

# PANAGA SCHOOL



## Parent Information Letter No.119

Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012

### Olympic Visitors!

Tomorrow, two athletes – Chris and Sonia McGeorge, will be coming to Panaga bringing with them the original torch from the 1948 Olympic Games (and a replica!). Chris is currently in charge of promoting the London Olympics within schools in the UK and is a former Commonwealth Games bronze medallist. His wife, Sonia, ran in the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, and they are both keen to bring their Olympic Games promotion programme to the international scene. Chris is presently working as the Director for Elite Sports programme at Loughborough University – where the British and Japanese Olympic teams will conduct their pre-games training. Whilst in Brunei, Sonia and Chris are visiting local schools to provide workshops using the Olympic torch as a symbol for peace; showing footage from the 1948 games and linking Olympic and Paralympic values to those of the schools and country. They will discuss values such as friendship, respect, excellence, determination, inspiration, courage and equality through practical activities. Chris and Sonia will lead assemblies on both school sites and work with some year groups on Teraja. Please refer to their website for more information on the programme they run. [www.flameslightingtheway.co.uk](http://www.flameslightingtheway.co.uk)

### Class Assembly

Tomorrow, the children of IP1S will present their class assembly at 10:50am in the Rampayoh Hall. Parents of children in the class are of course warmly invited to attend.

### International School of Brunei Presentation to P7 and P8

Following the recent transition information session for parents from Jerudong International School, a similar presentation has been offered by ISB. This will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7:00pm in the Teraja Hall. ISB are planning to offer students and parents the opportunity to visit the school on the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. A special science session will be organized and interested students may take part in a sleep-over that evening. More details in due course.

### Primary 8 in 2012/13

Earlier this week an information session was held for parents of P7 children considering moving to P8 at Panaga. Following the ISB event mentioned above, all P7 parents will be required to indicate if they intend to take up a place at Panaga next year. A form will be issued on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, to be returned by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. This information will support strategic planning for next academic year.

### Staffing Update

At the end of February, Miss Roos will return to DP1/2 following her maternity leave. Miss Trea, who has ably covered the class, will move across to Pre-Nursery to support the team. Miss Yvonne will leave for maternity on 27<sup>th</sup> February. IP3Y will be led by Miss Rachel Clark – an international teacher with previous experience of Shell schools. She will join the class in the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to ensure a smooth handover. In April, Miss Sarah will leave for maternity. Working with BSP and Shell Education Services in The Hague, a suitable teacher has been identified for IP1S. School will advise parents directly as soon as this cover arrangement has been formally settled.



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### **Pre-Nursery**

It is important that parents collect their children promptly at 10.15am after the session has finished. The Pre Nursery Staff need time to prepare for the next session which starts at 11.00am and are unable to supervise any children who are not picked up in time by their parents.

### **Late Arrivals**

Please ensure your child arrives on time for the start of the school day. Later arrivals disrupt the learning for all the class.

### **Swimming**

Teachers have reported that a number of children are missing swimming lessons. Please be informed that swimming is a part of the Physical Education curriculum at Panaga. Parents of children who do not attend a session must provide the teacher with a written note explaining the reason for non-participation.

### **School Holiday**

A reminder that school is closed next week for the half-term break.

**Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance and then any of the Leadership Team**



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