



OWL NEWS

Until 25 September

Welcome Our New Colleague

Saša Iglič

Hi, my name is Saša, and I'm from Trbovlje, Slovenia. This year, I'll be working as an assistant teacher in a kindergarten, which is something I'm really looking forward to. I enjoy working with children, spending time with them, and helping them learn and develop through everyday activities and experiences.

When I'm not working, I like to keep things simple. I enjoy going for walks and spending time with my family. Being outdoors and having time with the people I'm close to helps me relax and recharge.

I would describe my field of interest as education and working with children. I'm always interested in learning new things, improving my communication and teaching skills, and finding new ways to support children in a positive and encouraging environment.

At DKIS, I'm looking forward to meeting new people from different backgrounds and learning from their experiences. I hope to gain new ideas, knowledge, and practical skills that I can use in my work. I'm also excited to share my own experiences, take part in different activities, and become more confident in my role. Most of all, I hope to have a positive experience, make new connections, and enjoy being part of the DKIS community.

Saša



PYP Cultural Day – Internationalism

On **Friday 25 September**, we are organizing a special Internationalism Collapsed Day for **KG – PYP 5**

The students will explore global citizenship, culture, and collaboration across 4 exciting lessons.

The day will start at 08:20 and finish at 12:00. The afternoon programme will then begin, with lunch taking place as usual.

The students only need to bring their student agendas, pencil cases and water bottles.

We look forward to an inspiring day of learning together!

Internationalism collapsed day team!



5M Cultural Day – A Musical Journey into Space

Dear students and parents,

We are excited to announce a special musical experience coming soon! On **Tuesday, 22 September at 09:30**, we will visit **Cankarjev dom** to see the performance ***A Musical Journey into Space (Z glasbo v vesolje)***.

The students should **come to school as usual**. At **08:20**, we will leave school together and take the city bus to Cankarjev dom.

Please make sure that your children are **dressed appropriately for the event** and feel comfortable throughout the morning.

They should also bring a **small backpack or bag** for a water bottle and a school snack.

After the performance, we will return to school at approximately **11:30**. Lunch will take place as usual.

We are very much looking forward to sharing this special musical experience with the students and starting the new school year with music, curiosity and lots of inspiration!

Warm musical wishes,

Kristina Štemberger



MYP Cultural Day – Exploring Celje + Scavenger Hunt

On **25 September**, all MYP students will take part in a Language Acquisition Day in Celje, the city of the famous Counts of Celje.

Working in selected groups, the students will put their language skills into practice through a series of fun and engaging challenges. Teamwork, cooperation, creativity, and a little bit of risk-taking will be essential!

We will also visit the historic castle overlooking the city, where students will discover what life was like in the past.

We don't want to reveal too much just yet, but we are sure students will have plenty of opportunities to learn, explore, and have fun! And to make the day even more exciting, we have prepared a Scavenger Hunt through Celje city centre.

Get ready for a day of languages, teamwork, discovery, and adventure!

Rendezvous point: in front of school at 08:00 (to get snack, then board buses at Tuš car park).

Arrival back at school: approximately at 13:00 – 14:00. 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 according to the conditions, and wear comfortable shoes. They should also have small backpacks and their pencil cases.

Language Acquisition Team



6M Service as Action Collapsed Days

The **6M** students will have a collapsed day on **Monday 14 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 12:50. The students will have snack and lunch in school.

Ms Tina Freljh



MYP Sports Day – Hiking

On **Thursday 17 September**, the whole MYP department will enjoy a Sports and Hiking Day at St Jakob nad Predvorom.

The students should be at school by 08:00, and the bus will leave from the TUŠ carpark at 08:20. We expect to return to school at around 12:00, after which lunch will take place as usual.

As the day includes approximately one hour of uphill walking, the students should come prepared for an active day outdoors. Please bring:

- Appropriate clothing and footwear according to the weather

- Proper hiking shoes
- A water bottle
- A backpack
- The school will provide a snack

The students may also bring a small amount of pocket money if they would like to purchase a drink at the refreshment stop along the hiking route.

We are looking forward to an active and enjoyable day together!

Best regards,

Mr Mitja & Ms Jasna



30th Ljubljana Marathon

Dear Students,

You still have the opportunity to apply for the 30th 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 17 October, 2026**. Please download the application form [here](#) for more details.

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

Regards,

PE/PHE teachers

30th LJUBLJANA MARATHON

1. PLACE AND TIME OF THE EVENT

In the city centre of Ljubljana **on Saturday 17 October 2026, at 11:05 for PYP students and 12:30 for MYP students. The Vita Kid's run for preschoolers starts at 09:30.**

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 their child by 8 October 2026, via the following link: [VITA Otroški tek | NLB Ljubljanski maraton](#)

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 09:30.**
- Promotional run for grade 1 boys at 11:05.
- **Promotional run for grade 1 girls at 11:15.**
- Promotional run for grade 2 boys at 11:10.
- **Promotional run for grade 2 girls at 11:20.**
- Promotional run for grade 3 boys at 11:40.
- **Promotional run for grade 3 girls at 11:55.**
- Promotional run for grade 4 boys at 11:45.
- **Promotional run for grade 4 girls at 12:00.**

- Promotional run for grade 5 boys at 11:50.
- **Promotional run for grade 5 girls at 12:05.**
- Run for grade 6 boys (2015) at 12:30.
- **Run for grade 6 girls (2015) at 12:40.**
- Run for grade 7 boys (2014) at 12:50.
- **Run for grade 7 girls (2014) at 13:00.**
- Run for grade 8 boys (2013) at 13:10.
- **Run for grade 8 girls (2013) at 13:20.**
- Run for grade 9 boys (2012, 2011) at 13:30.
- **Run for grade 9 girls (2012, 2011) at 13:40.**

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

Students from grades 1 - 9 will be wearing school shirts!

4. THE MARATHON COURSE

The registered students from grades 1 – 9 will receive their T-shirts with their race numbers at school. For any 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 10:15** and **for students from grades 6 to 9 at 11:45.**

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 trg, 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 trg. The students will be collected at the end of the exit (number 24) where teachers will be waiting. The area will be marked with a sign "OSNOVNA ŠOLA DANILE KUMAR" and a flag.



For more information, please check the official webpage of the 30th 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)

Chinese lessons for PYP & MYP students

Hello! My name is Snow, and I am from Suzhou, China. This will be my third year teaching Chinese at Danila Kumar.

This year, we will have two classes, a **beginner class** and a slightly more **advanced class**. They will start on Monday 14 September, though we do not know the time for these yet. It will be a pleasure to see the students again and to meet new faces!

To sign up, please contact me at shihanxue1215@gmail.com

Mrs Snow

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Football for DKIS Community

Dear DKIS Community,

Thursday nights are football nights for the DKIS community! if you would like to join in the fun, and maybe a light refreshment afterwards, send an email to: edward.ottino@gmail.com to register your interest. All genders and ages welcome!

Look forward to seeing you!

Mr Andrew Paul Tomlin



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

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 31 May 2027. 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.

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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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/Tuesday, lesson 4**

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

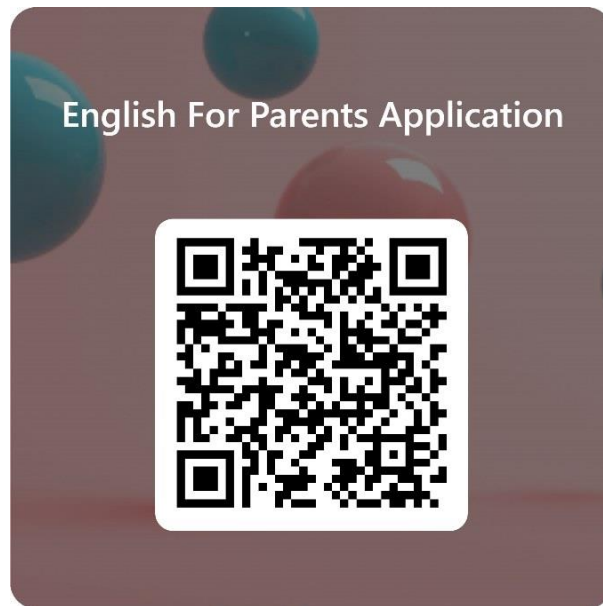
- **Tuesday, lesson 5**

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 **by 15 September** here: [English For Parents Application – Iżpolnite obrazec](#) or scan the QR code below.



I look forward to seeing you in class!

Warm regards,

Mateja Kores

Slovenian Language Course for Parents

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you 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 and inclusive environment.

The course will be held every Monday at 12:45 – 13:30, starting on 5 October.

Lessons will focus on practical communication, everyday vocabulary, and cultural awareness. Classes will be conducted in small groups to encourage 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, to gain confidence in everyday interactions, or simply to connect with other parents in our diverse school community.

If you would like to participate, please send an email to meznard@os-danilekumar.si including your full name, email address, and the class your child is attending.

We look forward to welcoming you to the course.

Warm regards,

Darija Mežnar

Understanding the MYP: An Invitation for Parents and 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 on the MYP philosophy and learning approach**.

What will we cover?

- Transitioning to the **IB MYP System**.
- **Inquiry based learning**.
- **IB Assessment** using the **MYP criteria**.
- **ATL skills**.
- Practical tips for parents and students to **navigate and thrive in the programme**.

Who should attend?

- **New families and students** 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 in our school.

When?

Throughout the month of September:

Mondays, lesson 7 in the classroom 368

Thursdays, lesson 0 in the classroom 368

This 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

PARENT – TEACHER COMMUNICATION



SHARED GOALS & COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

- 01

CONTACT THE RELEVANT TEACHER FIRST
 Contact the relevant teacher first when a question concerns a particular subject, assignment or classroom situation.
- 02

COMMUNICATE RESPECTFULLY
 Communicate respectfully and constructively, even when discussing concerns or disagreements, including a formal e-mail layout (greeting, signature...).
- 03

ALLOW 2 WORKING DAYS FOR A RESPONSE
 Allow 2 working days for a response, as teachers may be teaching or otherwise engaged during the school day.
- 04

REQUEST A MEETING WHEN NEEDED
 Request a meeting when a concern is complex or would be better discussed face-to-face.
- 05

RESPECT TEACHERS' WORKING HOURS
 Avoid expectations of responses during evenings, weekends, and school holidays. Working hours are 7:00–17:00 on weekdays only. Teachers often attend afternoon meetings.
- 06

RAISE CONCERNS PRIVATELY
 Raise concerns privately rather than discussing individual teachers, students or situations in group chats or on social media.
- 07

SUPPORT STUDENT INDEPENDENCE
 Encourage students to communicate with their teachers directly when they are able to do so.
- 08

FOLLOW THE SCHOOL'S COMMUNICATION PATHWAY
 Follow the school's communication pathway if a concern needs to be escalated to a higher level.
- 09

WHEN TO EMAIL TEACHERS
 Bullying concern → request a meeting immediately. Wrong teacher contacted → redirect to the correct teacher who teaches your child.
- 10

OTHER SOLUTIONS (DO NOT EMAIL)
 Lost items → lost & found. Bad words last week → discuss at home. Forgot something/homework → discuss organisation at home. Group change → encourage child to speak to teacher. Collapsed days → check Owl News. Meals: prehrane@os-danilekumar.si. Athlete/artist matters: jausovect@os-danilekumar.si

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

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

14.	MON	6M CULTURAL DAY
15.	TUE	
16.	WED	
17.	THUR	MYP SPORTS DAY
18.	FRI	
19.	SAT	
20.	SUN	
21.	MON	
22.	TUE	5M CULTURAL DAY
23.	WED	
24.	THUR	
25.	FRI	PYP CULTURAL DAY MYP CULTURAL DAY
26.	SAT	
27.	SUN	