



LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL PORTRAIT

International School Breda

Breda, The Netherlands





Overview

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BRED A

- Location: Breda, The Netherlands
- Type of school: International School, Primary & Secondary school
- Number of students: 317
- Number of staff: around 70
- Language Friendly certified since: 2021



Language Friendly School 2021




Motivation for becoming a Language Friendly School


THEIR STORY

In the assessment and progress tracking, we see that multilingual children who come in with little or no English show massive improvement. Even though they start low, they eventually fly above the children with English as a home language. They just need the time to get there. It's not a race, right? As long as we see that progress, we can track it. We're lucky that we got a lot of freedom.

We're proud of what we do at our school! When you meet the children who come in with no English, and you hear them speak, and argue and be strong and powerful in English now; their change is quite something. We have a brilliant team that is doing so much. We would like to be pushed further because we still got a lot of room for development.



**JUST BE WHO YOU ARE. THE SCHOOL
WILL FIT INTO YOUR FAMILY. YOU
DON'T HAVE TO FIT IN**





Language Friendly Activities

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ATELIER DAY

Language of the Month has always had a place at International School Breda. Next year, this is turned into Atelier Day. Every month, students and their parents from one culture or country come into the classroom to do a workshop. This could be very simple, it could be craft or cooking. It is a great way to make primary and secondary work together.

CITIZEN OF THE WORLD CLUB

The school and its teachers organize after-school clubs. Different language clubs such as Spanish, Portuguese or Dutch are headed by a teacher who speaks that language. Citizen of the World Club brings this all together: why not have a club that discusses a culture every week?

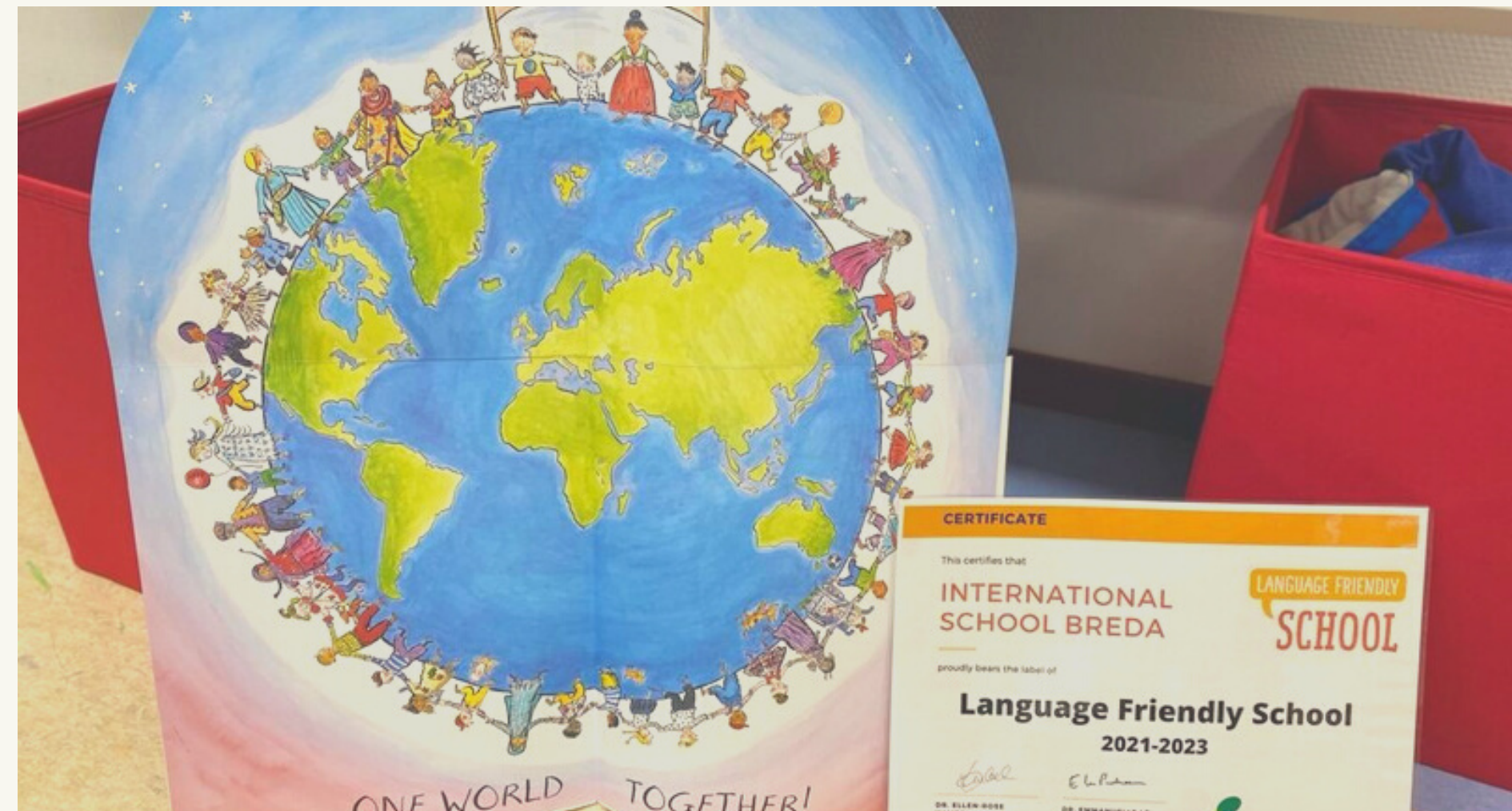
OPEN ACCESS LIBRARY


For the children, books in 22 languages are added to the library. In the future, this library will be open access for the parents too. They will be able to read with their children at school or take books home.

Benefits


BENEFITS OF BECOMING A LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL

At International School Breda, every child should feel proud of who they are and where they come from. The same is true for their parents! The recognition of the Language Friendly School helps to show this importance of identity, languages and culture. It is important to feel proud, be curious and learn, and be happy about who you are.





**IN THE CLASSROOM, WE KNOW WHERE
EVERY CHILD COMES FROM. EVERY DAY
WE TRY TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT
THEIR BACKGROUNDS, THEIR
CULTURES, THEIR LANGUAGES.**





Plans for the Future

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In the school development plan for the next three years, one of the three pillars is home language development. In this plan the team wants to coordinate between Primary and Secondary, we will include involving parents more and inform them about multilingualism with the help of an expert.

EXCHANGE SECONDARY- PRIMARY

In September 2020 we started a program in which our secondary students who spoke the Language of the Month come to Primary to do activities with our students and teach them the language. Due to Covid restrictions it was paused, hopefully this can be started again after restrictions are lifted.

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



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