



LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL PORTRAIT

OBS De Dubbeldekker

Hilversum, the Netherlands





Overview

DE DUBBELDEKKER

- Location: Hilversum, The Netherlands
- Type of school: Primary School, Public
- Number of students: 65
- Number of staff: 10
- Languages spoken in school community: incl. Arabic varieties, Turkish, Polish, Dutch
- Language Friendly certified since: 2021



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Motivation for becoming a Language Friendly School

THEIR STORY

Every student at De Dubbeldekker is multilingual. As a school, the goal is to always look for connection with the children and their families. Language is a big part of this. Acknowledging students' identities and thus their languages is necessary for learning and allows for transfer of knowledge across languages. After a three year process, helped by a specialist in education for newcomers, the team has formulated a vision on multilingualism. De Dubbeldekker is celebrating this with the Language Friendly School Label. They are excited to share what they've been doing and hope to learn how other schools do it.

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Language Friendly Activities

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LANGUAGE FRIENDLY CELEBRATION

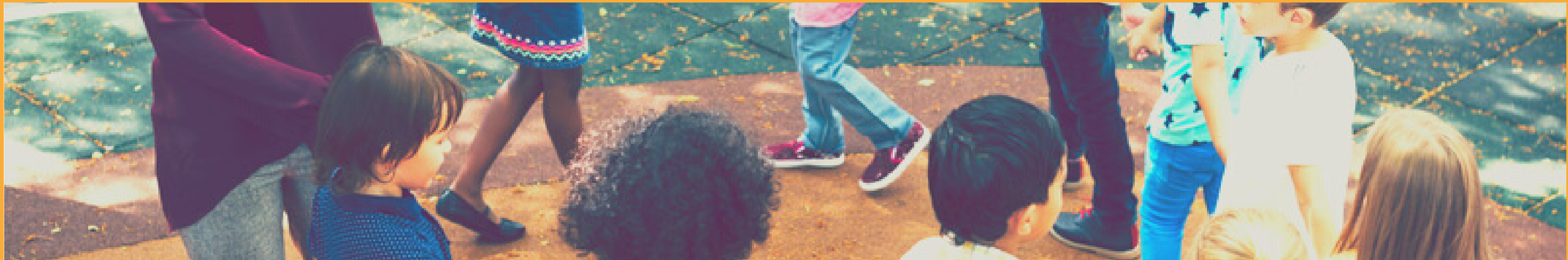
Becoming a Language Friendly School is going to be celebrated with a school-wide celebration. In the run-up to this celebration, every group makes a different assignment at home with their parents and bring this to school. The school community will be informed of the importance of becoming a Language Friendly School!

TAKE HOME ACTIVITIES

The take home activities for the celebration include "Languages in Me": a Language Self -Portrait, learning children's songs from their parents in the languages they speak, or a poem in Dutch to be translated in the home languages.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

**THE BIG SUCCES OF GIVING ROOM TO
LANGUAGES IS THAT THE CHILDREN
ARE SO VERY HAPPY TO USE THEIR
LANGUAGES FOR LEARNING. OUR GOAL
IS TO LOOK FOR CONNECTION WITH
THE CHILDREN, PARENTS AND SOCIETY.**



Plans for the Future

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

One of the main goals for the Dubbeldekker is to train and inform teachers of language friendly learning. For example, organizing language buddies, translanguaging in the classroom and expanding the multilingual library. The objective is to make this change sustainable in the school, even though the composition of the team may change.

Together with improving the relationships with parents, this will lead to acknowledging all students and supporting them.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARENTS

Engaging parents is the other main goal for the next few years. The steps to do this are take home activities, informing the parents about the value of languages and vice versa.

Useful Links



[Website De Dubbeldekker](#)

LANGUAGES AT DE DUBBELDEKKER

Students at De Dubbeldekker speak a great variety of languages. Every student is multilingual! The language of instruction is Dutch but there's room for the wealth of languages in the classroom.

MAIN LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Arabic varieties

Dutch

Polish

Turkish

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