

**General information
group 8
school year 2023-2024**

Personnel

group 8A		
Mon, Tues and Fri	Juf Linda	linda.verhoeven@jl.nu
Wed and Thurs	Meester Berend	berend.vandijk@jl.nu

group 8B (up to mid November)		
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organisation		
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Start of the day

The classroom opens at 8:05am and lessons start at 8:15am. We expect group 8 children to come into the classroom on their own whenever possible.

Physical Education P.E.

We have P.E. lessons every Monday and Friday. Mr Max is the P.E. teacher. Please provide your children with sports clothes and training shoes for the lessons. Children with long hair will need hairbands to tie their hair up, it might be a good idea to put extra hairbands in your child's gym bag. Please can you sort this out with your child. It might also be a good idea to give your child some deodorant for after the lesson. Please make sure the deodorant is a roll on and not an aerosol.

Food and drink

The children keep their snack in their bag. The bags are kept in a specific place in the corridor. We think it's important to give your child a snack that is as healthy as possible. Wednesday is 'gruitdag', so all the children must only bring fruit or vegetables, for their snack, on this day.

Birthdays

We celebrate your child's birthday in the classroom. Your child can give a treat to their classmates and go round the other classes in the lower school. In the lower school they must only go round the classes on the ground floor. A children's birthday party is, of course, very pleasant for your child and the children who are invited, but to avoid the other children's disappointment, we request that you hand out the invitations outside the school and not in the classroom.

Subjects and course books

You can see which others subjects and courses we follow in the school guide on the website. Please see below for extra information about the subjects that are particularly relevant for the children in group 8.

Arithmetic and numeracy

Since last schoolyear we have been using a new maths coursebook: De Wereld In Getallen 5 - WIG 5 (The World in Numbers). This takes over from the coursebook we used in previous years. However, this new book has a different structure and may take the children some time to get used to. WIG 5 has more focus on the different levels and abilities of the children than the previous coursebook. Therefore, we can offer each child, depending on their mathematical ability, what they really need. The big difference between this year's coursebook and last year's is that the children will no longer be using a maths book and squared paper, they will be using a workbook. There is also a computer programme which they can use to practise.

Reading

Since last year we have been working with a new 'Blink Lezen' course. Why do we like reading? The answer is simple: because we want to know what happens

next in the story. This inquisitiveness is the basis of 'Blink Lezen'. It is a complete reading method for groups 4 to 8. The course is a combination of technical and fluent reading, reading comprehension (and watching/listening), in-depth reading, free reading and reading aloud. 'Blink Lezen' increases the children's inquisitiveness and interest in reading with compelling stories. The various different assignments are never boring. Reading opens up the world to the children, a world full of exciting events, special experiences and surprising people. The children discover more about the world around them and themselves.

World orientation (working in themes and learning by discovery)

We use the 'Blink Wereld' coursebook for world orientation lessons. Blink is an integrated course which teaches geography, history, the natural world and technology.

There are also tests for this subject and we call these tests 'Test jezelf' (test yourself). The children can prepare for these tests using the 'leerwerk' (revision work) on Google Classroom. The test dates will be communicated via Parro.

TopoMaster

We use the online programme 'TopoMaster' for topography (physical geography). 'TopoMaster' is an exciting online game where the children learn about physical geography. The app was developed by National Geographic Junior and contains beautiful images and fascinating information. Through topography the children learn special facts about animals, buildings and the landscape, which helps them to remember the toponyms (names of places) better. 'TopoMaster' consists of three parts: the Netherlands, Europe and the world, each part contains several levels.

Last school year the children learned about Europe. In group 8 the focus will be on the world.

The children can prepare for these tests using the 'leerwerk' (revision work) on Google Classroom. The test dates will be communicated via Parro.

Engels

We use the 'Blink Engels' course to teach English. Each lesson focuses on a well-known song. Music has a positive impact on children and encourages them to move, which also helps them to remember the things they have learned. The children learn English through contemporary pop songs. Sometimes the lessons focus on the artist (for example the children need to describe Justin Bieber's clothes and style) and sometimes they focus on clips (e.g. put the pictures of the accidents from Noah Kahan's videoclip in the correct order) or they may even focus on song lyrics (using the Sheppard song *Coming home* to talk about the things you miss when you're away from home). The children learn English words

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and sentences during the lessons.

The skills (reading, listening, writing and speaking) are practised extensively during each lesson. Children who need more challenging English lessons can study on their own using the 'Blink Engels' Grammar app.

There are also English tests. The children can prepare for these tests using the 'leerwerk' (revision work) on Google Classroom. The test dates will be communicated via Parro.

Creative education lessons

We spend two hours per week on creative education lessons. During these lessons we focus on the creative development of the children in various different ways. Every week we give the children a lesson from the 'Laat Maar Zien' course. These lessons focus on visual and cultural education. We also have music lessons once every two weeks. These lessons are done alternately by the Pier K music teacher and the group 8 teacher. We also pay attention to ICT skills and media literacy during these lessons.

Homework

In group 8 the children get revision homework for Blink, Topomaster and English. In principle homework is structured during the term leading up to the Christmas holidays. This means that fixed tasks must be completed on fixed days. Occasionally there might be some extra homework in between. Between the Christmas holiday and spring break we follow less structure and assign homework at random. This enables the children to get used to the way homework is given at secondary school.

We expect the children to use a diary. This can be a paper diary or a digital diary, whichever your child prefers. Secondary schools also use paper and digital diaries so your child can decide which they prefer. The homework assignments can be found on the Google Classroom and Parro agendas.

Important dates and events in group 8

IEP-tests:	December 2023
Final secondary school level advised:	Date to be confirmed
Definitive level given:	Date to be confirmed
Application deadline for secondary school:	Date to be confirmed
Report 1 to be taken home:	16 February 2024
IEP Final test:	February 2024
School camp:	24, 25 and 26 June 2024
Introductory afternoon VO Haarlemmermeer:	28 June 2024

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Report 2 to be taken home:	5 July 2024
Musical/farewell evening:	Date to be confirmed
Last day of school:	17 July 2024

A number of other trips and activities will be planned during the school year. We will let you know about these extra activities and will also request your help on these special days via Parro. If you have the time and would like to come along to help us on these days – please check Parro!

We are looking forward to a great school year and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Berend van Dijk, Gert Wentzel, Linda Verhoeven en Annick van der Voort

Our school guide is on the homepage of our website.