



OWL NEWS

Until 26 September

WELCOME OUR NEW COWORKER

My name is **Nina Kujundžić Lukaček**, and this school year I will be working professionally with students in the area of **speech and language**. I am currently in my fourth year of **Speech and Language Therapy** studies at the **University of Ljubljana**. I also had the opportunity to complete one semester abroad in **Antwerp, Belgium**, which provided me with valuable international experience and broadened both my perspective on the field and my English skills.

I am truly excited to take on this position at your school, as supporting students in their communication development is my absolute passion. I enjoy working with children, and I see every learning situation as an opportunity to help them grow in both confidence and skills. Through my studies and practical experiences, I have developed a special interest in **language development** and the **articulation of speech**.

Beyond my studies, I enjoy **baking, crafting, gardening, listening to music, hiking,** and **spending time with friends**. These activities have taught me patience, creativity, and the importance of building positive relationships—all qualities that I bring into my work with students.

Whether it is finding a creative way to explain something, encouraging persistence, or creating a warm and supportive atmosphere, I strive to make every session meaningful and motivating.

I look forward to working with you!

Ms Nina Kujundžić Lukaček



PYP SPORTS DAY – BASEBALL

When: 18 September

Where: Ježica Baseball Field

On Thursday 18 September, the entire PYP department will have a Sports Day – **BASEBALL**, which will take place at Ježica.

The students will gather at 08:20 in front of their classrooms, where they will receive their snack. Then we will all walk together to the field.

The students should wear appropriate sports clothes and shoes, and take a spare t-shirt, as well as a water bottle. A hat and sunscreen would be a good idea as well.

The sports day will last until 12:00, after which we will return to school where lunch will be served according to the schedule.

Ms Jasna Lavrenčič

MYP CULTURAL DAY - SCAVENGER HUNT

On Wednesday 24 September the whole MYP will have a Language Acquisition Day in Kranj, the city of our notable poet France Prešeren. The students will work in smaller groups and utilise their knowledge of languages taught at our school.

Team work, cooperation, and a little bit of risk-taking will be demanded!

After the scavenger hunt, each class will take part in a different tour, exploring history, culture and nature.

We do not want to reveal too much, but we are certain the students will have a lot of fun!

Meeting: in front of the school 08:10 (taking snack and boarding the buses at Tuš car park).

Arriving back at school: approximately at 13:00. Those who have lunch at school, will go to the dining room, others will go home.

The day will take place in any weather; therefore, the students should dress appropriately to the weather and temperature, wear comfortable shoes, and have a small backpack and their pencil case.

The Language Acquisition Team



MYP Sports Day – Athletics

On **Friday 26 September** the entire MYP will have a sports day focused on athletics. We will go to one of the Ljubljana athletics stadiums, where coaches from AD MASS will be waiting for us. We will try out five athletic disciplines. All disciplines will also be measured so that we can see everyone's achievements at the end.

We will meet at 08:00 in front of the school, where we will pick up our snacks, and then we will take the city bus to the stadium. We expect to **return around 13.30**.

Ms Jasna Lavrenčič



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 in October. We reserve the right to make changes to the CC & ECA 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 Jeltnikar	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 Freljh	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 Mitja 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

Join our NEW Extracurricular activity "Voices of Change"

Do you enjoy helping others, solving problems, or just being a good listener?

Then Voices of Change is for you!

In this exciting activity, you'll:

- ✨ train to become a student mediator.
- ✨ learn powerful communication and conflict resolution skills.
- ✨ support your classmates with everyday challenges.
- ✨ be a leader who makes a real difference in our school community.

Come! Be part of a team where **your voice creates change**.

The activity will take place on Thursdays, lesson 7 (13:50 – 14:35), starting on 2 October.

👉 Sign up today and help us build a more connected, respectful, and supportive school.

Ms Tjaša Fritsch Križaj



Chinese Lessons

Dear Parents and students,

Hello, I'm Snow, and I come from China. I speak Mandarin and I will be teaching it to any student who wants to learn the language. I welcome everyone from kindergarten to 6M. There will be two classes of chinese this year, one being beginner and one continuum for those with some knowledge of mandarin.

If you wish to apply, please let me know via gmail, shihanxue1215@gmail.com.

Best regards and I hope to see you soon!



Kind regards,

Snow

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



Let's Celebrate European Mobility Week 2025!

*From **16 to 22 September**, people across Europe will be celebrating **European Mobility Week**. The theme this year is "Mobility for Everyone," which means finding fun, healthy, and eco-friendly ways for all of us to get around!*

*At **Danila Kumar International School**, we want to join in and show how much we care about our planet. Walking, cycling, or using public transport instead of the car makes a big difference for cleaner air, less traffic, and healthier communities.*

*We'd love everyone – **students, teachers, and parents** – to take part too! Here's how you can join in:*

- 1. Pick a day (or a few!) during Mobility Week to ride your bike to school or work.*
- 2. Snap a picture of your cycling adventure.*
- 3. Add a short comment about how it felt.*
- 4. Send it to **mitjau@os-danilekumar.si** so we can share it and inspire others!*

Mr Andy is cycling regularly to school throughout the year! Be a good example yourself!

*Let's fill the week with bikes, smiles, and positive energy. Together, we can show that **every ride helps create a brighter, greener future**.*

Regards,

Mr Mitja Uršič and our Sustainable Crew

29th Ljubljana Marathon

Dear Students,

You still have the opportunity to apply for the 29th Ljubljana Marathon. This is a great way to sustain your running and athletic skills at an appropriate level and provides a good chance for you to test yourself against others in your age group. Furthermore, it is a way to celebrate sport and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

We warmly welcome you to join us on Saturday 18 October, 2025. Please download the application form [here](#) for more details.

Please be aware, the application due date is Tuesday 30 September!

Regards,

PE/PHE teachers

29 LJUBLJANA MARATHON

1. PLACE AND TIME OF THE EVENT

In the city centre of Ljubljana **on Saturday 18 October 2025, at 11:35 for PYP students and 12:45 for MYP students. The Vita Kids run for pre-schoolers starts at 10:00.**

The start will be on Slovenska cesta and the finish on Kongresni trg.

2. LENGTH OF ROUTE

Vita Kids run for KG: 200m. – Parents need to register the student by themselves by 9 October 2025, on the link: [VITA Kids run | NLB Ljubljana marathon](#)

Promotional run for 1st and 2nd grades: 500 m.

Promotional run for 3rd to 5th grades: 1000 m.

Run for Students from grades 6 to 9: 1500m.

3. START SCHEDULE

- **Vita Kids run for KG at 10:00.**
- Promotional run for grade 1 boys at 11:35.
- **Promotional run for grade 1 girls at 11:40.**
- Promotional run for grade 2 boys at 11:45.
- **Promotional run for grade 2 girls at 11:50.**
- Promotional run for grade 3 boys at 12:10.
- **Promotional run for grade 3 girls at 12:15.**
- Promotional run for grade 4 boys at 12:20.
- **Promotional run for grade 4 girls at 12:25.**
- Promotional run for grade 5 boys at 12:30.
- **Promotional run for grade 5 girls at 12:35.**

- Run for grade 6 boys (2014) at 13:00.
- **Run for grade 6 girls (2014) at 13:10.**
- Run for grade 7 boys (2013) at 13:20.
- **Run for grade 7 girls (2013) at 13:30.**
- Run for grade 8 boys (2012) at 13:40.
- **Run for grade 8 girls (2012) at 13:50.**
- Run for grade 9 boys (2011) at 14:00.
- **Run for grade 9 girls (2011) at 14:10.**

Participants must report to the start area 15 minutes before the start of the race!

Students from grades 1 - 5 will be wearing school shirts!

4. THE MARATHON COURSE

The registered students from 1st to 9th grades will receive their T-shirts with their race numbers at school. For the absent students, numbers will be collected on the day of the event from the teachers, who will be at the entrance of Maximarket: **for students from grades 1 to 5 at 11:00** and **for students from grades 6 to 9 at 12:15.**

Parents should drop their children off at the start (on Slovenska cesta) **at the appointed time and pick them up at the finish line from the teachers** (the pick-up zone will be located at the exit on Kongresni square, next to the anchor monument – check the map below).

The students run alone, unaccompanied by teachers. Parents are responsible for their children at the event.

Below you can see the plan of the finish area at Kongresni Square. The students will be collected at the end of the exit (number 24) where teachers will be waiting. The area will be marked with the sign: "OSNOVNA ŠOLA DANILE KUMAR" and a flag.



For more information, please check the official webpage of the 29th Ljubljana Marathon:

[Promocijski tek | NLB Ljubljanski maraton](#) (1. – 2- grade)

[Promocijski tek | NLB Ljubljanski maraton](#) (3. – 5- grade)

[Osnovnošolski tek | NLB Ljubljanski maraton](#) (6. – 9. grade)

29th Ljubljana Marathon Application Form

Date of Marathon: Saturday 18 October 2025

Student Information:

Full Name: _____

Grade: _____

Year of Birth: _____

Date of the application: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Important Information:

Please submit this form by 30 September 2025, and give it to your PE/PHE teacher.

Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted!

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 Frelih



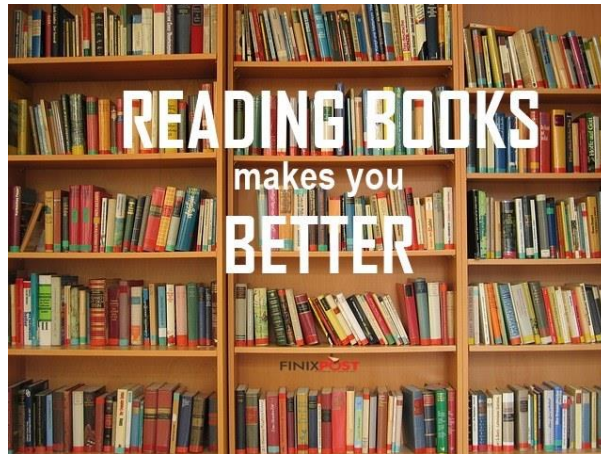
Reading Badge for Parents

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 Frelih



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)
1.			
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Understanding the MYP: An Invitation for Parents & Students

Dear Parents and Students,

Starting at a new school can bring many questions – especially when joining the **International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP)**. To support our community, we are pleased to invite you to **information sessions about the MYP philosophy and learning approach**.

What will be covered?

- Transitioning to the **IB MYP System**.
- **Inquiry based learning**.

- **Assessment criteria.**
- **IB Assessment** using the **MYP criteria.**
- **ATL skills.**
- Practical tips for parents and students to help **navigate through and thrive in the programme.**
- **Q&A sessions** – all your questions and concerns will be addressed.

Who should attend?

- New families who would like a clearer picture of the IB MYP.
- Current parents and students who want to refresh their understanding of the programme.
- MYP 1 parents and students who attended PYP 5 at our school.

Date: Tuesdays in September

Time: 07:30

Location: Classroom 370

Date	Topic	Recommended for*
9 Sep	Transitioning to the IB/MYP Learning in the IB	Newcomers to the IB programme, former PYP 5 students. Parents.
16 Sep	Assessment, MYP Criteria	All, parents and students
23 Sep	Community Project Life after MYP 3	MYP 3 parents and students

*All parents are welcome to attend, regardless of the recommendation. Students welcome, too.

These will be interactive and friendly sessions, with ample time for your questions. We encourage both **students and parents** to attend together, as the MYP is a partnership between school and home.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing how the MYP helps students grow as **caring, reflective, and internationally minded learners.**

Warm regards,

Mateja Kores

Introduction to the MYP – Summary

The first induction session for parents and students focused on the core elements of IB education, specifically MYP and the transition from PYP to MYP.

Key Comparisons

- **Curriculum Approach**
 - *PYP*: Six transdisciplinary themes, connections across subjects, PYP Exhibition.
 - *MYP*: Eight subject groups, global contexts, interdisciplinary learning, Community Project.
- **Curriculum Content**
 - *PYP*: Units of inquiry with central ideas and lines of inquiry.
 - *MYP*: Units of work per subject, built on PYP foundations.
- **Real-Life Learning**
 - *PYP*: Transdisciplinary themes explore universal human experiences.
 - *MYP*: Global contexts link classroom learning to real-world issues.
- **Assessment**
 - *PYP*: Assessment for learning, reflection, peer/self-assessment.
 - *MYP*: Subject-specific criteria (A–D), 1–8 achievement levels, final grades 1-7.
- **Approaches to Learning (ATL) Skills**
 - *PYP*: Five sets of skills (thinking, research, communication, social, self-management).
 - *MYP*: Builds on these skills for lifelong learning and DP (diploma programme) readiness.

Advice for parents

- Allow ample time for your child's adjustment to the MYP/new school/new programme.
- Learn about the inquiry-based teaching and assessment to understand HOW your child is learning, not only what they are learning.
- Encourage your child to focus on **growth and feedback**, not just grades.
- Review portfolios together.
- Help your child with **organization** (planners, checklists, routines).

- Promote reading, curiosity, and balanced screen use.
- Attend **parent workshops** to better understand the MYP
- Make use of individual parent-teacher meetings regularly.

An illustrative video about MYP may help to clarify the programme's specifics:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJO04xtMqls>.

Ms Mateja Kores



Slovenian for Parents

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to announce that our school will be offering a **Slovenian Language Course for parents**. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to support our international community by creating opportunities to develop language skills in a warm, inclusive environment.

Schedule: Every Monday during Lesson 6 (12:45–13:30), starting **6 October 2025**.

Lessons will focus on practical communication, everyday vocabulary, and cultural awareness. Classes will be conducted in small groups to foster a sense of community and allow for more personalized attention.

We warmly encourage all interested parents to take part—whether to support your child's learning, gain confidence in everyday interactions, or simply connect with other parents in our diverse school community.

If you would like to participate, please email meznard@os-danilekumar.si with your **full name, email address, and your child's class**.

We look forward to welcoming you to the course.

Warm regards,

Ms Darija Mežnar



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



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

15.	MON	
16.	TUE	START OF THE MOBILITY WEEK
17.	WED	
18.	THUR	PYP SPORTS DAY
19.	FRI	
20.	SAT	
21.	SUN	
22.	MON	
23.	TUE	
24.	WED	MYP CULTURAL DAY
25.	THUR	
26.	FRI	MYP SPORTS DAY
27.	SAT	
28.	SUN	