

# Newsletter 8

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Schreuder is a versatile primary school in Amsterdam South, successful in providing good education by connecting children, knowledge and worlds

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## Important dates

Wed. 30-3	Great Maths Day (grote rekendag)
Wed. 6-4	Study day, all students are free!!!
Thur. 14-4	Easter breakfast
Fr. 15-4 – Mon 18-4 (incl)	Long weekend off, Good Friday & Easter
Fr. 22-4	Koningsspelen gr 6,7,8 & 6/7U, 7/8U
Sat. 23-4 – Sun 8-5	May holidays



## Easter breakfast

Draw lots for Easter breakfast; decorating home cooked eggs

On Thursday 14 April, the Easter breakfast will be held at Schreuder. The children come to school to have breakfast with their classmates and the teacher. School provides breakfast; the children make a decorated hard-boiled egg for each other at home, presented in a nice bowl/basket.

For this, lots will be drawn on Monday 4 April, so that there is still plenty of time to craft a bowl/basket and decorate the egg. Below some craft inspiration 😊



## Avond4daagse

Our contact person at AWV Aalsmeer has announced that they want to start again this year with the [Avondvierdaagse](#) for primary schools in Amsterdam, in the **Amsterdamse Bos from 16 to 19 May**. We are therefore looking for parents who want to take charge this year, together with Bram Wijngaarden. Please contact us if you are interested via [dwijngaa@gmail.com](mailto:dwijngaa@gmail.com)

## Candidate wanted for MR

This year Sophie de Wijs will say goodbye as a member of the MR (Medezeggenschapsraad). As a parent, she will remain active in the OR (Ouderraad). Frank Reef will also step down next school year, because his daughter will then leave Schreuder for high school. The MR would like to welcome a new parent to the MR this year, so that this new member can already participate.

The MR is an important and legally required body within the school. The MR gives advice or consents to important decisions that the school board or AMOS board must make with regard to the school. In recent years, the MR has dealt with a number of difficult files and the MR foresees the necessary challenges for our historic primary school in the heart of Amsterdam in the future.

We cordially invite parents of students at Schreuder who feel involved in our special school and want to be a sounding board for the daily management of the school to apply. In the case of multiple candidates, the MR is obliged to hold elections. We would like to see a new representative in the MR involved for several years, so preference is given to parents of students in the lower years.

With the arrival of the Vlinderboom and the associated challenges, the MR expanded the occupation at the time to 3 parents and 3 teachers. For a small school like Schreuder, however, this is a generous representation, especially for the workload on the staff. The MR has therefore decided to return to an occupation of 2 parents and 2 staff members per school year 2022-2023.

We invite parents who are interested to send an email with a short motivation to Frank Reef (chairman of the MR) at [frankreef@gmail.com](mailto:frankreef@gmail.com)

## Vreedzame School (Peaceful school)



We dragen allemaal een steentje bij

On March 28 we will start with block 5 of the Peaceful School: "We all contribute". Goal: The children feel involved in the group, the school and the education. They think about and contribute to the lesson objectives. As a result, they become more owner of their own learning process and the school culture. The children learn to see what their own role is in a (conflict) situation and can deal with this proactively.

In groups 1 to 4, the lessons are aimed at:

- recognize anger in yourself and others
- learn to deal with your anger
- make amends after a conflict
- learn to look for solutions to a conflict
- learn the difference between helping and interfering
- learn the difference between helping in a conflict as an arbitrator and helping as a mediator
- learn that at school you can ask student mediators to help when you have a conflict

In groups 4 to 8 & all uniQ groups the children learn

- how we can make our own contribution to the group and to the school
- how they can come up with activities to make it even more fun for everyone in the classroom and in the school
- how to make a newspaper for the parents about what they have done for the class and for the school
- what the difference is between carrying out assignments and coming up with and co-deciding on plans and activities that are good for the group
- work with class committees and school committees.

### Introduction team member

This time an interview with our “new” director Jan Witte. The interview was done by Elisabeth, Juvin and Amina from group 7/8U and also appeared in the school newspaper made by the same students.



Our director is 50 years old

What are your hobbies? Bike racing and cooking.

What is your favorite food? Italian food.

What were your favorite subjects in school? I loved math and history and got good grades.

Where do you live? I live in Amsterdam-East, close to a harbor.

Why do you enjoy being the principal of our school? Because it is a very nice school with nice students and nice teachers.

Are there things that you find difficult about this school? No, it's great fun.

Do you have any children? Yes, two, Ise and Dymfke. They are 13 and 15 and they are in high school.

Have you always wanted to be a school principal? No, it seemed like a lot of fun the last couple of years.

What did you do before you became a director? I worked in health care in the hospital and worked at perspective restorative mediation.

Do you have a pet? Yes, a hamster and his name is Ollie. (Unfortunately Ollie passed away not long after the interview).

### Koningsspelen



Good news! The senior students of Schreuder (gr 6, 7, 8, 6/7U, 7/8U) can participate in the King's Games in the Olympic Stadium on Friday 22 April. A sports day will be organized on Friday 20 May for the other groups. Further information will follow.

## Movendi, after school activities

The schedule for Movendi's after-school activities is almost complete. On Monday 4 April an email will be sent to all parents with information about the activities offered and how to register for them. Everything goes through Movendi, not through Schreuder. The following week, if there are sufficient registrations, the activities will start on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 April.

## Kleintje Zuid



Spring is in the air! You can smell it, you can feel it and you can see it. What a wonderful time of year is coming up. A period in which everything seems lighter, everything is more colorful and cheerful, fresh and new and full of strength and inspiration! Wonderful, the days are getting longer again.

The doors of the NSO are open again for all parents and we hope to see and speak to everyone again! We can let go of the measures a little more and ask the children to give the old-fashioned trusted 'high five' again on departure to the pedagogical employees in their group, so that we know who has left the building.

How do we talk to children about the war in Ukraine? And what impact does it have? And what do you tell them about a war that worries adults too?

It is logical that the children have many questions. Especially our children aged 6-12 years. They also get so much info these days. Not only through the well-tuned Jeugdjournaal, but now also through random videos on social that are not intended for children at all. It is good if the children can talk about it with their parents.

The highest attainable goal for 'our KleintjeZuid children' in this situation is to be a reliable discussion partner. We provide honest text and explanations to their questions, which is very important. We don't have to hide that we don't know how this ends either. But what is important is to offer a hopeful perspective.

Together we have thought with the children to be able to mean something and we will do this through a fundraising campaign! We collect as many cuddly toys as possible with a sweet message from our KleintjeZuid children and bring them to the Ukrainian children who have arrived in the Netherlands. In this way we want to give them a safe feeling and a little extra love!

In any case, we can't wait for spring to come, can you?

Together with the children, we will bring spring into Kleintje Zuid with delicious flower bulbs in pots. From grape hyacinths, crocuses, tulips, daffodils to fragrant hyacinths. We have spring in our head at the Museum Quarter ;)



## From the Schoolboard

### Temporary site manager

Since January of this year, Martine and Jan have been the directors of both Rijk Kramer and Schreuder primary school. Together with Kees as deputy director. So we have to divide ourselves over three locations. We have recently noticed that this is not working well enough at the moment and that the accessibility of the school and the availability of leadership are not yet sufficient. We have therefore chosen, in consultation with and with the support of the board, to temporarily appoint a location leader for three days a week.

Martine and Jan will remain management and will be regularly present at school. However, the day-to-day management is temporarily taken over by the location leader, who will also act as the first point of contact. With this we hope to improve the accessibility of the school and the management and to have more time to properly tackle important topics (such as promoting the school). We expect to have more news about this shortly. We will then inform you in a separate message.

### **Study day March 18 and April 6**

On March 18 we had another study day as a team. In the morning we discussed how we can profile the school even better. In the afternoon the teachers attended a workshop on the so-called 'executive skills' of children. These are skills such as planning and organizing, thinking before you act, concentrating, etc. It was a good and instructive afternoon. Another study day will follow on April 6. Then we as a school discuss the results so far and see where we can do things even better or differently.

### **Plus lessons and Socrates**

#### Restart Socrates

Last week the Socrates groups started up again. Miss Roos provides the lessons for groups 2 to 8 and temporarily replaces Miss Cristina.

The lessons consist of project work, creative thinking, lessons about the brain and doing research. It is not additional math or language education. This is offered in the classes according to level. The students are referred to the Socrates group via the teacher and/or IB. The composition may vary from period to period. The teacher will inform you when your child participates.

#### Introducing

My name is Roos Schouw and I have been working for AMOS uniQ since 2014, where I taught full-time gifted students until last school year. Since this school year I have been supervising students of the uniQ groups outside the classroom and now replace Miss Cristina in taking care of the Socrates groups.

### **Student Council**

Last Thursday there was a student council (leerlingenraad). It was a good meeting in which the children discussed good ideas of themselves and of classmates. One of the important topics was combating the waste of paper towels and toilet paper.

**Our next Newsletter will follow on Friday, April 22, 2022**

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