DE REGENBOOG SCHOOL LONDEN

De Nederlandse Regenboog School - Annual Report 2016

Registered Charity No. 1121703

School location: Salusbury Road, London, NW6 6RG Correspondence address: 10 Mowbray Road, London, NW6 7QU

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The Charity's objectives

The Nederlandse Regenboog School Charity was founded in September 2007 with the objective of advancing Dutch language and culture education for primary school children. These children have at least one parent who speaks Dutch/Flemish fluently.

The Governors

The Charity's membership is made up of all parents/ carers of the children attending the school, as well as the teachers and teaching assistants working at the school. These members can seek election to the governing body and elect the governing body in the annual general meeting. The governing body manages and administers the Charity. The following members have been elected as officers:

- Ms Maud Nauta / Chair
- Mr Ruud Kole / Treasurer
- Mr Maarten Wildschut / Vice Treasurer
- Mr Arjan van Bussel / Vice Treasurer
- Mr Martin Smidt/ Secretary
- Mr Jan de Boer / General Officer
- Mrs Nelke Droppert/ General Officer
- Mrs Janne de Haan / General Officer
- Mrs Kirsten Kamman / General Officer
- Mrs Jose Nieuwhof / General Officer
- Mr Johannes Zijlstra / General Officer
- Mrs Tanja Rakhou / General Officer
- Ms Ilona Groen / School Director

The governing body is made up of volunteers. Its officers do not receive specific training, but will be prepared for their posts by their predecessors. A written record listing the officers' duties is in place. The School Director is responsible for the curriculum and the educational planning, in close co-operation with the other members of the teaching staff. Decisions are made by consensus and discussed in meetings by the governing body.

The Trustees

Both Governors and Trustees are 'charity trustees' (as defined in the s.177 Charities Act 2011) and collectively have legal responsibility to ensure the charity complies with the requirements of its governing document, charity law and any other legislation or regulations which govern the activities of the charity.

The Governing Body proposes the external Trustees and asks the Charity's members for approval at the next Annual General Meeting. An External Trustee cannot be a parent/carer of a current pupil at the school nor a teacher, but is a nominated person with a relevant connection to the Charity's objectives. The External Trustees don't receive specific training but are familiar with the publication The Essential Trustee – what you need to know, published by the Charity Commission. The following external trustees have been appointed:

- Ms Nicole Heijens-Berry
- Ms Madelon Vriesendorp
- Mr Peter van Veen
- Mr René van Velzen

All Trustees attend the Annual Trustees Meeting, where the Governing Body presents the previous year's annual report as well as its plans for the upcoming year. The

Trustees will discuss the report and advise on plans for the future. The following annual meeting will be held in May 2017.

Services provided to Charity members

- Published the school prospectus at the start of the academic year.
- Opened for lessons on 37 Saturdays from 10am-1pm.
- Provided Dutch language and culture education to over 100 children of primary and secondary school age.
- Allowed for working in small groups under the supervision of one qualified teacher and an experienced assistant per group.
- Provided up-to-date teaching materials for use within the classroom and at home.
- Provided a library service with a varied selection of Dutch language books.
- Supplied parents with two written reports on the progress of their children.
- Organised parent meetings with teachers where this was required.
- Tested the children on their progress and compared results with those of children in The Netherlands to ensure that they meet the required standard for reentry into the Dutch educational system, should the parents decide to return to The Netherlands.
- Organised cultural events to celebrate Kings Day and the feast of St Nicholas and to attend the National Remembrance at Mill Hill Cemetery.
- Celebrated the Dutch national book week.
- Provided a coffee corner service on Saturdays for parents with free coffee, tea and biscuits.
- Published two newsletters during the year to keep the parents informed.
- Organised a summer party for parents, children and teachers to socialise in an informal setting.
- Prepared pupils in Year 8 for their GCSE exams Dutch as a Foreign Language. All pupils passed.

Other highlights:

- Managed a smooth transition of tasks to the new secretary and general officers.
- Updated the library with new books, especially for those aimed at secondary school age.
- Further rolled out the usage of the Parnassys system, including the annual parent and pupil questionnaire and weekly rota for parent tasks on the Saturdays.
- Introduced new teaching materials such as 'Taal actief' and 'Veilig leren lezen'.
- Started using the Cleverboards in some years.



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Objectives for next year:

- Elect a new chair to succeed Ms Maud Nauta who will not be available from the next academic year.
- Recruit one or more new external trustees and provide more regular updates to the external trustees e.g. newsletter, results questionnaire, report from inspection and the 4 Yearly Improvement Plan.
- Intruduce formal reporting from the director to the governing body on the annual progress of each year.
- Publish a new rule book to cover various areas such as house rules, security, safety, child protection and data management.

Financial declaration

The school aims to keep the receipts and payments in balance as the Charity is not for profit. To ensure that the school always has the necessary funding for unforeseen expenses or an unexpected drop in receipts, it keeps additional savings. The aim is to have additional savings of around 50% of annual payments.

Receipts

The school is funded by parent contributions. A 3 year grant from the Dutch government has been secured from 2014 which is designated as a reserve for the school's finances. In 2016 the last grant was received and going forward no grant is expected.

<u>Payments</u>

There were no unforeseen expenses.

Surplus

The surplus further increased with £20K to just above £90K. The last grant from the Dutch government was the main contributor.

The result was also positively impacted by the rise of the euro against the pound sterling as a result of Brexit. The impact of this is £6,191.

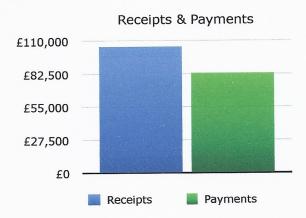
The third main reason for the increase is due to the fact that the cash balance is reported as of the end of the calendar year. Because more parents paid the parent contribution for the academic year 2016-2017 in full at the start in September, instead of monthly instalments, the cash position reported here is higher. In total 36 parent contributions were paid in full at the start of the academic year. This is an increase of 14 compared to the previous year and accounts for an extra £15,140.

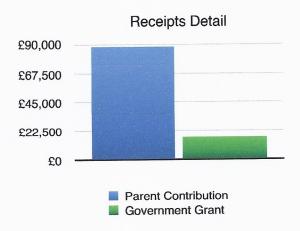
External scrutiny of accounts

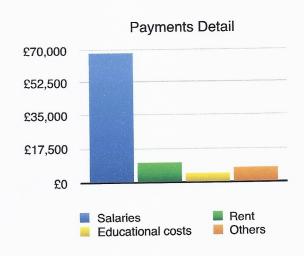
The receipts and payments accounts (cc16a) for 2016 were completed in March 2017 and submitted to David Lindon & Co Chartered Accountants for external examination.

At this moment the school is in a good financial position to cope with any unforeseen events. The expectation is that in 2017 payments will exceed receipts resulting in a decrease of the savings. Besides the loss of the

government grant there will be additional expense to fund new books for the library. There is no intention to increase the parent contribution for the next academic year as sufficient reserve is available.







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CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER

1121703

TRUSTEES

Maud Nauta (Chair)

Ruud Kole (Treasurer)

Maarten Wildschut (Vice Treasurer) Arjan van Bussell (Vice Treasurer)

Martin Smidt (Secretary)

Ilona Groen
Jan de Boer
Nelke Droppert
Janne de Haan
Kirsten Kamman
Jose Nieuwhof
Johannes Zijlstra
Tanja Rakhou

Nicole Heijens-Berry

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the trustees of

DE NEDERLANDSE REGENBOOG SCHOOL (Charity No: 1121703)

on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016

I report on the charity accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Antony Durrant ACA
For and on behalf of David Lindon & Co Chartered Accountants
Avaland House
110 London Road
Apsley
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire HP3 9SD

Date:

15 June 2017

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016

	2016	201	
	£	£	£
GENERAL (UNRESTRICTED) RECEIPTS AND PAY	MENTS ACCOUNTS		
RECEIPTS			
Receipts from School activities:			
Parent contributions	87,905		81,109
Government grants	17,248		16,326
	105,153		97,435
			525
Donations:			323
Receipts from investments:			
Interest	116		9
Total receipts	105,269	_	97,969
PAYMENTS			
School activities:			
Teachers salaries	67,644	63,340	
Training	837	364	
Supply teachers	393	-	
Travel costs	254	-	
Classroom hire	10,000	7,083	
School equipment	3,732	2,802	
Cultural events	733	745	
Other educational costs	637	249	
Accountancy	3,025	1,792	
Insurance	509	422	
Other administrative expenses	1,064	1,156	
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(6,190)	1,414	
Total payments	82,638	79,367	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	22,631		18,602
Cash funds at 1 January	69,880		51,278
Cash Funds at 31 December	92,511	•	69,880

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for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (UNRESTRICTED) AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

CASH FUNDS

	2016 £	2015 £
Santander Current Account	11,725	10,775
Santander Business Reserve	41,890	21,127
Deutsche Bank Current Account (note 1)	35,739	35,263
Deutsche Bank Savings Account (note 1)	3,157	2,715
Cash in hand		-
	92,511	69,880

Note 1. Figures converted from Euros to GBP using the rate 1.1677 Euros to 1 GBP (2015:1.358)

ASSETS RETAINED FOR CHARITY'S OWN USE

The School owns the following teaching equipment:

Computer equipment Books and educational material

LIABILITIES

TES	2016	2015
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	2,036	512
	2,036	512

<u>APPROVAL</u>

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees on 15 June 2017 and are signed on their behalf by:

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RUUD KOLE