

Caracol ao Sol

Update



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Dear friends,

We are happy to finally find ourselves with some time at hand to write you about how things are going, and to let you know we are still going strong. Now in our sixth year of existence, and with three groups in three different rooms.

We have a first year group, a kindergarten group and for the first time we also have a toddler group.

Our team has won two wonderful new teachers. Claudia Dinis, is a 29 year old Portuguese teacher that has fallen in love with the Waldorf pedagogy and teaches the first year class, and Sabine Stokmans, a trained Waldorf teacher from Holland that worked in Den Haag and Culemborg, and has three young children that attend Caracol ao Sol.

Rosalinde Schon continues as the kindergarten teacher, now her third already year in this position.

We work every day with the intention of creating a safe, loving environment for children to evolve and learn. The toddler group is going for nature walks each day, the kindergarten group has created a beautiful bond and are learning to be social beings, and the first year group is loving learning letters, about nature and soon to come: the numbers.

We continue to speak Portuguese with the children, that are mostly foreign, and try to integrate as much as we can in our surrounding community.

We organise markets, go to the old peoples home to sing for them and show our lanterns, carnival costumes or easter sticks, and this year our lantern walk is open for everybody to join.

We have a lovely group of parents that help as much as they can. They clean, do administration, cook, some are in the board, cut the firewood needed for winter, make furniture, donate food when they can, and more. This year we started with 15 children in total and sadly a few left, also new children came, and we hope more families join our project during these months until Christmas because we are still in a very weak financial position. We currently would need about five more children to be sustainable, meaning income matches outcome.

So we need all the help we can get, and are preparing for selling at markets, actively looking for more children, helping families that want to settle down here to find a house, job, car etc. and help as much as we can. We still support two families that pay half the fee, they pay the rest by working for school, and we are very lucky to have a family receiving sponsorship from a member of the IHF (International Help Fund).

You can follow us on facebook where we regularly post pictures of what we are doing. We are working on updating our website.

You can support us by becoming a member of our association, this gives you the right to vote and to receive more complete updates.

It is 40€ a year, and a huge help to our small and wonderful project.

Also you can donate any amount you wish to give us and this way support our project as well.

If we can get 10 people per family to donate a minimum of 40€ we can make it this schoolyear!!

Details for a banktransfer:

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Sending you warm wishes and wishing you a wonderful autumn.

The team of Caracol ao Sol
Rosalinde, Sabine, Claudia and all parents.