



OWL NEWS

Until 12 September

First Day of School Year 2025/2026

Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to invite you to the start of the new school year on **Monday, 1 September, at 09:45.**

The programme will begin in the **School Dome**, where you will have the opportunity to meet our teachers. Afterwards, the students will go to their homeroom classrooms (kindergarten

and 1M students must be accompanied by a parent). There they will receive important information about the programme, daily routines, school requisites, and their timetable. The activities for students will finish at approximately 12:00 noon.

While the students are in their classrooms, the PYP – MYP 3 parents are invited to meet the PYP and MYP Coordinators, as well as the Head of DKIS, to learn more about our programme and take part in a Q&A session.

What students need to bring: school slippers, a pen, and a folder.

A snack will be provided for all students.

We look forward to welcoming you on this special first day of school.

DKIS team



DKIS Staff Participate in IB Professional Development Workshops

Dear DKIS Community,

At DKIS, we continue to prioritise professional growth for our educators so that we can offer the very best to our students. In August 2025, our staff participated in two International Baccalaureate professional development workshops hosted at our school, focusing on enhancing teaching practices and deepening conceptual understanding.

1. Building Teacher Competencies (Category 3, IB Continuum)

Led by Jane Hanna, this workshop guided teachers through multiple approaches to effective teaching, such as inquiry-based learning, conceptual and contextual teaching, and collaborative learning. The staff reflected on how to create equitable and inclusive classrooms, how to assess conceptual understanding, and how to become agents of change in their teaching practice. The sessions encouraged our team to refine their skills, connect theory to practice, and further develop as reflective practitioners.

2. Learning and Teaching for Conceptual Understanding (Category 2, PYP)

Facilitated by Lyneth Rozzuell Magsalin, this workshop focused on deepening understanding of concepts within the Primary Years Programme. The teachers explored how concepts shape curriculum design, enhance transdisciplinary learning, and promote student-driven inquiry. The sessions also highlighted strategies for designing meaningful learning experiences, assessing for conceptual understanding, and building collaborative learning communities.

Moving forward, you can expect these insights to be woven into our teaching approaches. With stronger competencies and a shared focus on conceptual learning, our classrooms will continue to grow as inclusive, engaging, and reflective learning spaces for all students.

We are excited about the positive impact these workshops will have on our school community and look forward to continuing our journey of growth as educators.

Best wishes,

Mr Klemen Strmljan

Head of International Department



Payment for Additional Educational Services / School Tuition Fee

Dear Parents or Guardians,

The amount paid by parents of students in the international department for additional educational services has not changed since at least 2014. Until now, we have been able to provide all additional services within the funds you have contributed for your children's education. I would like to highlight the main factors influencing the increase in programme costs:

- From 2014 to 2025, inflation in Slovenia has totalled 30.1%. See: www.stat.si/inflacija - With the overhaul of the public sector pay system, salaries have increased and are already approximately 13% higher than last year. This percentage will increase further in October, when a new adjustment is scheduled.

To reiterate: the amount for additional services has remained unchanged for at least the past ten years.

Due to the above, I regret to inform you that starting from September 2025, the fee for the international programme's additional services will increase by 10%. Compared to the current fees, the new fees will be as follows:

Grade	School Tuition Fee per School Year 2025/26
Grades 1 & 2	€6,055.50
Grade 3	€6,369.00
Grades 4 & 5	€6,688.00
Grade 6	€6,971.80
Grades 7 & 8	€7,150.00
Afternoon Care 1 & 2	€2,926.00
Afternoon Care 3 & 4	€2,699.40
Afternoon Care 5	€2,499.20
Kindergarten	€8,545.90

Thank you for your understanding and kind regards,

Mojca Mihelič

Respect lays the foundation, communication lights the path, and collaboration is the destination.

Mojca Mihelič, MSc, Head of School

Danila Kumar Primary School – Danila Kumar International School <http://sl.os-danilekumar.si/>

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General Meetings

Dear DKIS community,

We will have our first general meetings on **Thursday, 11 September 2025**.

The meetings will take place in the homeroom classrooms. There will be teachers on duty in case child care is needed for the attendees' children.

16:00

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2 M

3 M

6 M

7 M

16:45

1 M

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8 M

Best wishes,

Mr Klemen Strmljan

Head of International Department



Structured Timetable for the students enroled to the Afternoon Programme

The PYP Afternoon Programme operates on its own structured timetable. This means that students will participate in specific activities during the afternoon and **can be picked up only after the designated activity is completed**. This arrangement is designed to provide a more focused and immersive experience for your child.

The activities will start on 15 September.

Student Departure Procedures:

Leaving the school premises remains unchanged, and we kindly request your cooperation in following these guidelines:

Parent Sign-Out via Tablet: When you come to pick up your child, please use the tablet at the entrance to enter your child's student number. This helps us track student departures accurately. (Attachment 3)

Permanent Exit Ticket (PET): Students leaving the school premises at specified times (after lessons, after lunch, at 15.00, etc.) should use the Permanent Exit Ticket (PET) provided. This ensures a smooth departure process and helps us maintain security.

Student Pick-up by Older Sibling: If an older sibling (Grade 5 and up) is responsible for picking up a younger student, please inform the school in advance.

Scheduled Departure Time: If your child has a designated departure time, please either inform the AP teacher or the homeroom teacher via email or a paper note. This helps us ensure a seamless transition.

Important Information for Parents of Grade 3 and Above:

For parents of children in Grade 3 and above, we are introducing a new option for students to leave the school unaccompanied. If you wish your child to leave school alone at a specific time, kindly follow these steps:

Request for Permanent Exit Ticket: Please send an email to the school office (Ms Maya) or preferably to your child's homeroom teacher. In the email, specify the time slot you want your child to go home ALONE from school. You can choose the same time slot every day or specify a different one for each day.

We believe that these procedures will streamline the departure process and ensure the safety and well-being of all our students.

The AP team

Instructions for student tablet paging system



- 1) On the homepage, touch the screen to show the keypad.
 1. Type in the student's code.
 2. While typing, the code will be written out in the field above the keypad.

An example of the code's structure:

For a student from **3. A**, born **06/12**, you type in the code **3A0612**. After the code is entered, you push the **OK** button, this is how you send a message to a teacher's pager.

In the event of an incorrect entry, you correct it by pressing the **DEL** button. **(4)** In the field below the keypad, the status of the call and the name and surname of the student will be written out.

The inscription **Accepted** means that the student has been notified and is on their way. Other inscriptions inform us about the student's location and that you will most likely have to wait.

If the entry information is correct and the entry is not accepted, the student is probably still in class and you should call later.

When the teacher responds, the reply will show itself at the top of the list, under the keypad.

CCs (PYP) and ECAs (MYP) For DKIS Students

You may apply for the activities via the link: [PYP COCURRICULAR and MYP EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES](#)

The activities will start on **Monday, 15 September**. We reserve the right to make changes to the CC activities if necessary.

DKIS students may also apply for the Slovenian activities you may find the Slovenian CCs & ECAs here: [The List](#)

Parents arrange enrolment directly with the mentor/provider. For paid services, payments are also made directly to the provider. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

DKIS team

CCs & ECAs

CC (PYP)	Description	Mentor(s)	Grade(s)	Where	When	Max number
Spanish	Students will learn Spanish as a second foreign language through various games, songs and hands-on activities.	Tea Jelnikar	3m, 4m	369	Monday, 13.50 - 14.35	12
PYP Choir & games	Students will learn songs with movement and will practice performing. They will perform on different school's events.	Kristina Štemberger	1m, 2m, 3m, 4m, 5m	?	Thursday 13.50 - 14.35	40
Sewing I	Students will learn the basic skills of hand sewing and create some crafty sewing projects.	Sonja Križman	1m - 5m	TBA	Monday, 13.50-14.35	8
Sewing II	Students will learn the basic skills of hand sewing and create some crafty sewing projects.	Sonja Križman	1m - 5m	TBA	Wednesday, 13.50-14.35	8
Fine Arts	Creating art by personal choice, involving a higher level of art skills	Gaja Smodiš	3M, 4M, 5M	374	Mon 13.50 - 14.35	10
Sports Academy	Improving different sport skills.	Jasna Lavrenčič, Mitja Uršič, Denis Divjak	KG, 1 - 5m	Gym, dome	1m Monday 13.50 - 14.35 2m Monday 13.50 - 14.35 3m, 4m, 5m Wednesday 13.50 - 14.35	15 - 1 group; 3 groups are available
Little Green Fingers	Developing gardening skills, growing and looking after plants.	L. P. Hočevar Eve	2m	TBA	Tue, 13.50-14.35	10
Volunteering	Helping in AP, peer to peer support, visiting the Home for Elderly, organising different activities	Maja Majnik	5m - 8m	340	Upon agreement	10
German	Through various activities and games students are going to acquire German as their second foreign language.	Mišo Jonak	2m, 3m, 4m	3m classroom	Thu, 14.55 - 15.40	12
French	Basic French, language games and songs.	Katarina Čepič	3m-5m	341A	Thur 14:05 - 14:50	10
Climbing 2	Students will have the opportunity to climb on our climbing wall.	Andy Tomlin	3m-5m	TVM	Wed 13.50 - 14.35	10
Dance PYP (age changed)	Modern and popular dance, choreography creating and teaching, learning how to create dances, placements, cheerleading group possibility for competitions.	Živa Skornšek	3M - 5M	TBA	Tuesday lesson 7	15
Net games	Practising and Playing Net games	Denis Divjak	3,4,5m MYP	Gym with tables	Tue 13.50-14.35 Thu 14.35 - 15.20	12
Fine motor skills	Developing fine motor skills	Maja Majnik	1,2m	344	Wed 14.05-14.50	10
DIY	Creating interesting crafts on their own and by their choice as well	Anja Plut	3,4,5	212	Tue 13.50-14.35	10
Story World	Experiencing classical and other stories from around the world.	L. P. Hočevar Eve	K2	TBA	Tue lesson 4	10

English Sports	Introduction to traditional English sports: Cricket & Tag Rugby	Andrew Tomlin	MYP/PYP	GYM/DO ME	Tue 13:50 - 14:35	17
Math Club	Exploring mathematical higher concepts through games, problem-solving activities, and creative challenges, encouraging logical thinking and teamwork while making maths fun.	Tina Fürst	4m, 5m	215	Tue Lesson 7	10

ECA (MYP)	Description	Mentor(s)	Grade(s)	Where	When	Max number
Arduino coding	Providing hands-on experience with science, technology and engineering (STEM). Encouraging students to think creatively and develop innovative solutions to real-world problems. Students learn to understand coding and basic electronics, learn to design and build their own projects from simple gadgets o complex systems.	Saša Krapež Dominik Leskovec	MYP2, MYP3	341 & 362	Thursday: 7.30	8
Extra Art	Creating art by personal choice, involving a higher level of art skills	Gaja Smodiš	6M, 7M, 8M&I	374	Thu 13.50 - 15.25	10 15
FLL competition team	The FIRST LEGO League Challenge engages students in solving real-world problems through robotics and innovation. Students design, build, and program robots using LEGO Spike Prime sets to complete themed missions on a competition mat. The challenge encourages critical thinking, teamwork, and creativity as students work together to develop innovative solutions. Teams also research and present a project related to the annual theme, demonstrating their problem-solving and presentation skills. The program promotes core values such as discovery, impact, and inclusion. This challenge provides an exciting and educational experience in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).	Lojzka Lušin	MYP 1 - MYP 3	367	Wednesday and Thursday lesson 0, Thursday, lesson 7 and 8	5
Maths Club	The Maths Club is an extracurricular activity designed to enhance students' knowledge and understanding of mathematics. Participants engage in a variety of activities, including problem-solving sessions, math games, and competitions, to deepen their mathematical skills. The club covers a range of topics from basic arithmetic to advanced concepts, tailored to different skill levels. Students collaborate on challenging problems, fostering teamwork and critical thinking. Guest speakers and workshops provide insights into real-world applications of mathematics.	Lojzka Lušin	MYP 2 MYP 3	367	TBA	5

Debate Club	Join our debate club to boost your communication skills in a fun and supportive setting. You will take part in discussions, learn persuasive speaking, and build confidence. As part of our ECA we will organise a school debate competition where you'll be able to put your debating skills to the test, and if there are enough applications, we will also join the regional round of the World Scholar's Cup (the Global Round will not be organised by the school). We welcome seasoned debaters as well as complete beginners!	Anja Dežman & Tina Frelj	MYP 1-MYP 3, national department	369 & 370	Thursday Lesson 7 & 8	15
MYP Team Sports	Practising different sports and preparation for school competitions	Jasna Lavrenčič Mlaja Uršič	MYP	Gym, Dome	Wednesday, 7.30 – 8.15	20
English Sports	Introduction to traditional English sports: Cricket & Tag Rugby	Andrew Tomlin	MYP/PYP	GYM/DOME	Tuesday Lesson 7	15
General Knowledge / Quiz Club	Students would tackle various info bites in short inquiry based mini sessions followed by a quiz expanding their general knowledge, horizons, and introducing them to topics that would further ignite their curiosity and thirst for knowledge. They could also prepare a quiz for parents for the International Day and host it.	Mateja Kores	MYP	370	Lesson 7	12
English for Parents	Communicative lessons focused on functional language that is useful to parents of IB students with the added benefit of building the school community.	Mateja Kores	Parents	368?	Monday Lesson 4&5	16
Slovenian for parents	This co-curricular activity offers parents the opportunity to learn Slovenian in an engaging and supportive environment. Participants will develop basic language skills, enabling them to communicate effectively and connect more deeply with the Slovenian culture.	Darija Mežnar	parents	360	Monday 12.45 – 13.30	
Voices of Change	This activity empowers students to become peer mediators and leaders in their school community. Students will practice active listening, teamwork, and problem-solving through games, role-play, and real-life scenarios. By the end, they will be ready to help classmates handle conflicts respectfully and build stronger connections.	Tjaša Fritsch Križaj	MYP	341/341a?	Thursday, lesson 7 (13:50 – 14:35)	8

Service as Action Collapsed Days

The **6M** students will have a collapsed day on Tuesday **9 September**. During the day they will learn all there is to know about their service as action in a retirement home. They will also start and continue the project throughout the year. The collapsed day will take place in school, beginning at 08:20 and ending at 13:00. The students will have snack and lunch in school.

On Thursday **11 September**, the **7M** students will have a similar collapsed day connected to their service as action in the International kindergarten. The collapsed day will take place in school, beginning at 08:20 and ending at 13:00. The students will have snack and lunch in school.

Ms Tina Frelj



Do you want your child to be more confident, happy, and joyful?

Those are exactly the side effects of joining the **PYP Choir!**

In choir the students will:

- 🎵 Explore their voices and learn new songs
- 💛 Build teamwork and make lasting friendships
- 🌟 Gain confidence through rehearsals and performances
- 😊 Experience the joy of making music together

No previous singing experience is needed – just enthusiasm and a love for music!

📍 **Where: Room 373**

📅 **When: Thursday, lesson 7, 13:50 - 14:35**

👧👦 **Who can join:** All PYP students

Come and join the fun – the only “risk” is a happier, more confident child!

Mr Kristina Štemberger

NEW! MYP SCHOOL BAND

This year, for the **first time ever**, our school is starting a **School Band** for MYP students!

🌟 Why join?

- Play music with friends
- Learn new skills
- Perform at concerts & events
- Be part of something exciting from the very beginning!

Who can join?

All MYP students who play an instrument (or are eager to learn).

How to apply?

Apply at the international office.

Auditions: At the first rehearsal bring a short piece to play or sing, as well as your enthusiasm!

Let's make music together and start a new school tradition!

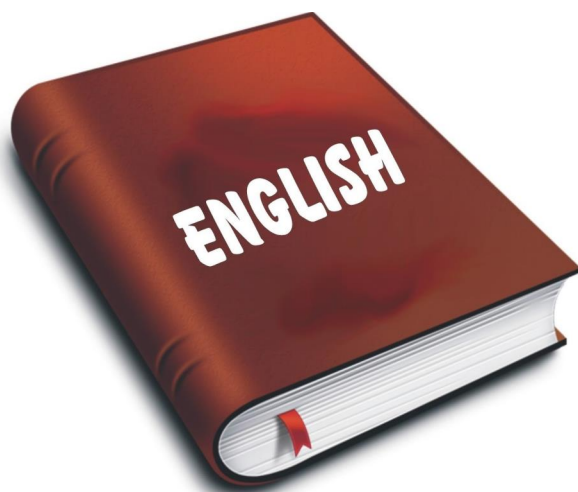
Ms Kristina Štemberger



English Reading Badge

The MYP students are invited and encouraged to read more than just the prescribed literature for lessons. The librarians and language teachers prepare a list of recommended age-appropriate books for the reading badge, which the students read and report about to the Language and Literature assistants. To complete the reading badge, they must read and report **10 books** by **29 May 2026**.

English and Literature teachers



Library under the Treetops

Library under the Treetops is a Slovenian project that has been a well-established tradition since 2004. You may find reading islands all over Slovenia, which encourage everyone to grab a book and dive in. Our school also participates in the project as it combines reading, which

is fun and educational, and time outside, which can be relaxing and good for our health. The PYP and MYP students will, therefore, spend some of their language lessons reading outside in September. As always, we encourage the entire school community to participate in the project as well and spend some time reading outside, while the sun is still shining.

Ms Tina Frelüh



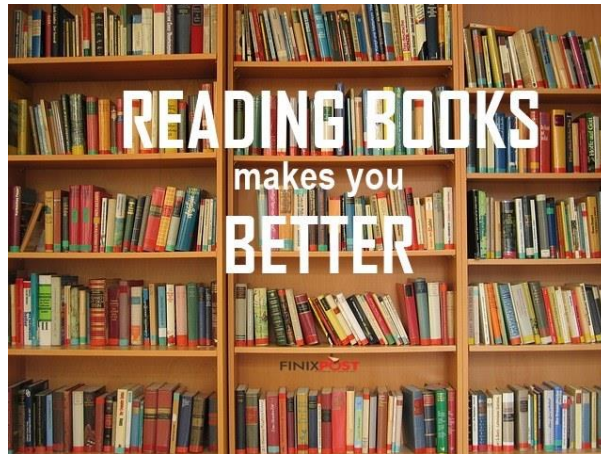
Reading Badge for Parents

Dear Parents,

We are once again inviting all parents and family members to participate in our Reading Badge for parents and employees at Danila Kumar International School.

The reading badge will run throughout the school year and conclude on 29 May 2026. You can participate by reading at least 5 books, writing your opinion about them in the attached form, and sending it to the school library e-mail, knjiznica@os-danilekumar.si or freliht@os-danilekumar.si. The books can be anything you like, adult fiction, youth fiction, as well as non-fiction, in any language. With your permission, we will publish your book reviews in a special collection published on the school website, where you will be able to see recommendations for your next reading. By taking part in this project, you will be a wonderful example to your children. Through youth literature, you will be able to peek into their world, talk about what you have read, and share your opinions with them.

Ms Tina Frelüh



READING BADGE FOR PARENTS AND EMPLOYEES AT DANILA KUMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

First name and surname:

I give permission for my opinion about the books (without personal information) to be published in the collection on the school website. **YES / NO** (circle)

AUTHOR	TITLE	MY OPINION ABOUT THE BOOK/THE BOOK'S MESSAGE	RATING (strongly recommend/recommend/don't recommend)
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2.			
3.			
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Reading Backpack

Dear Parents,

Every Friday, one student from the class brings home a backpack filled with books to share with the whole family. The purpose of this Literacy Backpack is to provide families with quality books and activities to support and share your child's interest in reading.

In the Literacy Backpack there are books loved by children and parents alike. You will also find a journal and we kindly ask you to write your reflection on this experience together with

your child. You are also very welcome to glue in a photo, write a story, a poem, or draw something.

Please return the Backpack by Wednesday. You are kindly asked to use the checklist to check if everything is inside.

This should be a fun experience for you and your child. There is no right or wrong way to do this, just have fun! If you would like to borrow more books, do come to the library.

If you need any help or if you have any questions please feel free to ask us. We will be more than happy to help.

Sincerely,

Librarians and PYP Teachers



English for Parents

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce that our school will once again be offering **English courses for parents**. The goal is to support our international community and provide opportunities for everyone to improve their language skills in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Course Levels:

- **Monday, lesson 4**

Beginner / Pre-intermediate group – for those who are just starting out or wish to build confidence in everyday communication.

- **Monday, lesson 5**

Intermediate group – for those who already have some knowledge of English and would like to develop their fluency, vocabulary, and accuracy further.

The classes will focus on **practical communication**, useful vocabulary, and cultural understanding. A small-group learning ensures a community spirit and individual attention.

I warmly encourage all interested parents to join – whether to support your children's learning, to feel more confident in daily life, or simply to meet other parents in our diverse school community.

If you are interested, apply to koresm@os-danilekumar.si by 15 September.

Please write your name, email address and which class your child is attending.

We look forward to seeing you in class!

Warm regards,

Ms Mateja Kores



Ballet

BALET
na OŠ DANILE KUMAR
v šolskem letu 2025/26

VPIS NA BALET / ENROLLMENT IN BALLET
VSAK PONEDELJEK IN ČETRTEK / MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
1. SKUPINA / GROUP (1.-4. razred/grade), 14.20 -15.20
2. SKUPINA / GROUP (5 -8. razred/grade), 15.30-16.30

Predstavitve programa
bo v sredo, 3. septembra
od 15.00 do 15.30 za mednarodni oddelek in od 15.30 do 16.00 za slovenski oddelek.

Info:
sorinadimache@gmail.com, tel.: 041 266 286

CURRICULUM SECTION

In case you have more questions about our programmes, please scan the QR code and we will be happy to answer them.



CALENDAR IN BRIEF

1.	MON	FIRST DAY OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR
2.	TUE	
3.	WED	
4.	THUR	
5.	FRI	
6.	SAT	
7.	SUN	
8.	MON	
9.	TUE	6 M CULTURAL DAY
10.	WED	
11.	THUR	GENERAL MEETINGS
12.	FRI	
13.	SAT	
14.	SUN	