

Dear Parents!

As you may already know, our institution has been functioning as an English-Hungarian bilingual elementary school since 2004. Each grade level in the bilingual classes have an increased number of English lessons, the classes are held in the split group form (no more than 15 students per lesson). The students not only learn the target language and the basic competencies in English, but they also study additional courses in English in their upper elementary years (Science, Biology, Civilisation, History). Each bilingual class is conducted once a week by a native English teacher, who helps the students learn proper pronunciation, as well as the four basic skills (understanding, speaking, reading, and writing) in the target language. Since the academic year of 2013/2014, the B classes (non-bilingual) also have five English lessons per week, but without the additional English lessons as mentioned above.

The chart below displays in detail the bilingual work being done during each grade level. You can see exactly what subjects we teach and in how many hours per week, as well as the number of English lessons we offer to our children during their eight years attending our school.

English communication is not limited to the amount of time spent in the lessons:

- in lower elementary, during part of the afternoon study hour, a teacher specializing in English helps to deepen what was learned during the lessons held throughout the day
- in upper elementary, a teacher specializing in English also assists the students during the afternoon study hour
- our native English teacher speaks in the target language to students outside of the lessons as well
- our English language section in the library offers each grade level something interesting to read
- we strive to make use of the opportunities offered by the internet (for example, penpals, contacts, research)
- during the school year, we aim to familiarize students with the English culture by offering opportunities to celebrate their holidays while having a good time (for example, the annual Halloween party, Guy Fawkes Day, Christmas flashmob, Valentine's Day, Easter, and Kőrösi Day events in English). These programs all aim to bring the children closer to the English culture and language
- the school notice boards and its decorations are often in English
- students may take part in various competitions (for example, English poetry etc) held at the school, district level, or national level; our teachers do their best to support and help those students who take on these challenges
- from time to time, we organize trips to England for our students, who can thus gain firsthand experience of the culture, and can put themselves to the test in the environment of the target language
- our 8th grade students can take part in a special language exam preparatory camp during the autumn/winter months, and in the springtime they are provided the opportunity to test their target language knowledge via a mock exam

After finishing their studies at our school, our students reach the B1 level as determined by the common European Union framework of reference for languages:

Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise while travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

The general minimum expectations and the requirements for further progress can be found in the framework curriculum.

In the 8th grade, we offer the opportunity for students to take a language exam (CFE, PET) which is in line with the expected level of knowledge. These language exams are accepted internationally. Students can depend on us to organize the language exam, as well as to help them in their preparation.

Should you have any questions, Tímea Kapocsi (Headmistress), Viktor Deák (English team leader), Diana Tavaszi (Native English teacher), or any of the English speaking colleagues are happy to help.

Please send any questions you may have to the following email address, and we will get back to you shortly: kcss.alt.isk@korosikettanyelvu.hu

Greetings from all of the English as a Second Language staff!

Weekly schedule of the lessons held in the target language:

| | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 |
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| English | 5 hours | 5 hours | 5 hours | 5 hours | 5 hours | 5 hours | 5 hours | 5 hours |
| Singing | 5 hours | 5 hours | | | 5 hours | 5 hours | | |
| Drawing | 5 hours | 5 hours | 5 hours | 5 hours | | | | |
| Arts and crafts | | | 5 hours | 5 hours | | | | |
| Science | | | | | 2 hours | 2 hours | | |
| Physical Education | 3 hours | 3 hours | 3 hours | 3 hours | | | | |
| History | | | | | | | 2 hours | 2hours |
| Civilisation | | | | | 1 hour | 1 hour | 1 hour | 1 hour |
| Biology | | | | | | | 1.5 hours | 1 hour |