



LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL PORTRAIT

Huibersschool

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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SCHOOL



Overview

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- Location: Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Type of school: Primary School, public
- Number of students: 170
- Number of staff: 10-50
- Language Friendly certified since: 2021



Language Friendly School 2021



Motivation for becoming a Language Friendly School

THEIR STORY

The team at the Huibersschool has started looking at multilingual children from a changed perspective: multilingualism is an opportunity and an asset. "We want to celebrate the multilingualism of the children and shift the vision of teachers, parents and community." In a few years, the separate arrangements for multilingual children should be integrated in education for all children at the Huibersschool. Every child can benefit from these approaches.



**WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO KNOW,
"WE'RE HAPPY WITH YOU, WITH YOUR
LANGUAGES, AND WE'RE INTERESTED!"**





Language Friendly Activities

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MAP OF THE WORLD


A map of the world is used to make links to the languages and cultural background of the children. Parents are asked for input on this map as well. The map serves as an opener in discussions on languages. It is combined with themes that vary three times in the school year. A map of the world makes languages visible!

CELEBRATIONS

The Huibersschool as Language Friendly School is celebrated with an opening event. During the year there is attention for the religious celebrations or cultural traditions of students and teachers.

MULTILINGUAL READING

Parents are invited to special mornings to read books with the students in various languages. The school has books in different languages, which students and parents can read. The team is looking for ways to expand their language friendly activities.



**A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE: WHAT OUR
STUDENTS BRING, TEACHERS SEE THAT
MORE AS AN ASSET. WE WANT THE
COMMUNITY TO SEE IT THAT WAY TOO.**





Plans for the Future

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CELEBRATE LANGUAGES

The priority of the coming year is to celebrate the multilingualism of all students. For our teachers, a shift in vision for multilingualism is essential, through training and knowledge-building. Informing the parents will help shape their vision on languages as well.

INTEGRATE LANGUAGE CLASSES INTO REGULAR EDUCATION

Newcomers receive extra support in separate language-intensive classes. This thematic approach with a focus on language is to be integrated in all education at the Huibersschool in a few years. All children can benefit from it! Specialist knowledge and small groups will help teachers to teach all students without separating them. The team is already making plans and policies!

Useful Links



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