



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 7th October 2010

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Book Week



Children's Book Week got off to a great start on Wednesday with the assemblies for the younger and older children. Over the next week there will be competitions, which we hope your children have entered! There will be a story swap where a teacher from another class will read their favorite story, parents reading native stories and a celebration of all books from all languages. The Book Week display is in the main corridor downstairs with posters in many languages. We hope you enjoy the spirit of Book week.



Book Week Parent volunteers still needed!



We still need parent volunteers to read during the International Story times next week, during Book Week. If you are willing, please sign up on the PSG board or contact Mrs. Kajero, Mrs. Baines or Mrs. Smeets. Thank you.

Please find attached the separate information letter from our Book Week Committee for more information about Book Week.

Teacher's Day 2010



Tuesday 5th October was International Teacher's Day. On this day the teachers of UWCM Primary enjoyed a special cake from our school board, Mosa Lira. We also enjoyed a specially made lunch and the teachers all received a ☆'Star of the Day'☆ certificate to mark their special day! If your child wishes to write a little poem or make a special picture for their teacher it is not too late to celebrate this special occasion!

UWCM Primary Concierge Day!



Due to Tuesday being dedicated to teachers we didn't want to leave out the hard work and endless commitment of Mr. Hai, our Concierge so Wednesday saw our first UWCM Primary Concierge Day! Mr Hai was dazzled with posters, cards and gifts made by staff and children. In the morning he did a walk of fame through the upper school playground to Tina Turner's 'Simply the Best' song! There was also a special cake and a day of celebration for Super Hai's continuous work at UWCM!

UWCM Primary Language Coordinators

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Matt Cooley (Year 6 teacher) has stepped into the role of Upper School Language Coordinator. He now joins Mrs. Pamela Kajero (Year 3 teacher) who is our Lower School Language Coordinator and Mrs. Nicola Cooper, who works with Mrs. Karen Partouns (Pre-school Coordinator) and Miss Peggy Smeets (Kindergarten teacher & Early Years Coordinator) to oversee language in the Early Years.

Pre-School Assistant



We are pleased to welcome Ms. Elizabeth Pahud to the Pre-School team! Elizabeth started this week and she is settling into her new role alongside Mrs. Karen Partouns the Pre-School Coordinator and Mrs. Marlies Oeseburg the other Pre-School Assistant. We wish her well and hope she feels part of the team already!

Music Post



The interviews have now taken place for the UWCM Primary Music Teacher. The candidates had to conduct two trial lessons and we were very impressed with the high caliber of candidates. The decision making process is underway and this will be communicated with the successful applicant and stakeholders very soon.

We thank Ms. Jenny Hobson and Miss Christine de Boer for delivering the music lessons whilst we work through this process.

Third Culture Kid Workshop (TCK)

On **Friday 1st October** the TCK workshop took place. This, as usual, was a great success and support for the parents who did attend. Thank you for your continued support and thank you to Mrs. Gerda Bonten and Mrs. Dorine Lemmens who hosted the workshop.

The next workshop to be held will be the ESL/Mother Tongue workshop. The date and time will be announced after the October break.

CAT testing



The digital cognitive ability testing is underway in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. There is nothing specific that your child can do to prepare for this test we just kindly request that your child gets a good night rest and a good breakfast during the testing period. The results will be made available to parents as soon as the individual results have been compiled. Please find attached a separate letter from Mrs. Alison Smeets, our SEN Coordinator, responsible for organizing the testing.

PD Clubs

The first round of PD Clubs is underway!

- If you have **Early Dismissal** on the form, please collect your child at **15:15**.
- If your child has a **PD Club**, please collect your child at **16:00** unless....

PD Clubs with a 16:15 pick up time:



- Slack lining
- Bible Story Club
- Art
- Mad Science

If you have any queries, please contact PDclubteam@uwcmaastricht.com

IPC Science



Mad Science started this week in Year 1, they learnt all about the body, which supports their IPC Topic about 'Ourselves'.

In addition Mr. Joey in 't Panhuis (Year 2 & Science Coordinator) lead a staff meeting last week to introduce a new teaching tool, which we have developed, for science. The teachers took part in a Mad Science lesson and also had first hand experience of using the teaching tool, which encourages hypothesizing, predicting and evaluation skills.

No Nut Policy



This is a reminder to all families not to bring any food containing nuts to school please. We have children with severe 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.

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

We kindly ask for your consideration when preparing your child's food.

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. Please also see the separate flyer attached.

English Lessons for Adults

If you are interested in learning English or developing your English, please contact Niki Cooper via 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!

PSG News!

Coffee Morning



Please note the separate PSG News Letter attached to this Thursday Pack. There will be a coffee morning on **Friday 8th October** in the Primary staffroom after drop off.

Welcome Walk

This will be followed by the **Welcome Walk** in Maastricht. We will car pool from the Van de Valk at 9.30am to meet the guides at 10am outside the theater in the Vrijthof.

There are still places available so for those who have not signed up you will be very welcome to join us.

Bayard Magazines

Last week your child brought home a book of Bayard magazines. If you do not wish to subscribe to these magazines, please return the bag and books to school this week. If you do wish to subscribe, please return the subscription form to school and we will give them to the Bayard rep when she comes to school.

Please note that the magazines are also available in other languages! For more information, please contact the Rep. Her contact details are on the form.

Survey for Childcare

Your opinion counts! United World College is interested to find out more about our families' possible needs regarding childcare. Therefore we would like to invite you to fill in a digital survey we made in cooperation with MIK Kinderopvang. The survey can be reached by following link:

<http://s.checkmarket.com/?e=14428&d=p&h=5AD5B06F43528C30FF8E&l=en>

The survey will be online till October 12th 2010. We hope to learn from your needs!

Events in the local area

Festival Jong/Festival of the Young



From **16th October to 20th October**, during the October break, there will be a Festival of the Young. There will be many events taking place in and around the local area including a gathering on the Vrijthof in Maastricht on 16th October at 17:00 for a bike bell concert! All children are invited along on their bikes to join in with the concert! Please find more information on www.festivaljong.nl

We have also been provided with some booklets for this festival. Because they are written in Dutch the DAL team will introduce them to the children during the Dutch lessons over the coming week.

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