

METIS MONTESSORI LYCEUM

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

The Metis Montessori Lyceum (MML/Metis) is a young, ambitious school in Amsterdam East and part of the Montessori School Community of Amsterdam (MSA). Teachers who want to do more than just transfer their knowledge work at this school; they want to transfer their enthusiasm to you. This does not mean that you have to 'like' every subject, but it does mean that you are addressed at your own level and your own interests. When they come together, you can do more than you ever thought possible.



Ömer Demirözcan, a teacher at Metis Montessori Lyceum, says: **“Diversity and inclusion are at the hart of our values. The vision and mission of our school is Global citizenship education and Montessori education. So, when we hire teachers or staff our questions when they apply for a job, beside personal questions, are about what they think about social topics and diversity.”**

Kadrian Allika, Tallinn University visiting Lecturer of Inclusive Education, visited the school in September 2022 and says: **“Walking around the school the inclusion and the acceptance of diverstity is very visible – all the door are always open, the studyhalls are together with teacher corners, so everything is visible and all the students get to talk to teacher whenever they need to. The art at the caffeteria and hallways speaks volumes. New teachers get a course about Montessori education and global citizenship.”**

We have those global citizenship weeks:

week against discrimination of skin color, week against islamophobia, week against antisemitism; , week for LGBTQIA+;week against bullying. During these weeks all teachers are asked to talk/do something about the main theme. Some show video's, some of them do different workshops, some of them visit museums etc. They have own materials developed by themselves or found on the internet. These weeks are part of our education weeks and they are shared with all teachers, students, parents in the begin of the schoolyear.

If you visit our Instagram page [@MetisMontessori](https://www.instagram.com/MetisMontessori) you will see pictures of the activities that we do in these weeks. Our purpose is to make **students aware of inequality and discrimination in the society**, at the other hand we **celebrate that we are a diverse** and inclusive school and we (almost) never have problems with these topics. A lot students tell us they feel safe at school and that they can be themselves and that it doesn't matter what their religious, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation is. Therefore dialogue in classrooms, without judging each other is very important.

Erasmus+ exchange projects

One project is about diversity and inclusion with a school in Belgium. Our students do research on schools about how inclusive we are and how we can improve the sense of inclusiveness at school. As framework we use the diversity circle. At the end of the project they present their plan to the management team about what they can do to make school a more inclusive place.



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Teacher study days

We have study days for all teachers and our topics are mostly about diversity, inclusion and global citizenship or change inequality in education. We hire inspiring guest lecturers and let our staff think about how they can improve their education about those topics.

REFLECTING QUESTIONS

After reading reflect in Your group(s):

- How are different cultures celebrated in your school?
- What are the possible challenges you face and how to tackle them?
- How to you cooperate with other schools in other cultures?

FURTHER MATERIAL

School web site: <https://hetmml.nl/>

Instagram page:

<https://www.instagram.com/metismontessori/>

Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063664276511)

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