

What Makes The ToverWijzer a Happy School?

This letter is written by the children of the fifth and sixth class

At our school, the ToverWijzer, we are surrounded by parents and adults who truly see us, listen to us, support us, and help us. Our teachers are present and understanding.

They don't just teach us knowledge, but also important life skills — how to communicate effectively, how to understand our own and others' behavior, how to cooperate, and how to be creative.

It's great that our teachers are close to the students and that we can talk to them about anything.

Because everyone learns differently, we explore various learning styles to discover what works best for each of us.

In the fifth and sixth years, we run mini-enterprises in pairs. We even have our own store, and all our learning — from math and language to French — is connected to our mini-enterprise. This way, we understand why we're learning these things and how they apply to real life.

We learn to work together, reflect on ourselves, and create products to sell in our store — clothing, furniture, toys, and more. We also get a lot of freedom to plan our own work. That freedom, and the feeling that we are in charge of our own learning process, really helps us.

At our school, we meditate. This helps us get to know ourselves better and teaches us how to release stress.

We love to move — a lot — both indoors and outdoors, and we're lucky to have a beautiful garden around our school where we can play, learn, enjoy, and explore.

Dealing with social media and the internet isn't always easy. That's why we need adults we can talk to and who guide us. We also need clear boundaries.

Phones don't really help us at school, but they are useful when we travel to school on our own, for example. At the

ToverWijzer, we learn how to use social media and the internet in a conscious and safe way.

We study math, languages, and world orientation, but also focus on social, communication, and emotional skills.

We sing, dance, paint, explore philosophy, learn circus techniques, and perform. With all this knowledge and these skills, we step happily into the future.

At the ToverWijzer, every parent has a role to play. They help by giving workshops, supporting class activities, joining field trips and camps, reading to the younger children in different languages, organizing parties, or sharing their expertise in class.

Parents support the school — and each other. Because parents and teachers work closely together, teachers also learn a lot from the parents, who know us best. And our parents learn from the teachers too.

At the ToverWijzer, children, parents, and teachers ‘make school together’. It feels good to be surrounded by such a strong and loving community.

Recently, we built a brand new school building using only natural and sustainable materials. Once again, we all worked together to make this big project happen. We love our new school, and without everyone’s contribution, it wouldn’t exist.

By celebrating learning, we celebrate life every day at ToverWijzer.