

A Small Review

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Dear students, parents/guardians, teachers and interested parties,

With the holidays just around the corner, we are almost halfway through the year, which means we are also halfway through the Bridge HDT lessons!

A great moment to look back with the students on how far they have come: some have worked very hard on their tables, others can now solve large division sums flawlessly, and others have made progress in rounding decimal numbers.

Growth Mindset

We think it is important to celebrate growth moments and to work on students' *growth mindset*. A growth mindset is a mental attitude in which it is believed that talents and skills can be developed by taking on challenges and by determination. We believe that every student can grow in anything he/she wants as long as they try their best.

We stimulate this growth mindset by encouraging students to take on challenges, give specific compliments (which we call Shout-Outs) and that mistakes are allowed because you can learn from them. Research has shown that a growth mindset can have a positive effect on learning, motivation and dealing with setbacks.

To make it understandable for students what a growth mindset is and what goes with it, we use metaphors about our mascot Growie and his best friend Fixie (see back).

Ouder-inlooplessen

In addition to the growth mindset, we also find parental involvement very important. For that reason, the tutors call the parents every other week, and parents can visit an HDT lesson once. Luckily, we were able to invite parents to the lessons when they were allowed to visit physically. We are very pleased that they have visited us and we hope to have given them a good idea of what we do at The Bridge HDT.

To a happy 2022 with growth and new challenges!

From the whole team,

Kirsten Bedner,
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Math Puzzle

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{Santa} & \times & \text{Santa} = 36 \\
 \text{Mug} & + & \text{Santa} = 26 \\
 \text{Candy} & + & \text{Santa} + \text{Santa} = 15 \\
 \text{Santa} & + & \text{Mug} + \text{Candy} = ?
 \end{array}$$



The Shout-Out board at the Achtsprong

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Our own made Growies at the Brink

Interview Parent Walk-in lesson

What did you think about the parent walk-in lesson?

C: I was a bit afraid to make a mistake at first, but after a while it was fun.

N: I was very nervous as well! I wanted to show how good I have become.

Did you talk about it at home?

C: It went well and I got the advice that I don't have to be afraid to make mistakes.

N: Good! My father thought it went well and he was happy to see me work.

What did you learn so far at HDT?

N: 'Herhaald aftrekken' was completely new for me. I have become a lot better at it already!

C: Yes for me too! 'Cijferend vermenigvuldigen' is also going better.

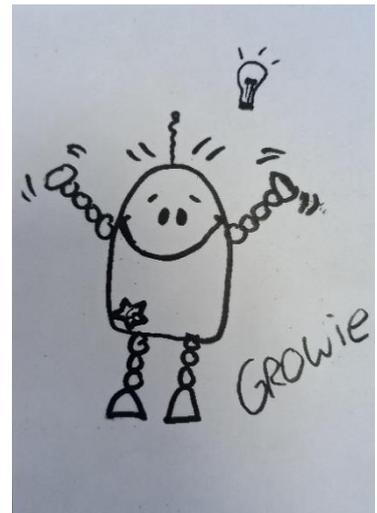
What do you like the most at HDT?

N: The lessons are fun and interesting. 'Spelletjesdag' is also very fun!

C: Yes, we practice difficult exercises in a precise and fun way.

You are a Growie if:

- You think you can learn from mistakes
- You think you can get better by practice
- You like to learn things
- You ask questions
- You continue to try when you have setbacks



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do you give homework?

The tutors don't give homework to the students. This is because the student already get enough homework from the school. By discussing the work immediately during HDT we are also able to give very precise help.

2. Until when are the HDT lessons?

The students receive HDT lessons three times a week for 50 minutes during the whole school year. The lessons are until the summer vacation.



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