16:00 for KG, Yr 1, 2 & 3

Please refer to the letter sent to all families digitally yesterday. As of Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children will be dismissed from the lower school playground at the back of the school (where they line up in the morning).

# Book Week



Children's Book Week 2010-2011 has been a great success! The children have participated in the competitions, had stories read to them by parents and teachers and generally celebrated the joy of reading. The winners of the competitions will be announced to the children this Friday and they will be celebrated in the 28<sup>th</sup> October Thursday Pack. A big thank you goes to all teachers and parents who made this Book Week possible.

## CAT testing



The digital cognitive ability testing is now complete. Thank you to all students for doing their best and showing such a mature attitude towards the testing. The analysis of the results has started and the data will be reviewed by Management, subject specialists and the class teachers. We will also provide parents with the opportunity to see their child's results. More information will be communicated soon.

## PD Clubs

We appreciate that some families have made changes since the PD Clubs were announced and these changes have been accommodated however we must state that it is no longer possible to make further changes. Your child now needs to commit to the PD Clubs, which they have chosen. There will be an opportunity to change when the registration for Round 2 starts in January 2011.

If you have any queries, please contact [PDclubteam@uwcmaastricht.com](mailto:PDclubteam@uwcmaastricht.com)



## *Ballet*

Parents of children attending the ballet PD Club can contact Miss Daniela Lucca, the Ballet Teacher, for the ballet shoes.

### *PD Clubs which take place at the gym on the Petrusbanden plein:*

**Monday:** Karate

**Tuesday and Thursday:** Tennis

**Wednesday:** Slack lining

**Please collect your child from the gym!**

### **PD Clubs with a 16:15 pick up time:**



- **Monday:** Expressive painting
- **Tuesday:** Art, Mad Science, Bible Story Blub, Ninjitsu & Tennis
- **Wednesday:** Art & Slack Lining
- **Thursday:** Japanese, Tennis, Ninjitsu, Chess & Art
- **Friday:** Art

# No Nut Policy



This is a reminder to all families not to bring any food containing nuts to school please. This includes food items with traces of nuts. We have children with severe, life threatening allergies in school so we have a no nut policy to protect their health. This policy is clearly displayed around the school and outside every classroom. If we do come across nut products a polite reminder note will be placed in your child's lunch box.

This includes food items such as: nutella chocolate spread, peanut butter, chocolate or cereal bars and biscuits containing nuts.

We kindly ask for your consideration when preparing your child's food. Thank you to those parents who have come in to ask for more information following last week's announcement.

# Healthy Eating Policy



At UWCM we encourage healthy eating and we are dependent on parental support to achieve this on a daily basis. During snack and lunch time we do not allow the children to share food so there is no risk of allergy attacks or dietary restrictions being broken.

Many parents like to provide food to celebrate their child's birthday in school however we kindly ask that you do speak to your child's class teacher before bringing food in to school to ensure that a healthy eating, culturally aware and allergy friendly celebration can be arranged! Any food items put into party bags is sent home for consumption. We thank you for your understanding and awareness of the complexities of accommodating the varying dietary needs of our students.

# Parking

We kindly request that parents and staff make use of the car park that has been allocated to UWCM Primary. This is the car park that is opposite the Van der Valk hotel along the Sibemaweg. Please do not park at the Van der Valk hotel, Formido or the Perot Factory next to the school. Abuse of these private parking facilities has led to complaints from these companies. UWCM cannot be responsible for any actions that these companies take to solve this problem.

## MR Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the September 13th 2010 MR meeting have been included in this Thursday Pack as a separate attachment.

## Hebrew Teacher needed at UWCM Secondary



To support the UWCM Secondary students with their Mother Tongue studies a Hebrew teacher is required for 2+ hours a week to teach Hebrew literature to the Mother Tongue Hebrew students. If you are qualified, available and interested please contact Niki Cooper [n.cooper@uwcmaastricht.com](mailto:n.cooper@uwcmaastricht.com) who will provide you with more details.

## Can you help a UWCM family from Kerkrade?



If you live nearby or in Kerkrade we have a UWCM Primary family who is keen to arrange daily transport to take and collect their children from UWCM Primary. If you are interested please contact Ms. Janet Harwood for more information: [j.harwood@uwcmaastricht.com](mailto:j.harwood@uwcmaastricht.com).

# Halloween



## Parent Volunteers required!

If you can help with the UWCM Halloween 2010 event in any way shape or form, please contact Mrs. Amy Raslevich via [araslevich@gmail.com](mailto:araslevich@gmail.com). Please also see the separate flyer attached.

**Ticket Sales:** You can buy tickets in the lower school every day 8.00 - 8.30 and 15.15 - 16.00.

# English Lessons for Adults

A number of people have shown an interest in this opportunity to learn or improve your English. If you are interested, please contact Niki Cooper via [n.cooper@uwcmaastricht](mailto:n.cooper@uwcmaastricht) or sign your name on the chart on the PSG board. If enough people sign up the University Maastricht Language Centre is willing to offer a course at school for parents of UWCM! The names of the people who have shown an interest will be forwarded to our contact and the Language Centre after the October break.

# Special toys and games from home



We are aware that children do like to bring in special toys/games from home however we have to express that school cannot be responsible if this toy or games is lost or damaged. Before your child brings a toy from home to school, please check with the class teacher to see if this is allowed in that class. Each class has a stand point about toys from home (usually in accordance with age and or Golden Time on Fridays) so we kindly ask you to respect the wishes of the teachers regarding this matter. There have been some instances of toys being lost or broken and this does cause upset.

# Please contact your Class Rep

Our PSG Class Reps play an important role in communication between parents and school. The Class Rep will communicate information to you about upcoming events, information and requests for help in your child's class. We as a school cannot provide the PSG class reps with your personal e-mail details because of privacy issues. **Therefore we kindly request that you make contact with your class rep to share your contact details and to ensure that you are included in communication from the Class reps. Please find below the e-mail addresses of the class reps:**

Year Representatives 2010/2011	
Pre-School	Beverley Cain <a href="mailto:Beverley.Cain@planet.nl">Beverley.Cain@planet.nl</a>
Kindergarten	Ellen Galka <a href="mailto:elliemmg@yahoo.com">elliemmg@yahoo.com</a>
Year 1	Fiorenza Boudeaud <a href="mailto:fdemonti@gmail.com">fdemonti@gmail.com</a>
Year 2	Alexandra Katerberg <a href="mailto:alexandra@katerberg.eu">alexandra@katerberg.eu</a>
Year 3	Dor Dagai <a href="mailto:dordagai@gmail.com">dordagai@gmail.com</a>
Year 4	Amy Raslevich Kelly <a href="mailto:araslevich@gmail.com">araslevich@gmail.com</a>
Year 5	Karin Potts <a href="mailto:karenliu5@yahoo.com">karenliu5@yahoo.com</a>
Year 6	Rafaella Vismara <a href="mailto:raffa.raffi@orange.nl">raffa.raffi@orange.nl</a>

## Mac Party



For all Apple Mac enthusiasts and potential converts the first Apple Mac party of 2010-2011 will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 19:30 at UWCM Primary. Please see attached the separate flyer.

# Clocks Change!



*"Spring forward, Fall back!"*

Please note that the clocks will go back 1 hour during the early morning of Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

For more specific information please see the chart below courtesy of Mrs. Amichay:

For each change, two lines are displayed:

line #1 is the time and time zone one second before the change

line #2 is the time and time zone when the change has happened

Sunday, 31 October 2010, 02:59:59	1 hour	+2 hours	<a href="#">CEST</a>	
Sunday, 31 October 2010, 02:00:00	No	+1 hour	<a href="#">CET</a>	<a href="#">DST ends</a>   <a href="#">More info</a>
Sunday, 27 March 2011, 01:59:59	No	+1 hour	<a href="#">CET</a>	
Sunday, 27 March 2011, 03:00:00	1 hour	+2 hours	<a href="#">CEST</a>	<a href="#">DST starts</a>

# Autumn Break Ideas

## SOME AUTUMN BREAK IDEAS

[Maastricht Cultural Highlights](#), [VVV Maastricht \(Tourist Information Office\)](#), [South Limburg tourist guide in English \(PDF\)](#) and [Maastricht Events Overview](#).

## FESTIVAL JONG

During the Autumn break (16-20 October) children can participate in all sorts of workshop, enjoy dance, music, theatre and movies at various Maastricht locations! [www.festivaljong.nl](http://www.festivaljong.nl)



## **AMUSEMENT AND THEME PARKS**

For a list of Dutch parks click [here](#) and for a list of European parks click [here](#).

## **GRONSVELD MILL**

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday, the [Gronsveld mill](#), Rijksweg 90, 6228 XZ Maastricht, opens its doors to the public.

## **MORE EVENTS**

Also, [Gaiapark Kerkrade](#), [Hoensbroek Castle](#), [Kasteelpark Born](#), [Million Line & Steam Train](#) and [Mondo Verde World Gardens](#) organize events all through the year and worth a mention to check their web to browse through different activities.

## **MUSEUMS**

For an English overview of museums click [here](#). The [Natural History Museum](#) which is located in Maastricht's old town is a great and not too big museum which makes it ideal for children to explore in a morning or afternoon. The [Thermen Museum](#) in Heerlen, the [Gallo Roman Museum](#) in Tongeren (Belgium), [Discovery Centre](#) in Kerkrade and the [Ontdekhoek](#) (discovery corner) in Sittard are worth a visit too!

**PLAY PARKS**After autumn break the 3 Maastricht play parks / speeltuinen ([Speeltuin Heer](#), [Speeltuin Merregelhoof](#), [Speeltuin Fort Willem](#)) will close for winter and will open again around Easter time. However, if the weather is pleasant and you fancy going to a play park, then [Pietersheim](#) in Lanaken and [Bokrijk](#) in Genk will come to the rescue. These free Belgian play parks are open all year round and free!

## **SOFT PLAY CENTRES (BINNENSPEELTUINEN)**

THE NETHERLANDS: [Dagstrand Oost Maarland](#), [Kinderstad Heerlen](#), [Kinderspeeldorp Pee Wee](#), [Posterholt](#), [Soft Play Max & De Rakkers](#), [Schin op Geul](#), [Speelparadijs De Ballon](#), [Echt](#), [Toverland Sevenum](#)

BELGIUM: [Activ Tongeren](#), [Alles Kids](#), [Kessenich](#), [Kiddiez](#), [Maasmechelen](#), [Plopsa Indoor](#), [Hasselt](#), [Pretland](#), [Hasselt](#)

GERMANY: [Rocolinos Kinderwelt](#), [Eschweiler](#)

**SWIMMING POOLS (INDOOR)**

[De Dousberg](#) (Maastricht)

[Mosaqua](#), Schin op Geul (opposite [De Pannekoekenmolen](#))

[swimming pool De Polfermolen Valkenburg](#)

[swimming pool De Otterveurdt Hoensbroek](#)

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I trust that this information has kept you fully informed of events to date. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me or another member of the Primary Management Team.

**Regards,**

**Catherine Copeland, Principal of UWCM Primary**