



A lunchtime break at...

International Primary School (IPS), Almere

IPS Almere is an English-language, international primary school with over 200 children from all over the world. At lunchtime, Ritu Sinha and her Kinderstralen-team of 23 Lunch Supervisors take care of the children in fourteen classes.

At 11.45, Ritu first has a pre-lunch brief with her team. At twelve, lunchtime starts and the Lunch Supervisors pick up the children in their classes. First, the early-year groups eat in their own classrooms and the older children play. That changes at half past one. At one o'clock, everyone returns to their classroom and starts reading in peace until the teacher takes over at 13.15 again.

"With Kinderstralen children are allowed to choose between playing indoors or outdoors," says Ritu. "They love it! But with so many children at the same time, we have introduced a schedule: every day of lunchtime care, two or three classes have the choice for an indoor activity. And it is popular. For example, we recently sewed smartphone cases: a megahit. Everyone participated, even the boys!"

"When the weathers pick up, we will also offer more outdoor activities, such as a photo game around school. And we are busy with the preparations for The Voice Kids. The children are preparing posters and then we will have the "live shows". We really can't wait!"



The team of enthusiastic Lunch Supervisors - 'lunch moms' as they call them at IPS - ready to go to work.