

Languages

In accord with the school policy we pay great attention to teaching foreign languages. The English language is compulsory from the first class. In the second grade it will be possible for pupils to choose an optional subject an English conversation. From the seventh class they will be able to choose the second language – German, French or Russian. Therefore a new modern classroom where foreign languages are taught was opened.

Information technologies

A subject information technologies will be taught as compulsory already in the fifth class. This kind of education will be followed by information technologies for groups focussing on mathematics. In other groups children will have the possibility to choose this subject as one of options that are required. The classroom is equipped with fifteen modern computers, an interactive board and a projector. The classroom meets all the requirements for presentation of up-to-date programmes. Pupils attend this classroom in other subjects as well. Moreover, they can spend their afternoons there and work on their personal tasks. The first grade children learn about mysteries of computers in a friendly way through multimedia educational programmes in other subjects, too.

Mathematics

Some pupils don't like and are afraid of it, others love it. Some would omit it from the curriculum, and vice versa the others are keen on every extra mathematics lesson. In the second grade, classes specialising in mathematics and science are opened as usual. Pupils who choose these subjects get profound knowledge in mathematics and participate in many competitions – The Maths Olympics, The Pythagora's Competition, Mathematical Kangaroo, correspondence courses.

Music

Tradition of music lessons at our school goes back to 1945, when famous Brno children's choir was established by the innovator of modern Czech children's choir art Mr. František Lýsek in Kotlářská Street. Modern history dates back to 1992 when the school started to teach again music lessons as a part of extended curriculum. Pupils can develop their natural musical talent and sense of melody in a modern and well-equipped classroom. The school has its own choir called ŠKoLKa KaPeLKa performing successfully with its non-traditional repertoire at important school and city events.



Art

The children in the first grade can also develop their art talent within our educational programme under the assistance of leading professionals. In the newly reconstructed art classroom and ceramic studio small art pieces are created and they make happy both those who create them and those to whom they are given as gifts. Part of the art education is to co-operate with the BLOK studio situated in our school. The studio focuses on project education specializing in art.

Physical education

Physical education as a part of extended curriculum starts in the third class. The school closely co-operates with the Sokol organization gymnastics club Brno I. Children engage not only in gymnastics, but also in other sports - athletics, swimming, skating, collective sports (football, floorball, volleyball, basketball, ...). Our pupils regularly participate in sports competitions and are very successful in many sports.

Czech language

Although education in the second grade focuses on mathematics and music, there is no need to worry that our mother tongue would end up in the last place of our interest. We prepare competitions in creative writing, spelling and recitation for gifted students. Prepared projects enable them to meet leading personalities of our cultural life and in libraries they meet distinguished poets and writers. Good results achieved in The Czech language Olympics, essay writing and literature competitions as well as in exams to secondary schools prove that we are successful in this field.

Other subjects

Do you think your child is not good in any of the subjects we described above? Your child may be interested in chemistry, physics, history, natural history or lessons focusing on family issues where practical aspects of human life are solved. Our pedagogues wish every boy and girl to choose „their own“ subject they look forward to, are interested in and would like to learn about as much as possible. It is proved that people are creative in their occupations and successful in their professions only if their interests, desires to know and learn as much as possible are stimulated at first.



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Basic school

The history of the basic school in Kotlářská Street dates back to 1898 when regular lessons started in Primary school for boys on Giskrova Boulevard (today´s Sušilova Street). Next milestone in the history of our school was the year 1903.

After two classes moved from the Winterhallerovo Square several times, it was clear to everyone that it was not possible to teach like that. The only possibility was to put up a completely new building - so called „Giskrovka“ was attended by over 280 boys! On November 10, 1904 half of the school turned into German elementary school for girls. Two genders meant two educational facilities and also two school buildings divided by glazed doors. These two glazed doors can be found in the school even today, but the only difference is they are open. They create approximate „border“ between the first and second grades. The word „open“ adumbrates mutual communication.

In 1972 our school became one of five schools in Brno that tested new curriculum in practice - experimental classes were taught for almost ten years.



Modern history of our school started after 1989 when the school began to transform slowly but gradually into its present shape. Since 1992 mathematics, music, literature and drama, art and physical education are a part of extended offer of subjects that have been taught at our school.

In 2006, which represents the last milestone, the school started to run according to its own educational programme "School for life in the 21st century". The programme focuses on students. We would like to contribute to the development of each of our pupils, so that they can grow to people that are able to communicate with the world by means of modern devices, are able to gain and sort information and work in teams. We will increase their creativity, art of thinking and seeing how things relate to each other, ability to reveal causes of problems and ability to make the best choice out of several options. Pupils can expect a lot of opportunities and challenges in our school.

Nursery school

Nursery school is a part of our school. The main motto „Come and play with me and even more“ accompanies children through all the period of their nursery school attendance. It offers an environment respecting the priority

the family has in upbringing of their children, as well as individual needs and possibilities of every child. That is why the door is always open to parents - they can take part both in morning games and afternoon activities. Our nursery school focuses on development of locomotive skills and abilities of pre-school children. For this purpose, the gymnasium with artificial climbing wall is used. The nursery school helps to develop music and drama activities, playing the mouth-organs. Moreover, it offers special classes for children with postponed



school attendance and pre-school children in the classroom for so called „Open Heads“. One of many educational aims of the school is to present the essentials of English to children during pre-school education on regular basis. Children can develop their creativity and imagination in an art group. In our nursery school, we also organize swim training for non-swimmers, open-air school, convalescent stays for children and parents at the sea, as well as educational groups.

After-school care centre

After-school care centre has six departments and takes care of children in the first grade. Female mentors prepare for children diverse leisure and hobby activities. Children can improve their talents and interests in hobby groups. We offer art and drama group, art group, group of singing with the guitar. Children can also learn to play the guitar, they participate successfully in chess championships and go to play checkers to the Lužánky Park. In lessons of religion they can learn about ethics, too. Children in our after-school care centre like creating unusual things that they exhibit with enthusiasm at Christmas and Easter. Our exhibitions are successful and are a traditional part of our school presentations.



Healthy School, Healthy School Project



The school joined the programme „School supporting health“ which was announced by the Centre of Health and Life Conditions at State Medical Institute. The aim of the programme is to change the school completely into an inspiring, easy and relaxing, positive and healthy place. We can achieve this aim by a lot of smaller events that are held throughout the school year - sports events supporting health, open-air schools, waste sorting, salvage of waste paper, Earth Day celebrations, participation in other smaller projects supporting healthy life style.

Niké Dancing Club



Niké Dancing Club (previously Looper) has been presenting its activities at our school for almost ten years. A lot of children from the first to the sixth classes attend it regularly. They have an opportunity to learn various styles of dancing - ballroom dances (Latin and American, Standard), modern and folk dances. Each term they can compete in club dance competition, the best dancers represent our school in competitions of dance or stage compositions. Our

small dancers are first-rate performers and can be proud of victories they win and bring home.

School Consulting Centre

School consulting centre offers its services within European Union projects. This team of specialists has been working here since 2005. They meet regularly once a fortnight. A school psychologist, an educational consultant and drug prevention consultant are part of the team. The consulting team helps children to overcome difficulties they can meet on their way. It also tries to prevent critical situations that can occur among pupils during school days.



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