

In the last year, we took part in the campaign "ZOOM - Kids on the Move" for the first time. We are the Marienschule, a elementary school from Marienfeld, district of Gütersloh in North Rhine-Westphalia.

The activity week, the symbolic journey to the climate conference in Poznan, the collecting of Green Footprints etc made us choosing the theme for participating in carnival parade.

Our neighbouring city organises annually a carnival parade that we participated in for the first time. As the issue lies to the heart for so many people, we had a record participation of 141 participants, consisting of pupils, parents and teachers. With 141 people we were the biggest walking group at the parade. We were supported by the Local Agenda (participating with recumbent bikes) and a supplier of electric energy that built a little solar house especially for us.

Comments to the activity week:

During the activity week, pupils dealt playfully with climate protection and different means of transport:

How do I get to school in an environmentally friendly way? How can I reduce green house gases?

Great understandings were made on the first day:

- I can get to school by bike exactly in the same time as by car.
- When I walk to school in a group, I already can talk to my friends.
- Now that I walk to school, I am not as tired as if my mother would bring me by car.
- In the car I was alone, now I have always a friend with me when I go by bike, that's much more fun!
- The teachers rapidly recognized which pupils walked to school and which were driven by car. The pupils who walked were more quit because they already could talk on their way to school.