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## Fairytale autumn...

Upon returning from the Autumn break, we begin the second half of term with a fairytale theme, which we are really excited about. We will be covering a number of well-known fairy tale favourites with Sinterklaas and Christmas also included! We also look forward to our forest trip on **3<sup>rd</sup> November**, perhaps we will be lucky and find friendly gnomes?

Later in this newsletter we will explain more about the new theme, what it will involve in the playgroup and how you can continue with the theme at home, as well as a brief overview of what we have done in recent weeks and any topical issues.

Once again we are making a call out to any prospective board members as we try to underline and make clear the importance of a fully functioning board.

Happy reading on behalf of the board and the teachers.



## Upcoming themes

Week 44 to 51	Fairy tales
Week 1 to 8	Hibernation
Week 10 to 17	Spring Fever
Week 20 to 28	On vacation...

## Teachers &amp; Volunteer rota

Day	Teacher	Volunteer
Monday	Esther en Marion	Dinah
Tuesday	Esther en Marion	
Wednesday	Esther	Dinah
Thursday	Esther en Marion	
Friday	Esther en Marion	

## Holiday dates for the upcoming schoolyear

Christmas:	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2016
Spring:	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
Easter:	25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
May holiday:	23 <sup>rd</sup> April to 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Ascension:	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Pentecost:	15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Summer holiday:	16 <sup>th</sup> July to 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2016

## A look back

We have been extremely busy in recent weeks. We have read "Goedemorgen, meneer Stukjes" and then we actually stuck Mr Stukjes together. We have had pasting projects using material scraps, we have danced to music and played with shells. We are also fortunate to have many capable doctors at Wipwap and our sick dolls were thankfully made better in no time. We have worked very hard on finishing our self-portraits, which we have also drawn, painted and decorated by pasting material. Then in the last week we have recorded our height and weight onto our self-portrait. It was all together a very rewarding and enjoyable time to look back on.

The following children have joined Wipwap since the Summer holiday:

Valerie  
Rein  
Rafael  
Miles  
Filip  
Hannah  
Tejas  
Maddie

And the following children are joining us shortly:

Sarah  
Eef  
Lyam

## Upcoming birthdays

Lisa	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	4 years
Feline	21 <sup>th</sup> December	4 years
Iris	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	3 years
Naomi	4 <sup>th</sup> January	4 years

## Singing and listening to songs



## Which songs will we be singing?

### Zeg Roodkapje

Zeg Roodkapje, waar ga je henen,  
Zo alleen, zo alleen,  
Zeg Roodkapje, waar ga je henen,  
Zo alleen?

'k Ga naar grootmoeder koekjes  
brengen,  
In het bos, in het bos.  
'k Ga naar grootmoeder koekjes  
brengen,  
In het bos.

In het bos zijn de wilde dieren,  
In het bos, in het bos.  
In het bos zijn de wilde dieren,  
In het bos.

'k Ben niet bang voor de wilde dieren,  
'k Ben niet bang, 'k ben niet bang.  
'k Ben niet bang voor de wilde dieren,  
'k Ben niet bang.

'k Zal wel zien of jij niet bang bent,  
'k Zal wel zien, 'k zal wel zien.  
'k Zal wel zien of jij niet bang bent,  
'k Zal wel zien.

### Zwarte Piet ging uit fietsen

Zwarte Piet ging uit fietsen,  
toen klapte zijn band.  
Hij moest toen gaan lopen,  
met de fiets aan zijn hand.

Toen kwam hij in 'n dorpje,  
en zei tegen de smid:  
“Ik geloof dat er in mijn achterband  
een pepernootje zit.”

De smid moest toen lachen  
en plakte zijn band.  
Toen kon Piet weer fietsen,  
door heel Nederland.

Oh jongens en meisjes,  
let nu toch eens op!  
Misschien zie je Piet wel fietsen  
met de Sint achterop.

### Oh dennenboom

Oh, dennenboom  
Oh, dennenboom  
Wat zijn je takken wonderschoon  
Ik heb je laatst in 't bos zien staan  
Toen zaten er nog geen kaarsjes aan  
Oh, dennenboom...



How tall  
am I?

## What will we be doing?

### Fairy tales

After the autumn break we begin our new "Fairy Tales" theme. We will, of course, read fairy tales. But furthermore, do will involve memory, language and sorting games. We will also make lovely crafts, dress up, play games, exercise and play outside.

### Autumn

And it is also Autumn! So it is a great time for a forest outing! We will all travel to the forest by bike, where we can have a big treasure hunt to find chestnuts, acorns, mushrooms and all the beautiful autumn foliage. Then we plan to make some amazing craft with all the fantastic autumn things we have gathered together.

### Sinterklaas & Christmas

Next it will be time for Sinterklaas and Piet. That will of course be an exciting time and involve a party! Perhaps we will find something in our shoe? We shall inform you more about the details of the party nearer the time.

Once Sinterklaas has left the country, we will make the playroom festive in time for Christmas and enjoy a Christmas breakfast.

In short, we are entering a busy and fun period!

We have quite a number of applications had through our participation form to include support during the holidays, we would like to use it here and come here in person at your back.

Fun to read!



## Helpful items

To really help the themes come alive your help is most welcome. If you perhaps have any further items, ideas or that could improve our outline then we would love to hear from you.

For the forthcoming theme the following items would be very gratefully received:

- Empty toilet rolls
- Paper towels
- Egg cartons
- Boxes suitable for making presents/gifts from
- Decoration material involving the fairytale theme
- Stuffed dolls dressed as princesses, princes, knights and other fairy tale characters
- Plastic fairytale characters such as elves and the like (not too small)

Please ensure you stick/write/sew your child's name in into any items you wish to be returned.

And don't forget to contact us with any good suggestions and ideas!

### Fun to read:

- 4 sprookjes, Dick Bruna
- Grootmoeder, Wat Heb Je Grote Oren..., Jacques Vriens
- De Gruffalo, Axel Scheffler & Julia Donaldson



Just like a  
real gnome

## What can you do at home?

### Visiting a castle nearby such as:

- Soestdijk Palace
- Sypesteyn Castle
- Loenersloot Castle
- Muiderslot Castle

### Walk the Kabouterpad

A fantastic Gnome walk in the forest at Baarn, wearing pointed hats and knapsacks ! The Gnome Walk in the Baarnse Forest feels like you are a real gnome. You start at Café De Generaal Eethuys -. There you collect a pointed gnomes hat , a real knapsack and a gnome book. There are gnomes along the way to give you little assignments which you complete in your gnome book. The walk is about a kilometer and takes 1 to 1.5 hours making it enjoyable for even the smallest gnomes. Once you have completed the exercise you receive an official gnome diploma certificate back at the starting point.

For further information follow this link: <http://www.kidsproof.nl/Gooi>

### Nice activities to enjoy at home:

- Making dolls with conkers and wooden skewer sticks.  
<http://www.leukvoorkids.nl/grappige-kastanjefiguurtjes/>
- Make a Bird slinger.  
<https://ranjameteenrietje.wordpress.com/2010/01/08/vogelslinger-maken/>
- Making toilet rolls with birdseed.  
<http://madebymieforyou.blogspot.nl/2013/01/het-vogeltjesrestaurant-3.html>



Hello,  
I am Anne

## Allow me to introduce myself...

Dear Parents and guardians,

I am Anne, I am 20 years old and live in Hilversum. For the next three weeks I will be attending Wipwap each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday as part of my child studies. I am currently in my final year and I am now specializing in young children.

What do I hope to achieve at Wipwap?

I hope to learn as much as possible about working with young children, to contribute towards providing the children with the finest possible environment to play and learn and of course to enjoy the experience!



What are  
we going to  
make  
today?

## And now...

### Names on personal belongings

Please could you remember to write/paste/sew your child's name into their coat as it is very difficult for us to know which coat belongs to each child. Now the cold weather has begun if you can also pack gloves/mittens, hats and scarves in your child's bag so that we can wrap them up warmly to play outside. We would advise that you name these items too. Also if we can remind you to label the cups and snack bowls etc.

### Privacy

Please consider that when you take photographs of your child in the playgroup that you do not then post pictures on the internet that contain other children than your own without the parent's consent. Not all parents are happy to see a picture of their child being posted by someone else.

### Customer Satisfaction Survey

We recently sent out a satisfaction survey outlining possible changes, we appreciate hearing your thoughts. If you have not yet completed the survey, we wish to kindly urge you to return it as soon as possible, thank you.

- Customer satisfaction survey in Dutch:  
<http://www.surveio.com/survey/d/A8D2M7K2P8M6J6F7W>
- Customer satisfaction Reserach in English:  
<http://www.surveio.com/survey/d/N9D2E1T2B1D7L8T3K>



## Enjoying the autumn sun



### Notice board

Please regularly check the notice board at the internal entrance of Wipwap (to the right of the entrance). We will keep you updated at the relevant times for upcoming events etc.

### Forest outing

We have a trip to the forest on **3<sup>rd</sup> November**. If you possibly have any spare tea and coffee pots we could borrow please let us know, as well as extra handy picnic blankets.

### The big clean

We will schedule the clean for the last week of the school year.

The week before this (week 50) the parents' committee will give out our toys to clean at home. We will require the toys to be returned the following week (beginning week 51) so that everything is in good order to leave for the Christmas holiday so that we return in the New Year to everything in place. We will remind everyone again nearer the time.

### Pictures on the wall

The birthday caterpillar is already quite full but we still miss several children's pictures, would you like to bring in a photo of your child, if we don't already have one on the caterpillar?

### Wipwap on Facebook

We try to regularly post messages and photos on Facebook. Whilst filling out your child's application we ask whether you object to pictures of your child being used on our website and on our Facebook page. If you have given permission initially, but feel differently now, please inform one of the teachers. It would be great if we can ask you to take the time to browse our page and write a nice review here: <https://www.facebook.com/peuterspeelzaal.dewipwap.1>



Will you  
help us?

## Without parents and volunteers there would be no playgroup...

We continue to bother you requesting new board members, because without this important element, Wipwap could not continue to exist.

Perhaps by supplying a little more information about what it involves, we can persuade you to consider a position on our board..?

As you already know the board consists of a number of parents of children who attend the playgroup. Everyone has their own function within the administration, but everything is done in close consultation with each other. We as the Board have good intentions and plans, but we attach great importance to the views and experience of the teachers. They are the first point of contact for parents and toddlers and an important source of information- they determine what happens on the floor. The board's role is to support teachers with everything that happens behind the scenes.

Once every six weeks we have a meeting with the leaders where all the main points are discussed and we address what needs to be done around the playroom, how it should be regulated and what can be improved. Together we try to make the playgroup as excellent as possible enabling us to provide the best experience for our children.

Do you find the idea of deciding how Wipwap can evolve, keep improving and succeed important and challenging then perhaps you could consider joining the board.

Below is a brief description of the role of the members within the Board:

### Chairman

- Conference Leader
- Policy Monitoring
- Contact point for playgroup
- Subsidy applications and final reporting
- Correspondence with the municipality
- Controls raid / replacement in case of illness leader Wipwap

### Treasurer

- Accountability subsidy
- Creates and monitors budget and grant application
- Credit management and control placement
- Collect to a monthly parental contribution
- All payments
- Financial administration (for financial statements)

### Secretary

- Creates and monitors agendas and minutes of meetings
- Organising presents at birthdays eg for the teachers
- Is responsible for entry and exits board with Chamber of Commerce
- Provides current board list
- Employee sick leave at ww

### PR officer

- Ensures all information printed Wipwap
- Updating website
- creating and sending Quarterly newsletters
- Conceive and develop PR actions
- Banner locations regulate / reservation

Do you require more information about a management position or are you interested in becoming a board member, please speak to us or one of the teachers or send a mail to [bestuurdewipwap@gmail.com](mailto:bestuurdewipwap@gmail.com)

Dinah Arts, Chairman

Ivanka van der Weijden-Zijdel, Communication & PR

### Requiring an extra day or registering another child?

New registrations are flooding in and you may have noticed many new children. If you wish to enroll for an extra day or register a brother or sister at Wipwap please do so in plenty of time so that we can reserve the preferred sessions for you. You can download the registration form on our website, or for an extra day, please discuss with one of the teachers.



## Board

Questions? Suggestions?  
Please send to:  
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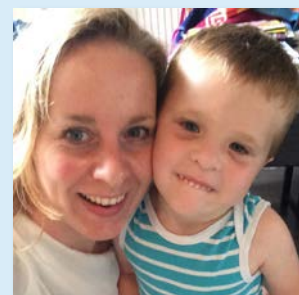
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