



### What's New?

#### New Schools

We would like to welcome two schools to the Language Friendly School Network!

**Stedelijk College Eindhoven** has been involved with the Language Friendly School since the start and we're happy to welcome them officially to the network now.

**Plat Douet** in Jersey is our first LFS in the United Kingdom.

Check out their feature in the BBC: [Plat Douet BBC Twitter Link](#)



#### Language Friendly Academy



Training & Workshops

The Language Friendly Academy was announced 2 years ago but was put on hold. It is finally starting! We will be offering training for teams and individual teachers, for example, "how to make a language friendly school plan". These trainings are available online, hybrid or at your school. We will keep you posted on the details and how to book!

#### Project updates

**ALCOR:** Latest on the ALCOR Project: Optimist International School visited Turin, and learnt about family engagement and parental involvement in LFS. As a next step, we are trying to be more hybrid to have more global impact!

**LERI:** Latest on LERI Project: We visited Vienna with the St Jan School and Saba Comprehensive School.

Next steps → The teachers made lesson plans and they will be sharing them in a series of webinars.





## Amstelland International School

### Incorporating language diversity in all lessons



### International multilingual section in the library



### Celebrations

Celebration of International Mother Language Day (21 Feb), the International Day of Multilingualism (27 March)  
European Day of Languages (26 Sept) and Children's Book Week in the Netherlands (30 Sept).

### Multilingual Parent's Art Expo



[Link to the padlet by Amstelland International School](#)



## Glendale Secondary School

### **Making languages visible**

Currently, Glendale is getting launched as an LFS and is centering visible multilingualism. So far, the front pillars of the school have all the languages of the students saying welcome (also in sign language).

### **International Music**

International music now plays between classes and reflects the student populations.

### **Opening Ceremony**

Opening Ceremony to take place on the International Mother Language Day (21 Feb)

- a. Permission to fly the LFS flag during the ceremony.
- b. Media presence for LFS wider reach.
- c. Student representative will speak.
- d. Hope to incorporate language friendly activities from this meeting for all students throughout the day.



### **Translators**

Professional and student translators and interpreters are available for parents. Working on ways to make these students more visible so parents can approach them if they need help (such as using buttons).

### **LFS Student Ambassador**

There is a LFS student ambassador and representative on the student council.

### **Surveys**

Surveys of all the languages of the teachers.

### **Next steps**

How to get LFS involved in the classroom and the LFS logo on the website.



## School Tours

The LFS team did amazing school tours this January in Eindhoven: Reigerlaan, RISE & Stedelijk College, Breda International School and Glendale. At Glendale we were able to meet a lovely team of 50 teachers who are language friendly and willing to join in the efforts for more inclusivity. At BIS, we were able to celebrate International Day and hear about the New Years celebration of traditions from different countries (SA, France, Portugal, Spain, Israel, Japan, China USA). Both these events were a smashing success and hope to be repeated annually! On another note, we also learned that BIS is the first to produce a language friendly newsletter and they are already working on the 3rd edition!

## WELCOMING AND EDUCATING NEWCOMER STUDENTS AT LANGUAGE FRIENDLY SCHOOLS IN THE NETHERLANDS

Research conducted by Lieselotte Oudega

### Newcomers in the Language Friendly School

When investigating how Language Friendly Schools in the Netherlands welcomed and educated newcomer students, Lieselotte interviewed six LFS schools in the Netherlands. She found that schools in the NL have different approaches that are not always in line with suggested practices. Preliminary findings indicated that there are 3 different approaches: schools with only newcomer students, separate language class integration for newcomers, language support in a regular class for newcomers. When seeking educators' perspectives on LFS, one educator stated that, 'LFS allows for more accurate assessment of the students' skills'. Make sure to attend the roundtable discussion on 9 March to discuss this research further. Presentation: Lieselotte Research on Newcomer Practices





## Breakout rooms

### **Which practice or strategy heard at the 6th LFS Network meeting today resonated most with you?**

The schools present at the 6th LFS Network Meeting discussed how children recognise Dutch sounds when they are 4-6 years old. It was an important discussion because LFS strives to be innovative and open their doors to research. It is good to have questions about research and the LFS team encourages everyone to come to them with these questions, so they may assist and/or direct you to the right sources.

Secondly, a big success discussed was the practice of using Padlet as a great way to share practices amongst teachers and schools! Padlet encourages the creation of webinars where teachers can film themselves in LFS contexts to share, which is very beneficial to other teachers. This discussion prompted enquiries into ways of making the approaches with parents more structural, so they may be an integral part of the school.

Lastly, it was agreed that Winternational Day and the celebration of the new year in different ways was an inspiration. As a result, ideas on events centering on food and celebration were brought up, such as encouraging cultural food lunch times throughout the year.

**Let us know if anything resonated with you or you have ideas we can share on the LFS website!**

#### **What's Next?**

- a. International Mother language Day → 21 Feb 2023
- b. 7th LFS network meeting → 13 april 2023
- c. Newcomers in LFS Roundtable in the NL → 9 march 2023

**See you at the next meeting!**