

# FOCUS ON ENGLISH

*"Language development is part of the personality itself. Words are in fact the natural means of expressing thought and consequently, establishing understanding between men. If once a single language was sufficient, today it is absolutely necessary to teach several".*

*Maria Montessori, From Childhood to Adolescence.*



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Focus on English from 2y

## BILINGUAL PROJECT

In the 2012/2013 school year the Focus on English programme was introduced throughout the school. We have native speaker and bilingual teachers who teach all classes.

In our Montessori school children acquire language from the environment: they absorb the words they hear both from the teachers and their peers through activities and interaction. We promote collaborative and meaningful learning to foster communication using an intercultural and interdisciplinary approach.

Every day in the two classes in the Children's House there are 2 native speaker teachers while from the 1st year of Primary School, in addition to 3 curricular hours focusing on English there are also 4 hours of CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) to facilitate the use of English in every cognitive field and in particular by exploring Montessori Cosmic Education.

In the 4th and 5th years children have the opportunity to take Cambridge University Certifications.

To further enhance the possibilities on offer the school also provides some extra-curricular courses in English.

## INTERCULTURAL PROJECTS

For several years, all classes have been involved in a virtual twinning programme with schools throughout the world by exchanging postcards, e-mails, video calls and/or IT projects. We value this type of partnership because it offers our students the possibility to:

- ▶ increase their knowledge and understanding of their own and other peoples' cultural heritage;
- ▶ deepen their knowledge and communication skills in English;
- ▶ develop their multimedia communication skills with digital images and text.

There are several opportunities throughout the year, the first ones are to get acquainted and the others to present topics related to one's own country, culture, history, geography and traditions.

**I speak  
Montessori,  
and  
you?**

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- A dedicated program from the age of 2
- Montessori and English
- Cosmic Education in English - CLIL
- Native speaker teachers
- Intercultural Projects
- Cambridge Certifications