



LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL PORTRAIT

SALTO-school De Ontmoeting

Eindhoven, The Netherlands





Overview

SALTO-SCHOOL DE ONTMOETING

- Location: Eindhoven, The Netherlands
- Type of school: Primary School, Public
- Number of students: 270
- Number of staff: 24
- Language Friendly certified since: 2021



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Motivation for becoming a Language Friendly School

THEIR STORY

The team at SALTO-school De Ontmoeting wants to change their attitude towards their multilingual children. During a training about language learning for multilinguals, they were opened their eyes to the languages and cultural backgrounds of children in their development and learning. In one classroom there are already 11 different languages and that number is only growing. This creates so many opportunities for learning! Children can learn so much from each other, about their languages and backgrounds. Teachers using all the languages from the children, notice that their students feel more comfortable to engage and show what they are capable of!

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**JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MUCH
DIVERSITY, THERE IS SO MUCH WE CAN
DO WITH IT!**





Language Friendly Activities

**TOP 2 FOR
SALTO-SCHOOL
DE ONTMOETING**

LEARN THROUGH PLAY

At SALTO-school De Ontmoeting, children learn through play. Together with the teacher they do activities and play, while talking about it. This creates opportunities for linking mother tongues and home languages to the concepts introduced in play. At the moment, they are developing methods of how to implement this in higher grades as well to ensure continuity from pre-school on.

VOCABULARY LESSONS

Using the established methods for Dutch vocabulary lessons, the teachers add a new dimension to this lessons by letting their students make a link to all their languages.

Benefits

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL

The driving force for becoming a Language Friendly School, two teachers, have found like minded people in the network of Language Friendly Schools. Most importantly, since opening their teaching practices to all languages, their students feel more comfortable to share, connect, engage, and perform their school activities.



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**WE WANT TO DO IT DIFFERENTLY, WE
WANT TO DO BETTER!**

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Plans for the Future

SALTO-SCHOOL DE ONTMOETING

SCHOOL-WIDE CONTINUITY

To develop a school-wide approach for celebrating the use of home languages, the school aims to use interpreters for parent-teacher communication, language buddies, and using home languages in the classroom for learning systematically.

LANGUAGE FRIENDLY EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Organising extracurricular activities by working together with the language schools in the area, brought together in a network, is the plan for next year.

WELCOMING PARENTS

To involve families in the school by organising a language café, increasing awareness of languages and culture and organise family school festivals. Parents should feel welcome the moment they step into the school!

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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Our tip for success is to slowly introduce the idea of becoming a Language Friendly School to the team. Make sure the principal is on board too. For ourselves we have seen that it is about challenging yourselves to take the first step and just try it out! Show the results to your colleagues and they will also see how children feel more comfortable in school.

EXAMPLE

The teachers who are the driving force for the Language Friendly School reflect on their own attitudes and practices. They share online events, share videos about new practices, tell stories about the effects of a new pedagogy in the classroom, and trigger their co-workers to do the same.

Useful Links



Website SALTO-school De
Ontmoeting

LANGUAGE BREAKDOWN

MAIN SPOKEN LANGUAGES

Arabic

Dutch

Farsi

German

Hungarian

Italian

Polish

Russian

Spanish

Turkish

Urdu

Discovering the languages in the school is currently underway. The team is looking for the best fitted approach to discover the languages of the children.

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