LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL PORTRAIT

SALTO-school
Floralaan
Eindhoven, the Netherlands
Overview

SALTO-SCHOOL FLORALAAN

- Location: Eindhoven, The Netherlands
- Type of school: Primary School, Public
- Number of students: 350
- Number of staff: 30
- Languages spoken in school community: 42
- Language Friendly certified since: 2020
Motivation for becoming a Language Friendly School

THEIR STORY

“We stand for inclusion and diversity. Everyone should feel seen, heard and valued. In addition, speaking the language at school that the students speak at home is valuable”, says Arabella Ganzeman, principal of SALTO-school Floralaan. Using the mother tongue supports the learning process. More importantly, confidence in children grows because of this acknowledgment. They stay interested in learning and stay in school longer. “We can let children give a bigger contribution to the society in which they live”.

Language Friendly School 2020
WE CAN LET CHILDREN CONTRIBUTE MORE TO THE SOCIETY IN WHICH THEY LIVE

ARABELLA GANZEMAN- PRINCIPAL
Language Friendly Activities

TOP 3 FOR FLORALAAN

LANGUAGE FRIENDLY CELEBRATION
Becoming a Language Friendly School was celebrated with a school-wide celebration.

WORDWALL
In the classroom, a word wall shows the important words of the lesson and allows for learning new words.

MAKING LANGUAGES VISIBLE
All over the school and in the classroom, the languages that are spoken by the students are made visible through pictures and flags.
Benefits

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Since SALTO-school Floralaan has become a Language Friendly School, the teachers notice that the children understand things faster. They are curious about each other and teach each other words in different languages too. The parents are positive about this approach as well. When the team showed the project to parents, they offered help and support.
TIPS FOR SUCCESS

LOOK AT THE ROADMAP AND DETERMINE WHAT YOUR SCHOOL IS ALREADY DOING: PROBABLY A LOT ALREADY. THAT WAY, IT FEELS EFFORTLESS.
Look at the Roadmap of the Language Friendly School and determine what your school is already doing: that is probably a lot already. That way, becoming language friendly doesn't feel like a big extra effort. Are you enthusiastic? Get started with a small group of colleagues who want to be leaders for change. Involve the team in important steps and don't forget to engage the school's representative council.

Our school is deliberately looking to connect with other schools and also with the parents of our school. We have a committee Cultural Awareness. This group includes parents as well and we discuss with them the activities for the Language Friendly School. Within our SALTO school board, we move forward together with the other schools that have the LFS label. We learn from each other and divide tasks.
WELCOMING ALL CHILDREN
Giving attention to anti-bullying protocols, bilingual communication, language buddies in order for every child to feel welcome at school.

ENGAGING PARENTS
Making sure that every parent attends organised school events and feels welcome there.

AWARENESS & ACCEPTANCE
More information for parents and teachers about multilingualism to raise awareness and acceptance.
Useful Links

- Website SALTO-school Floralaan
- Article in regional media Studio 040
- Video in the classroom, published by regional media
SALTO-SCHOOL FLORALAAN, COVERED BY REGIONAL NEWS OUTLET STUDIO 040:

VIDEO
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FACEBOOK