

Language Friendly School Portrait

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Hello
my name is
Kindcentrum
Rijpelberg



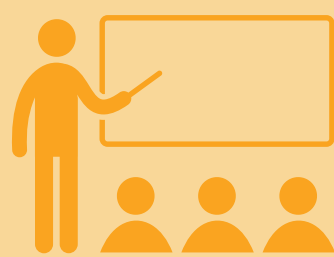
Helmond,
NL



Public primary
school & Daycare



420
students



50 staff
members



34
languages

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since
2023

Our story

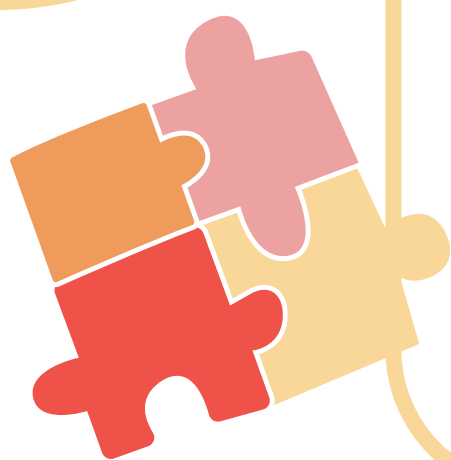
2 schools, 1 mission. Every child is welcome and belongs here. In our schools with a multicultural population, we want to strengthen the sense of belonging by also welcoming and using home languages within our education.

Benefits

We are seeing a positive effect on the well-being of our students. Using native languages provides support to learn Dutch words and concepts better.

A tip for success

Discuss the power of the mother tongue and include parents and children in this. Create a multilingual atmosphere within your school.



Contributions to the network:

- Featured in the **whitepaper** “Meertaligheid in het onderwijs” (Multilingualism in education) by Brainport Eindhoven, where they present their story and share teaching materials
- Participated in the **pilot** “De kracht van moedertaal” (The power of the mother tongue) with the use of Polish in teaching activities
- Contributions to the creation of a **poster** on multilingualism directed at all Dutch professionals working with multilingual children

What makes us unique:

- A highly diverse multicultural population
- Multilingualism is a key priority for us.
- 3 years experience with the use of a home language (Polish) within our education
- We have participated in research on the power of the mother tongue, supervised by researchers from Fontys University of Applied Sciences.