



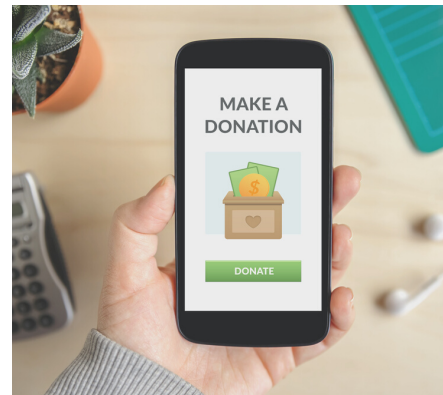
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The Friends voluntarily commit to the **Transparent Civil Society Initiative** (Initiative Transparente Zivilgesellschaft) to create trust among our donors and beneficiaries. Scan the QR code and find key information on our structure, work, funding sources and spent budget on our website.



Your Friends donations - easily tax deductible

All your contributions (incl. Education Budget) are tax deductible during your annual income tax filing. **For a single payment of up to €300 you can just report the donation based on your simple bank statement.** For higher contributions, the Friends will issue an official donation receipt. You can find the accompanying simplified tax certificate for the Friends on our website's download section.



Membership form

Support WMIS

Join the Friends!

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Account holder

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I authorize the Friends of WMIS e.V., creditor identification No. DE84ZZZ0002141866, to collect payments from my account by direct debit. At the same time, I instruct my bank to redeem these direct debits. I can request a refund of the amount within eight weeks, starting with the debit date. The conditions agreed with my bank apply.

Date & Place

Signature of account holder

Membership type:

O Active: annual contribution: € (min: €60)*

O Supporting: annual contribution: € (min: €150)

By signing, I accept the statutes and association regulations including the membership fee regulations as binding. The financial year is 1 January – 31 December and membership continues into the next year unless cancelled (possible any time via email).

I confirm that I have read and understood the information on data protection / personal rights under the terms of Art. 13 GDPR (available at friendsofwmis.de/index.php/downloads/ or scan QR code).

*Min. contribution may be reduced for social reasons (email or call any board member)

Date & Place

Signature of applicant

Cut and drop at the school secretariate.
Or email a photo to info@friendsofwmis.de.



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FRIENDS UPDATE



ABOUT THE FRIENDS

The Friends of WMIS e.V. is the parent-initiated school association (Förderverein) for material and non-material support to the Wangari Maathai International School in Berlin. With the Friends Update we reach out to our WMIS parents and the wider school community to inform about the work of the association and the use of fees and donations.

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Contributing to WMIS' growth & development

The new school year is in full run. Two intensive months have already passed and the Friends prove again to be highly relevant and useful for our growing and developing school community:

The Friends are making an **important contribution to the availability of electives** for our kids. We are working with external partners in our theatre project and in our cooperation with the Staatsballett - read more about these initiatives on page 3.

At the same time, our school is busily preparing for starting the secondary level next year. This creates the need to improve our facilities, resources and skills. In times of tight budgets, the **Friends are also looking to support science, sports and foreign languages.**

Such significant investments and flexible support is only possible thanks to our almost **100 members contributing their own resources** and helping our school to access external funding sources.

We call upon all families to **engage and join the group of Friends members!** First-time members joining in the last three months of 2022 pay a reduced membership fee of 50% for this year. At the same time, we also **request you to contribute to the school's Education Budget** (see more on page 2).

Enjoy your fall holidays! Best wishes from
Katrin, Jenny, Maria & Julia

Education Budget

On behalf of the school, the Friends are administering the WMIS Education Budget, which was created to fund educational materials and services that benefit each child directly. As of mid-October, we have only received contributions by 43% of our students/families. At the same time teachers have already spent on average 30 EUR for each child for activities and materials. We need your support and **kindly ask all families to contribute to the Education Budget!** Find out more about the true difference that the WMIS Education Budget makes for your child at: wangari-maathai-schule.de/en/bildungsbudget.

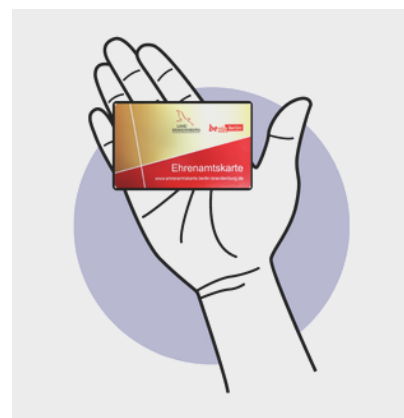


WMIS Shop Update

One year ago, we launched the WMIS shop on the Friends website. With a professional production partner, we offer on-demand produced school merchandise such as T-Shirts, hoodies, bags and caps. So far we have **sold more than 150 pieces** - the most popular being our WMIS Hoodies. But we have expanded the range of available products to include branded mugs, sports bags and more. Beyond featuring our school logo, we are also working on some creative designs.

Berlin volunteer cards for active WMIS parents

The volunteer pass Berlin / Brandenburg (Ehrenamtskarte) is a sign of appreciation for committed citizens. It offers discounts at 250+ partners, such as leisure and cultural institutions. The **Friends have awarded such passes to selected members of the school community** who dedicate a significant part of their time to support WMIS: Jenny Bartz, Maria Koenig, Nils Koenig, Merlind Müller, Jörg Pancake-Steeg, Eric Swedersky, Julia Warmers, Uljana Wolf. **Thank you!**



COMIC CLUB

A few 4A students (Ryan T., Harry A., Leora C.G., Lucien T. and a few more) recently established their **own comic club**. Two members created their first comic book called "Evil Kit-ten" in September 2022. They have already created 3 volumes which were sold out immediately at the school entrance around pick up time. They earned more than 17 EUR which were then kindly donated to the Friends. The 4th volume will be published after the fall break ("Resources 5"). We are all looking forward to that! **Thank you very much Tiny Comics Comic Club for your contribution!**



Science @ WMIS

In primary school, learning natural sciences requires not only theoretical teaching but also practical and sensory experiences. Children are more likely to develop an interest in science if they come into close "contact" with the topics, i.e. if the topics are presented multi-sensory. Last year, the **Friends secured financial support from the Bayer Foundation** to make the topic of "senses" comprehensible to our youngest students hands-on. For three scientific teaching modules, we acquired teaching materials such as an experimental kit on sounds and noises, sensory tubes and boxes, as well as large eye and ear models. This was just the start – reach out to support the next funding applications for sciences at higher grades, too: info@friendsofwmis.de

New ballet project

Thanks to the initiative from our active member Laura Aulmann, the **Friends are supporting the cooperation between WMIS and the Staatsballett Berlin** (Berlin's popular state ballet ensemble) - *Tanz ist Klasse!* During the Earth-Arts-Action project in year 3/4, former dancers from the Staatsballett are introducing students to the world of dance and ballet. You should already become curious - at the end of the school year, we will see the outcome of this project live at the school assembly.

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IST
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Library Upgrade

With our **Run2Read** action, we collected donations of more than €8000. About one-third of the funds will be used for a **complete make-over and remodelling of the library** (benches, stools, chairs, tables for working, carpets, book boxes, and librarian's counter). This is complemented by new bookshelves procured from the school's furniture budget. The remaining money (€5000) is spent on **new books**. The book selection is coordinated by Mr Stevens according to class & SPB needs as well as student preferences. Last but not least, a **new software package** is currently rolled out to manage the library catalogues and the loan & return process.

Theater@WMIS

Anna Watson is thrilled about Theatre InBetween's collaboration with WMIS: *"This is a great group of children to work with, with so many different cultural backgrounds. The different languages and the school's motto Earth, Arts, Action is a mind blowing drive to get creative."* Their **Theatre Makes You Louder!** elective (WUF) classes offer our 5- and 6-graders an introduction to the world of theater. For Anna, *"Theatre is a place to play, try things out, and create art for art's sake."* This boosts self-confidence and offers creative expression through imaginative play. In this safe space, the young WMIS actors can slip into different characters, situations and emotions. They get to take on a wide variety of perspectives and learn to express themselves in a variety of ways. *"Theatre gives voice. Drama makes you strong. Theatre Makes You Louder!"*

This offer is funded from remaining BEGA budget and from parents via the Friends (education budget & donations)



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