

# 2023



*Celebrating 20 Years!*

# Green Footprints Campaign

Kids on the Move for the Climate



Germany



Photo: Energy Hümmling Region

France



Photo: Kindergarten Alphonse Daudet, Mittelhausbergen

Italy



Photo: Jenesien / San Genesio Atesino

Poland



Photo: Wydmyny

Luxembourg



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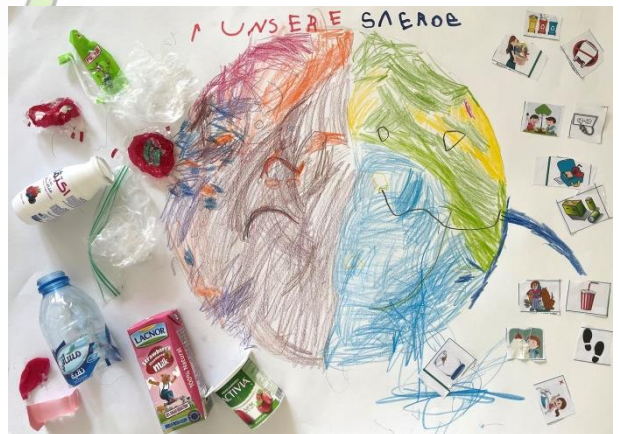


Photo: Dubai

This report only gives a glimpse on the activities in 2023  
Further information at [www.zoom-kidsforclimate.eu](http://www.zoom-kidsforclimate.eu)

## Kids on the Move for Climate Action 2023

Children in 11 countries joined forces again to take action for our climate!

Kids from *Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates* are leading the way in this year's climate action! The children earned green footprints by using climate-friendly means of transport for their daily journeys to school or kindergarten, eating local, organic food and saving energy.

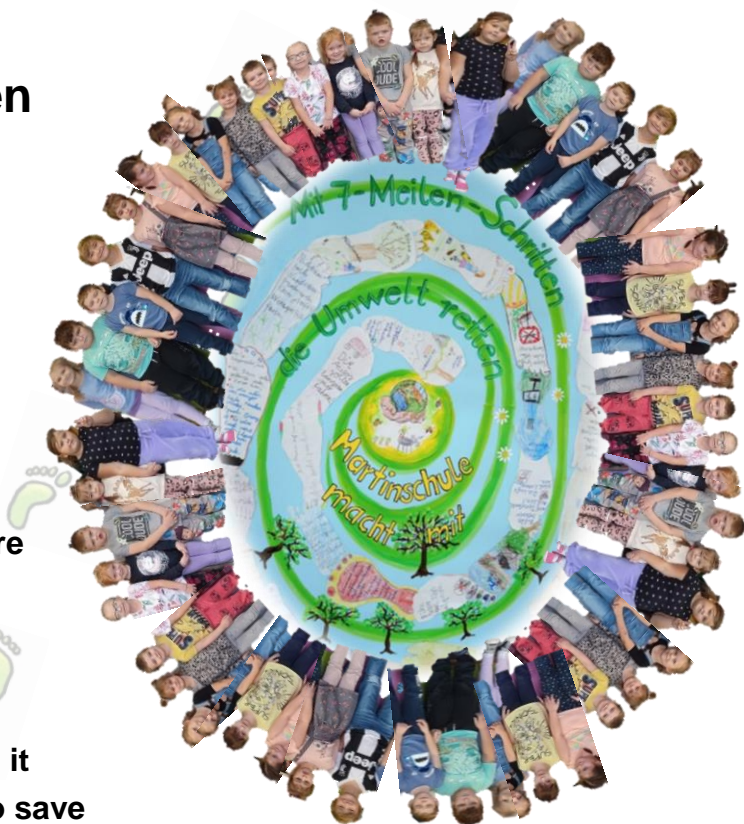
The kids understand the importance of convincing not just the politicians at the UN Climate Conference, but every single adult out there. They're urging everyone to prioritize climate protection through meaningful actions, not just words, because the stakes are high. If we don't strengthen current regulations, it won't just be their children – it'll be them too, paying the price! It's time to strengthen our rules NOW!

Together 252,000 children  
in 11 countries collected

**3, 670, 936**  
**Green Footprints**

The children are deeply concerned about the global climate and therefore sent their Wishprints with ideas and demands to the participants of the UN Climate Change Conference.

They expect these politicians to give it their all and take immediate action to save our world's climate. It doesn't matter where these leaders come from or what they need to do – the time to act is NOW!





## Childrens' Wishes

### Germany

I wish for less garbage in nature,  
for the water to stay clean,  
and for people to drive less.  
(Leah from Bonn)

If the forests have to be cut down, then with a saw and not with fire.  
(Bonn)

I wish for children's rights to be respected.  
(Lena from Bonn)

My wish is for safe streets, especially for children,  
and for less litter on the roads.  
(Lara-Marie from Bonn)

Everyone should have a bicycle.  
We need to plant more trees.  
Every child needs a home.  
(Wilma and Sophia from Bonn)

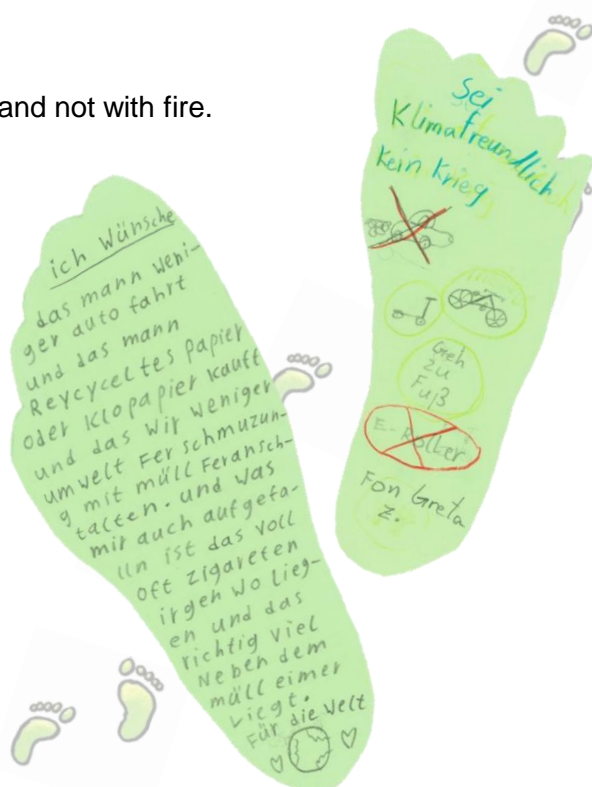
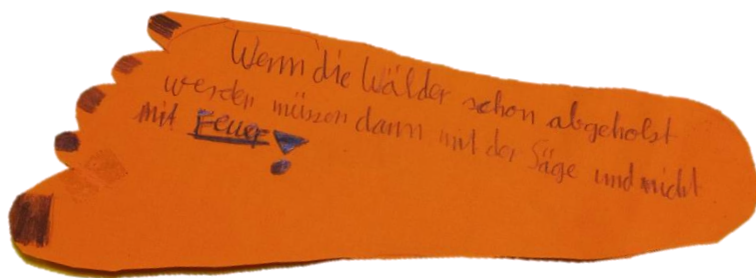
I wish for no more war.  
(Brendenbek)

I wish for new rules for a better climate.  
(Greta from Brendenbek)

Dear politicians, I hope that electricity becomes more affordable, more people switch to electric cars, and that traditional vehicles are used less.  
(Brendenbek)

"I wish that people would drive less and buy recycled paper and toilet paper and that we would pollute less with garbage. And what I've also noticed is that there are often cigarettes lying around somewhere and that there's a lot of them next to the garbage!"

Politician shall walk  
or ride a bike  
(Malik from Neunkirchen)



## United Arab Emirates

Turn off the lights in Dubai at night,  
Less ship and boat traffic on the seas!  
Protect the oceans!  
Dear politicians, we should plant more trees!  
Reduce plastic products!



## North Macedonia

Let's fall in love with planet Earth to keep  
nature healthy and clean,  
Plant a tree plant a flower for better world  
The world will be a better place if people walk  
more often.

## Reports from teachers and coordinators

### Luxembourg

The project was a lot of fun for us and the kids. Thanks once again for the opportunity you provided for the children and us.

*teacher from Junglister*

### Poland

We made posters, watched educational videos and talked about how we can take care of our planet. We had great fun and learned that it is very important to save water and electricity.

*teacher from Wydminy*

## Germany

"Given the news this summer, the topic of climate change continuously takes center stage. So, we keep raising awareness among the kids!"

*teacher from Bredenbek*

"It's also our sensory playground with the green elements. The children created the playground themselves and were allowed to choose wherever they wanted to play. We have 70 children in our care, and most of them were deeply involved in the process."

*teacher from Eitorf*

"Based on our experience in recent years, we have made a conscious decision to collect twice a year for two weeks each time. In spring, it is useful after the winter period, when the car has been used more frequently due to the weather. And in fall, the new first-graders can join in right away."

*teacher from Bückeburg*

"We talked in detail with the children about the fact that a bus is worse than a bicycle, but that it is far better than everyone traveling in his or her own car..."

*kindergarten teacher from Wallenhorst*

"We held a children's conference to discuss the well-being of the planet."

*kindergarten teacher from Pfaffenhofen*

"We had a total of 19,554 Footprints plus many happy children and proud teachers. Thank you very much for your support and efforts!"

*coordinator City of Remscheid*



Photo: Bergheim

## Austria



Photo: Klimabündnis Österreich

**29.186 children from 244 schools collected  
666.123 Klimameilen / Green Footprints**

The poster presenting the Austrian results at COP 28 is decorated with drawings created by the pupils of the Pergkirchen Elementary School.

The school is located in Upper Austria and achieved the best result in the first half of the year! Within a week, the entire school collected 2.049 "Klimameilen". All 81 students of Pergkirchen Elementary School, along with the teachers, walked to school. Parents also joined the initiative, walking to school with their children.

As a thank you for their efforts, they were invited to Vienna where they were personally honored by Climate Protection Minister Leonore Gewessler with a certificate and a trophy.

"The Green Footprints project helped us and our pupils to reflect on our mobility behavior and gave us the opportunity to teach them about environmentally friendly mobility. Over the course of the two weeks, we were able to observe that more and more children decided not to travel by car and came to school on foot or by bike/scooter. At this point, we should also mention the great willingness of the parents who took the time before work to walk to school with their children. We really enjoyed participating in the project."

*Teacher of an Elementary School in Vienna*



Photo: BMK, Viktoria Miess



## Österreich

**2023 sammelten 29.186 Kinder  
aus 244 Bildungseinrichtungen  
666.123 Klimameilen**

Das Plakat, das die österreichischen Ergebnisse auf der COP 28 präsentiert, ist mit Zeichnungen der Schülerinnen und Schüler der Volksschule Pergkirchen geschmückt. Die Schule befindet sich in Oberösterreich und erzielte in der ersten Jahreshälfte das beste Ergebnis – damit wurde sie Sommersieger 2023. Innerhalb einer Woche haben alle 81 Schülerinnen und Schüler der Schule 2.049 "Klimameilen" gesammelt. Auch die Pädagoginnen und Eltern schlossen sich der Initiative an und gingen mit ihren Kindern zu Fuß zur Schule.

Als Dankeschön für ihren Einsatz wurden die Kinder nach Wien eingeladen, wo sie von Klimaschutzministerin Leonore Gewessler persönlich mit einer Urkunde und einem Pokal ausgezeichnet wurden.

Die Österreich-Sieger des letzten Jahres, die Volksschule Bad Hofgastein aus Salzburg, wurde im Februar 2023 von Klimaclown Hugo besucht. 13.832 Klimameilen sammelten die Kinder in vier Wochen. Wir sagen Danke für das tolle Engagement.



Foto: BMK, Viktoria Miess



*„Das Klimameilen-Projekt hat unsere Schüler und Schülerinnen dabei unterstützt ihr Mobilitätsverhalten zu reflektieren und uns die Möglichkeit gegeben ihnen eine umweltfreundliche Mobilitätsgestaltung zu vermitteln. Wir konnten im Laufe der zwei Wochen beobachten, dass immer mehr Kinder auf die Fahrt mit dem Auto verzichteten [ ... ] An dieser Stelle ist auch die großartige Bereitschaft der Eltern zu erwähnen, die sich vor der Arbeit die Zeit genommen haben und mit ihren Kindern zur Schule spaziert sind. Uns hat die Teilnahme am Projekt große Freude bereitet.*

*Pädagogin, Volksschule Wien*



Volksschule Bad Hofgastein Foto: Klimabündnis Österreich

## France



Photo: Mittelhausbergen

**8,444 children from 98 schools in 20 municipalities all over France collected 30,971 Empreintes Vertes**

In 2023, the climate alliance member Eurométropole de Strasbourg once again participated in the Green Footprints campaign. Besides learning climate-friendly behavior, the focus was on safety in dealing with traffic, a strengthened sense of community, and the health benefits of increased physical activity.



Photo: Mittelhausbergen



Photo: Mittelhausbergen

In the initiative, children in France focused on sustainable efforts via biking. As part of their "A l'école à vélo" (Biking to School) campaign, they collected footprints in June along their daily bike routes.

Biking activities took place in Achenheim, Bischheim, Eckwersheim, Entzheim, Eschau, Geispolsheim, Hoenheim, Illkirch, Ittenheim, Lingolsheim, Lipsheim, Mittelhausbergen, Mundolsheim, Niederhausbergen, Oberhausbergen, Oberschaefolsheim, Ostwald, Plobsheim, Reichstett, Schiltigheim, Souffelweyersheim, Strasbourg.

In the kindergarten Alphonse Daudet in Mittelhausbergen they additionally collected Green Footprints for walking as they decided to also reward their younger children for choosing this climate-friendly way of mobility.

# Italy



Photo: Formigine

**2,946 little Italian climate protectors from 30 schools collected 104,959 Miglia Verdi/ Klimaschritte.**

In South Tyrol, once again schools were collecting Klimaschritte/ climate footprints as part of the European Mobility Week in order to mobilize even more parents and children to come to school without a car in the long term. Together the 290 children from Auer (BZ), Jenesian, Meran, Dorf Tirol, Toblach, and Welschnofen collected 13,530 green Klimaschritte.

In Formigine the bimibus is running all schoolyear long so 63 children in 4 bus lines can safely walk to school all 165 school days.



Photo: GS Jenesian

In the city of Padua, where the campaign has been running for many years, 2,593 children from 21 schools joined actions and together collected 74,419 Miglia Verdi.

In the week of October 23, 2023, we celebrated 20 years of the Green Footprints Campaign in Europe during the Climate Alliance International Conference (CAIC) held in Modena, Italy. This event was particularly meaningful as the initial handover occurred in Italy nearly 20 years ago, in Milan, within the context of COP9.



Photo: Climate Alliance

To express our gratitude, we presented a 'red carpet' made of the children's' footprints to the CAIC participants. Additionally, we encouraged attendees at CAIC to convey their appreciation to the children for their dedicated efforts. The result was a heartfelt word cloud representing the shared sentiments. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all supporters, both international and local, of the Green Footprints Campaign. Their support has been invaluable throughout this journey.



Photo: Climate Alliance

## Germany



Photo: Geestland

**140,097 children together collected  
1,973,491 Grüne Meilen / Green Footprints**

In 2023, children from over 860 institutions in more than 260 municipalities in Germany signed up and collected even more than last year!

In addition to green footprints for journeys on foot, by scooter, bicycle or public transport, there were also plenty of red ones for regional and seasonal food.

The energy crisis is still reflected in the increasing number of blue footprints for energy-saving. Also, the war in the Ukraine worried the children a lot.

The schools and day-care centres again carried out great climate actions and made colourful wishprints with their tips and demands to the politicians (see 2023 results on the website).

In many municipalities the children also presented their results to mayors, district councilors, city parliaments, etc. and were highly congratulated for their efforts.

Many schools skipped using sticker albums in favor of the climate.

In **Bergheim**, a school painted round paper tags for each way and then sewed them onto a woolen string - one every 5 cm.

In **Allensbach**, lessons learned spilled straight into the parents' homes, where the children told them that vegetables are available at the weekly market and that laundry dries best in the open air.

In **Fulda**, the children reminded their dads to turn off the water while brushing their teeth.

And a four-year-old child in **Bielefeld** cycled the 4 km upstream to daycare all by herself.



Photo: Friedrichsdorf

**Wir hatten viel Freude bei der Aktion und sind stolz darauf, ein Teil dieser Klimameilen-Sammelaktion zu sein.**

*Kita Steinbach, Backnang,*

**Ich danke für die diesjährige Aktion und freue mich bereits aufs nächste Jahr.**

*Stadt Herne*



Photo: Solimgen



## Hungary



**20,831 children and 1,993 teachers from 93 schools and kindergartens collected 350,617 Zöld Mérőföld / Green Footprints**

In 2023, the Hungarian campaign highlighted the transformative potential of community collaboration. Schools and kindergartens expanded activities, engaging both students and staff to foster collective participation.

Participants enjoyed a broad array of community and individual activities, extending beyond eco-friendly outings. The campaign seamlessly integrated awareness actions and artworks into classroom lessons, emphasizing energy awareness through initiatives like "energy communities" and patrols.



Recognizing the importance of reducing meat consumption for climate protection, participants initiated a weekly meat-free day in school canteens.

Creative expression took various forms, including environmental poems, tree-hugging logos, and artworks from natural materials, promoting the reuse ethos. The "Spread on Bread" project had individuals creating vegetable-based spreads, fostering culinary creativity and community connections.

*All photos: Green Footprints Campaign Hungary*





## Magyarország

### Mozdulj a klímáért! 2023

**2023-ban 93 iskola és óvoda 20 831 diákja és 1 993 tanára vett részt a kampányban, ahol összesen 350 617 zöld mérőföldet gyűjtöttek össze és küldhettek el a COP28 találkozóra.**

2023-ban a közösség és annak ereje volt a Magyarországi Éghajlatvédelmi Szövetség és a Reflex Környezetvédő Egyesület „Mozdulj a klímáért!” kampányának központi üzenete. Egyedül mindenki elveszítettnek érezheti magát a változásért folytatott küzdelemben, de ami egyedül nem megy, azt a közösségek megtehetik!



Photos: Green Footprints Campaign Hungary

A korábbiakhoz hasonlóan a gyerekek mellett az intézmények munkatársai is csatlakozhattak a kampányhoz; ám idén a kampányhét megrendezésére a korábbinál még hosszabb időszak állt az iskolák és óvodák rendelkezésére. A környezettudatos utazásokon túl ezúttal is számos érdekes feladat közül választhattak a résztvevők.

A felhívás a gyakorlati éghajlatvédelmi tevékenységek mellett figyelemfelkeltő akciók szervezését, és egyéni illetve közösségi alkotások készítését is lehetővé tette.



Photos: Green Footprints Campaign Hungary

Az energiatudatosság jegyében a gyerekek "energiaközösséget", energia-őrjáratokat szerveztek az iskolában. Mivel a hűsfogyasztás csökkentése elengedhetetlen az éghajlatvédelmi célok eléréséhez, és a kíméletes és fenntartható mezőgazdaság megteremtéséhez, a kapcsolódó feladatban a tanulók akciókat szerveztek a heti húsmentes nap bevezetésére az iskolai menzákon vagy növényi alapú szendvicsek készítésére, köztölhettek. Verseket írhattak a környezetvédelemről, faölelő emblémákat tervezhettek, rajzolhattak, követ festhettek, és természetes anyagokból különféle alkotásokat készíthettek. Az újrafelhasználás jegyében régi anyagokból készíthettek új dolgokat és nem maradt el ezúttal sem a faültetés, növényesítés lehetősége sem.



# Luxembourg

**4,389 children from 41 schools collected 31,515 Gréng Meilen/ Green footprints**

To promote environmental awareness and sustainable behavior among children and their families, numerous Luxembourg educational institutions (schools, Maison Relais, and daycare centers) participated in this year's campaign under the motto 'Op Kannerféiss duerch d'Welt 2023' (On a children's journey through the world 2023).

In 30 municipalities, 4,389 children carried out various activities, collecting 31,515 green footprints for a more sustainable future in Luxembourg.



Photos: Junglingster, Capellen



Photos: Junglingster, Bettendorf



The Maison Relais SEA Päiperleck in Junglingster was particularly active in participating. The 64 children collected 393 green footprints and engaged in a variety of activities. They, for example, gathered litter together, dyed Easter eggs with onion skins, and painted pictures with homemade natural colors. Additionally, they created their own body lotion from natural ingredients, baked granola bars, and went on a forest excursion with a barbecue. They also acted as traffic detectives, carefully observing their surroundings to identify potential hazards on their daily routes and discussing what they don't like about traffic.

**“Eis an de Kanner huet de Projet vill Spaas gemach, Merci nach emol fir Méiglegkeet déi Dir de Kanner an eis domat bidd.”**

**“The project was a lot of fun for us and the kids. Thanks once again for the opportunity you provided for the children and us.”**

*Staff, Maison Relais SEA Päiperleck in Junglingster*





## Luxembourg

**2023 sammelten 4.389 Kinder aus 41 Bildungseinrichtungen 261.268 Gréng Meilen/ Grünen Meilen**

Um das Umweltbewusstsein und nachhaltige Verhaltensweisen bei Kindern und ihren Familien zu fördern, haben sich wieder zahlreiche Luxemburger Bildungseinrichtungen (Schulen, Maison Relais bzw. Kindertagesstätten) unter dem Motto ‚Op Kannerféiss duerch d’Welt 2023‘ an der diesjährigen Kampagne beteiligt.

In 30 Gemeinden haben dabei 4.389 Kinder verschiedenste Aktionen durchgeführt und so 31.515 Gréng Meilen/ Grünen Meilen für eine nachhaltigere Zukunft Luxemburgs gesammelt.



Photo: Luxembourg, Diderich

Das Maison Relais SEA Päiperleck in Junglinster beteiligte sich besonders aktiv: Die 64 Kinder haben 393 Gréng Meilen gesammelt und vor allem ganz viele verschiedene Aktivitäten durchgeführt. So haben sie z.B. gemeinsam Müll eingesammelt, Ostereier mit Zwiebelschalen gefärbt und Bilder gemalt mit selbstgemachten Naturfarben. Außerdem haben sie ihre eigene Body Lotion kreiert, Müsliriegel gebacken und einen Ausflug in den Wald mit Grillen gemacht. Zusätzlich waren sie als Verkehrsdetektive unterwegs und haben dabei ihre Umgebung ganz genau angeschaut, um so Gefahrenpunkte auf ihren Alltagswegen zu erkunden und um darüber zu sprechen, was sie am Verkehr nicht gut finden.

**“Uns und den Kindern hat das Projekt viel Spaß gemacht, - vielen Dank nochmals für die Möglichkeit, die Ihr den Kindern und uns damit bietet.”**

*Die Mitarbeiter\*innen, Maison Relais SEA Päiperleck in Junglinster*



Photos: Junglingster, Kayl



## North Macedonia



Photo: Karpos

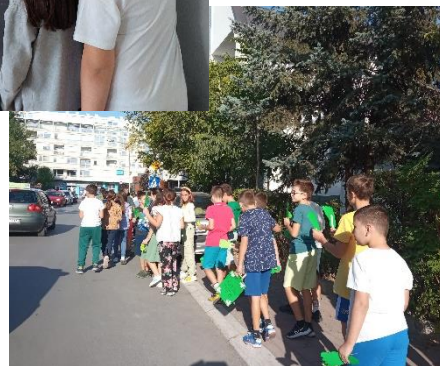
### 100 children in one school in Skopje collected 994 Зелени Стапалчиња / Green Footprints

During the "Green Footprints Action Week" (September 25 to October 1), 100 students from OOU "Jan Amos Komenski," Karposh, Skopje, passionately undertook environmental initiatives, collecting 994 Зелени Стапалчиња (Green Footprints).

Guided by the motto "Let's fall in love with planet Earth to keep nature healthy and clean," they actively promoted eco-friendly transportation and immersed themselves in creative activities, such as leaving messages on cars, crafting drawings, composing songs, and enhancing classroom environments with artwork.



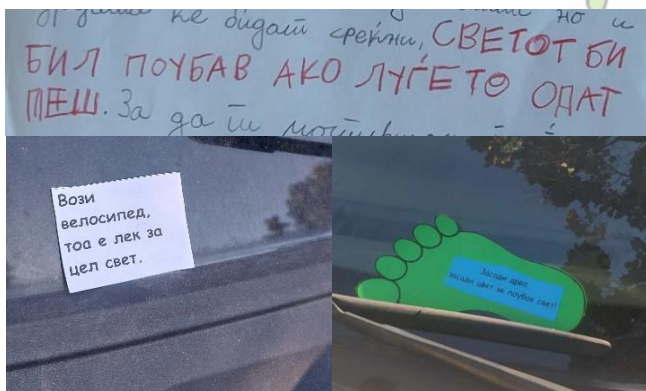
Photos: Karposh



Embracing their roles as conscientious community members, students discussed initiatives like discouraging waste dumping, promoting waste separation, and advocating for increased tree planting.

A notable highlight was the impactful Eco Parade, where students effectively communicated messages fostering support for a healthier environment. Along the route from home to school, they identified key environmental concerns. The week concluded with a compelling speech in the school parliament, where students shared impressions and emphasized the ongoing need for environmental awareness.

**Let's fall in love with planet Earth to keep nature healthy and clean,  
Plant a tree, plant a flower for a better world  
The world will be a better place if people walk more often.**



Photos: showing Wishprints from Karpos, - translation see green box



## Северна Македонија

**100 ученици од 5 одделение од ООУ „Јан Амос Коменски“ Карпош, Скопје собраа 994 Зелени стапалчиња**

Во периодот од 25.09 до 01.10.2023г. 4 паралелки (100 ученици) од 5 одделение од ООУ „Јан Амос Коменски“ собраа вкупно 994 зелени стапалчиња.

Во текот на зелената седмица насловена како „Зелени Стапалчиња“ под мотото

**„Ајде да се заљубиме во планета Земја со цел да ја зачуваме природата здрава и чиста“**

тие спроведоа мноштво од активности со цел да ги мотивираат соучениците, нивните родители и останатите граѓани да користат обновливи превозни средства (велосипеди, тротинети, ролери и одење пеш).

Пишуваа пораки кои секојдневно ги поставуваа на автомобилите во непосредната околина на училиштето. Цртаа цртежи и твореа песни и состави со кои го украсија училишниот двор.

Во улога на градоначалници дебатирaa со идеи како би ги мотивирале сограѓаните повеќе да ја чуваат околината да не фрлаат отпадоци да селектираат и да засадуваат повеќе зеленило. Реализираа успешна Еко парада во блиската околина при што на сограѓани им поделија пораки со кои ги повикаа на соработка и поддршка за поздрава и почиста средина.



Photo: Karposh

Ги детектираа критичните точки на патот од домот до училиштето и на крајот одржаа говор во училишниот парламент во кој ги споделија впечатоци од сработеното и ја истакнаа потребата од континуирана свесност во нивните постапки за нивниот придонес кон зачувување и подобрување на чистотата во нашата средина.



Photos: Kraposh



## Netherlands



In 2023, 5,099 children from 25 different primary schools took part and together collected a total of 30,594 Groene Voetstappen / Green Footprints

In the Netherlands, the Green Footprints Campaign is coordinated by Klimaatverbond Nederland and Vereniging GDO, the network of local centers for sustainability.

During this year's 'Green Footprints Week', student participants were located in Noord-Brabant, Utrecht, and Zuid- and Noord-Holland, including towns like Hilversum, Breda, Bergen op Zoom, and Zeist.

In participating, the children not only drew attention to issues of road safety but also on those of sustainable mobility by having a look at the traffic around the school and its direct as well as long term impact on the environment.



Photo: Klimaatverbond

One school, 'KinderCampus' in Hilversum, informed us about their efforts. They organized activities like cleaning the school surroundings, promoting walking to school, and encouraging short showers. They even held a contest to see who could gather the most green footprints within the school.



Photo: Klimaatverbond

# Poland



Photo Gawliki Wielkie:

**126 children in 2 schools find a kindergarden earned more than 2,646 Green Footprints**

Poland participated in the campaign with two schools. The first, located in the city of Wydminy, registered 100 children, including both the kindergarden and 6th grade. The second school, situated in Gawliki Wielkie, consisted of three classes with a total of 26 children.

In Gawliki Wielkie, the students exhibited great enthusiasm for the Green Footprints Campaign. They generated numerous ideas and eagerly implemented them. The school organized walks through both the school premises and the village, allowing the children to play at the playground and learn safe street-crossing practices. Activities included the creation of posters, watching educational videos, and discussions on environmental responsibility, highlighting the significance of water and electricity conservation. The experience was enjoyable for the students, fostering both fun and valuable lessons.

In Wydminy, the 6th-grade class, under the guidance of their teacher, surpassed 200,000 footprints by taking walks with their parents after school. The teacher also extended an invitation to parents to join for a long walk during class time, emphasizing the promotion of physical activity, healthy eating, and energy conservation. The students were actively engaged by sharing photos of their gardens and healthy meals, and the preschoolers enjoyed collaborative walks that incorporated playful learning.

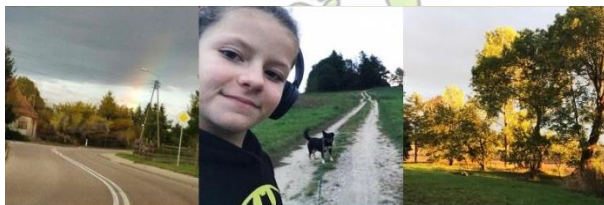


Photo: Wydminy



Photo Gawliki Wielkie:



Photos: Gawliki Wielkie



Photo: Wydminy

## United Arab Emirates



**600 children from one school collected 19,077 Grüne Meilen / Green Footprints**

This year, the German International School Dubai took part in both the campaign and the handover of Green Footprints at COP 28.

DISD's third and fourth graders explored the 15 stopovers of the Climate Voyage, created posters and presented them to all 350 elementary school students so they were also given the opportunity to actively participate in the symbolic world trip. At the various stations, they learned what climate protection measures can be taken and what climate adaptations are necessary.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world," sang the fourth-grade students on the final day of their Climate Protection Week. They presented a song "Nur eine Welt" (Just One World) by Ines Omenzetter, that conveys a significant message: "We have only one sun, one moon, one Earth on which we all live. Perhaps only one chance to end this madness, the future lies in our hands."



So they wrote down their environmental wishes like "Turn off the lights in Dubai at night!", "Less ship and boat traffic on the seas! Protect the oceans!" and "Dear politicians, we should plant more trees!" or "Reduce plastic products!" could be read there.

In the kindergarten, there was a lot of reading, explaining, drawing, and crafting on the topic of climate protection. Also the parents were invited to participate in a recycling project, collecting beverage cartons to built into an impressive Burj Khalifa in the school's foyer. The tower now serves as a daily reminder for children and parents about the importance of environmentally conscious actions.

Julia Badrakhan, deputy kindergarten director, emphasizes, "Through participation we have instilled in the children an understanding of environmentally conscious behavior." Even the youngest expressed environmental wishes for a better world by drawing them on small flags and sticking them into the finished tower.



All photos: Deutsche Internationale Schule Dubai



## Vereinigte Arabische Emirate

**600 Kinder einer Schule sammelten  
19.077 Grüne Meilen / Green Footprints**

In diesem Jahr hat die Deutsche Internationale Schule Dubai sowohl an der Kampagne als auch an der Übergabe der Grünen Meilen auf der COP 28 teilgenommen.

Die Dritt- und Viertklässler der DISD erkundeten die 15 Stationen der Klima-Weltreise, erstellten dazu Plakate und präsentierten diese allen 350 Grundschulern, um auch ihnen die Möglichkeit zu geben, aktiv an der symbolischen Welterkundung teilzunehmen. An den verschiedenen Stationen erfuhren sie, welche Klimaschutzmaßnahmen möglich sind und welche Klimaanpassungen notwendig sein werden.

**„Durch die Beteiligung an dem Projekt, haben wir bei den Kindern ein Verständnis dafür entwickelt, dass es umweltbewusstes Verhalten gibt.“**

*Julia Badrakhan,  
stellvertretende Kindergartenleitung*

„Sei du selbst die Veränderung, die du dir wünschst für diese Welt“, sangen die Viertklässler am letzten Tag ihrer Klimaschutzwoche. Sie trugen das Lied "Nur eine Welt" von Ines Omenzetter vor, das eine wichtige Botschaft vermittelt: "Wir haben nur eine Sonne, einen Mond, eine Erde, auf der wir alle wohnen. Vielleicht nur eine Chance, diesen Wahnsinn zu beenden, die Zukunft liegt in unseren Händen.., Also schrieben sie ihre Klimawünsche auf: "Schaltet die Lichter in Dubai nachts aus!",



"Weniger Schiffs- und Bootsverkehr auf den Meeren! Schützt die Ozeane!" und "Liebe Politiker, wir sollten mehr Bäume pflanzen!" oder "Reduziert Plastikprodukte!" ist auf ihren grünen Wunschfüßen zu lesen.

Im Kindergarten wurde zum Thema Klimaschutz viel vorgelesen, erklärt, gemalt und gebastelt. Die Eltern wurden zur Teilnahme am Recycling-Projekt aufgerufen, bei dem der imposante Burj Khalifa Tower aus Getränkekartons nachgebaut wurde. Dieser erinnert die Kinder und Eltern nun täglich an die Bedeutung umweltbewussten Handelns. Auch die Kleinsten äußerten ihre Wünsche für eine bessere Welt und steckten sie, auf Fähnchen gemalt, in den fertigen Turm.



## Sweden



Logo: trafik kalendern

**More than 40,928 children in 250 schools from 90 communities all over Sweden collected 450,000 Resepoäng**

The Swedish participants of the campaign "Ga och cykla till Skolan/Walk and bike to school" joined us again!

The campaign, organized by Trafik Kalendern, wants to inspire children, parents and teachers to travel in a smarter and healthier way – simply by walking, cycling and taking public transport.

The goal is to create greater road safety in the immediate vicinity of children ("för bättre trafiksäkerhet i barnens närmiljö") and to contribute to a better environment.

During any two weeks in September and October, the participating schools gather as many *respoäng* (travel points, divided into "Gröna e Orange Prickar") as possible by using climate-friendly means of transportation in everyday life

Every year, the activity involves students and teachers in grades F-6. As they could submit their results until 7. November, we didn't have their final number when the Climate Conference started. But up to here, they already achieved an impressive result!

Besides collecting 'gröna e orange Prickar', some schools could compete with other schools in a municipal competition to win a local prize. The winners are awarded with prize money for the school.







## Kindermeilen-Kampagne

since 2002

## Green Footprints Campaign

since 2003

Year	Children	Countries	Green Footprints
2002	30,000	1	141,472
2003	80,000	18	544,008
2004	47,000	3	331,400
2005	33,800	3	801,500
2006	100,000	9	743,041
2007	128,000	17	1,457,039
2008	115,000	11	1,546,834
2009	187,100	13	2,861,264
2010	159,500	10	2,660,251
2011	201,100	25	2,710,340
2012	160,000	12	2,447,900
2013	163,000	13	2,177,902
2014	180,000	11	2,218,867
2015	186,800	13	2,249,609
2016	175,000	10	1,741,200
2017	205,600	10	2,325,161
2018	150,300	9	2,272,041
2019	217,800	13	3,254,649
2020	146,000	6	2,313,645
2021	207,800	9	2,967,976
2022	236,300	8	3,019,901
2023	252,700	11	3,670,936
	<b>3,362,800</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44,456,936</b>



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| Australia      | Estonia       | Hungary       | Malaysia        | Portugal  | Sweden               |
| Austria        | Fiji          | India         | Malta           | Romania   | Switzerland          |
| Belarus        | Finland       | Indonesia     | Mauritius       | Samoa     | Tanzania             |
| Belgium        | France        | Italy         | New Zealand     | Singapore | Thailand             |
| Bulgaria       | Germany       | La Reunion    | Netherlands     | Slovakia  | Turkey               |
| Czech Republic | Great Britain | Liechtenstein | North Macedonia | Slovenia  | Ukraine              |
| Denmark        | Greece        | Luxembourg    | Poland          | Spain     | United Arab Emirates |

## Kids on the Move for Climate Action in 2024

Will 2024 be just another year of Green Footprints? Or will the kids be collecting even more enthusiastic as the delegates at COP 28 really managed to accelerate action on the climate emergency as announced on the UNFCCC website?

2015, at the UN Climate Conference in Paris, the countries agreed to limiting temperature rise to no more than 2°C and ideally no more than 1.5°C. The Glasgow Climate Pact 2019 promised not only resilience to climate change and to curb greenhouse gas emissions but also to provide the necessary financing for both. It was agreed on to reduce the gap between emission reduction plans and what is really required for limiting to 1.5°C . But what happened since then?.

We hope that all COP 28 Delegates have in mind what Executive Secretary Simon Stiell stated at the youth climate summit:“It is your wisdom that can inform and guide those who make decisions. They owe you this because it is you who will live with the consequences.”

But no matter what happens in the United Arab Emirates this year –  
The Kids will be on the Move for a better climate every year!

## So join us in 2024 and collect Green Footprints in your school, kindergarten or day-care centre

Actively explore everyday paths in a fun way; complete trips quietly on foot or zoom along by scooter, embark on a journey around our One World, learn about how children from across the globe get to school – the **Kids on the Move -Campaign** offers all this and much more.

Every journey covered in a climate-friendly manner – on foot, by scooter or bike, bus or train – counts as a Green Footprint during the campaign week. You are free to decide when to begin.

Collecting Green Footprints allows the children to reflect on the subjects of climate change, mobility and sustainability in a playful way while making their own **contributions to global climate protection**.



The campaign modules and materials provide concrete ideas for planning and implementing mobility weeks. These can be complemented with activities from the blocks on “climate-friendly food”, “saving energy” and the “fair and climate-smart procurement of art and school supplies” to collect additional red and blue footprints. Get involved and collect Green Footprints together with other children’s facilities in your town, city or municipality! Request support from national and international partners (the materials are available in several languages).



# Z O O M

## Kids on the Move for Climate Action

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2023 there were 252.746 children in 1.653 schools participating.  
They came from the following countries:

Country	Schools	Groups	Children	Green Footprints
Austria	244	972	29.186	666.123
France	98	462	8.444	30.971
Germany	867	5.474	140.097	1.973.491
Hungary	93	697	20.831	360.617
Italy	30	144	2.946	104.959
Luxembourg	41	238	4.389	31.515
Netherlands	25	2.010	5.099	30.594
North Macedonia	1	4	100	943
Poland	3	7	126	2.646
Sweden	250	1.364	40.928	450.000
United Arab Emirates	1	8	600	19.077
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1.653</b>	<b>11.380</b>	<b>252.746</b>	<b>3.670.936</b>

# Kids on the Move for Climate Action 2023

The Green Footprints Campaign on sustainable mobility and the climate for kindergarten and primary school children is running in Germany since 2002 and all over Europe since 2003. Over 3 million children in 42 countries joined in and, by using climate-friendly means of transport for their daily journeys, collected their

*Green Footprints, Grüne Meilen, Klimameilen, Groene Voetstappen, Miglia Verdi, Gréng Meilen, Зелени Стапалчиња, Roheline Jalajäljed, Vihreät jalanjäljet, Zöld Mérföldet, Zielonych Stóp, Klimaschritte, Grön Footprints, зеленых следа, Empreintes Vertes...*

With their Green Footprints, the children go on a “Joint Climate Voyage” around the world. This symbolic journey always starts at the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn, Germany. Travelling once around the world, it then ends at the annual UN Climate Conference where the children’s Green Footprints, wishes and concerns are presented to the participants and decision makers.

**The Green Footprint Kids from all over Europe very much hope that the adults at the UN Climate Conference don’t let them down! They call upon them to take a lot more concrete and creative steps on the global fight against climate change. Please consider using your social media platforms or other means of outreach to encourage politicians to fight for our climate!**

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For over 30 years, Climate Alliance member municipalities have been acting in partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples for the benefit of the global climate. With nearly 2,000 members spread across more than 25 European countries, Climate Alliance is Europe's largest city network dedicated to comprehensive and equitable climate action. Each member city, town and district has committed itself to continually cut greenhouse gas emissions, aiming for a 95% reduction by 2050 (compared to 1990 levels) in line with IPCC recommendations. Recognizing the impact our lifestyles can have on the world's most vulnerable people and places, Climate Alliance pairs local action with global responsibility.  
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**A Climate Alliance campaign, only made possible with the support of many partners across Europe**