

Staffing and Class Allocation for the 2026-2027 School Year

Behind the scenes, we are fully engaged in planning the staffing and class allocation (*formatie*) for the upcoming school year. As is the case every year, this is a meticulous process in which we weigh many different factors to arrive at an arrangement that does justice to our students' needs and the school's resources.

Although the allocations are not yet fully finalized, we can already share one important development with you. In a previous edition of *MeerNieuws*, we indicated that there would be a combined-grade class next school year. It has now been decided that this will be a combined Year 4/5 class (*combinatiegroep 4/5*).

When forming the classes, the well-being and development of every child remain our top priority. That is why we believe it is essential to listen carefully to what parents/guardians and students share with us. We take their thoughts, questions, and points of attention into account during our deliberations. At the same time, we look at the bigger picture to ensure we create the best possible class distribution for all students.

In the coming period, we will be putting the final pieces of the puzzle together. As soon as everything is finalized, we will of course inform you further about the class allocations for the next school year.

Thank you for your involvement and the trust you place in our school. Together, we look forward to a wonderful conclusion to this school year and a great start to the new one.

A pumptrack for the neighbourhood

We would like to share a lovely idea for the Watergraafsmeer: [a pumptrack for the neighbourhood](#). Through Oost Begroot, Amsterdam East's participatory budgeting programme, you can now vote for this plan if you are 12 or older.

A pumptrack is a small track with curves and little hills where you can ride a bike, scooter, skateboard, roller skates and even a wheelchair. It will be a playful and safe place where children and young people can play and practise close to home. Parents and other neighbours can join in, do sports or meet each other too. In this way, it can become a lively and inclusive place for the whole neighbourhood.

The exact location will be chosen after the vote together with the district. We will look carefully at safety, accessibility, green space and a place that fits well in the neighbourhood. There are several ideas for a location, such as Park Frankendael, Onderlangs/Betondorp and Amstelkwartier.

Would you like to help us realize this? Please vote between 1 and 14 June through Oost Begroot using the personal code from the municipality's letter. Together, we can make the Watergraafsmeer an even nicer place for young and old.

Kind regards,

Matteo and Jonna (parents of Arthur, class 1/2 C, and Irene from preschool De Meerbeer)

PS. There are more enticing plans on Oost Begroot, and you can vote for more than one idea.