LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOL PORTRAIT

Saba Comprehensive School

St. Johns, Saba
Overview

SABA COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

- Location: St. John's, Saba
- Type of school: Secondary School, Public
- Number of students: 
- Number of staff: 35
- Languages spoken in school community: at least 14
- Language Friendly certified since: 2021
Becoming a Language Friendly School

THEIR STORY

The only school for secondary education on the island of Saba serves a great diversity of students. Diversity is strength! So embracing the different cultures and languages is important. The Language Friendly School fits like a glove in the new school development plan that involves building cultural and language awareness. For school management it is very valuable to make connections with other schools and teachers. Because Saba is so small, teachers sometimes find it hard to find support.

A vision to work towards is to make Saba the first Language Friendly Island!
Every student worked on their own cultural language portfolio to find out and explore who they are, what their identity is, where their name originates from, and many more! The school wants their students to be proud of their heritage, of their roots, and in connection to Saban culture and history. Saba is for many students their home away from home.

Language Friendliness is now also incorporated in the after-school club in the House of E-sports. Students from upper-primary and secondary school may game and use their languages with each other. The school has embraced gaming to use it to give them space to become better in it, while improving their social skills, time management and share food.
Tips for Success

To ensure structural change and development of education, a School Development Plan was designed. This is based on the specific context of Saba, its residents, the needs of the people, and opportunities for development. A vision for language and culture inspired plans for this and reflects the Language Friendly School philosophy. The Language Friendly School fit Saba Comprehensive School like a glove!
Plans for the Future

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EXCHANGE

Exchange on all levels is an ambition for Saba Comprehensive School. An exchange for students to learn about the reality outside of their small island, or for teachers to learn about how teachers in other parts of the world teach, or for management to exchange practices and ideas. If your school wants to join in or has ideas on how to do this, please let them know!
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