



Clubs at our School 2021/22



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At our bilingual primary and secondary school, we work with our students every day to teach them how important it is to take responsibility for themselves. Through joint and intensive activities in an age appropriate club (AG in German), the students learn to reflect on themselves and on their own abilities and to incorporate other children's skills into the work they do together. As a result, we sensitise our students to the fact that working together, and recognising and tolerating the strengths and weaknesses of each individual, is essential to mutual success. The joint activities and, above all, all the fun that is had, allow us to live out the idea of teamwork in a natural manner and, of course, in the afternoon as well.



The Three Aspects of Clubs

- Intense involvement with oneself and with others
- Deepening of one's own interests and competences
- Seeking out and accepting new challenges

Our goal is for the children to be supportive of each other and to realise how productivity, creativity, sport, independent work and the



collecting of ideas within a community with common goals can all foster a sense of meaning and identity. Implementing clubs across a wide age range allows us to promote the personal atmosphere of our school as to allow the children to get to know both each other and our staff better on a whole school basis.

We support our students through clubs by introducing them to a wide variety of topics, both theoretically and practically, and thereby expanding their cognitive, motor and social skills as well as sharpening their senses and perception. Each club approaches the pupils' reality in its own way and addresses the children's interests and the various abilities in the club. With the objective being to involve the children, we regularly ask them – especially the older pupils – what topics they are interested in and what clubs they would like to see put in place for the next school year.

We encourage our pupils to take on new challenges and to try out activities they are not familiar with or not yet able to do. Especially if things are not immediately successful, it is important that the children are able to test themselves independently and in their own time. This significantly increases the children's ability to handle frustration. They learn to apply patience and concentration to master new challenges and these experiences of success lead to the development of self-confidence and courage. In some of our clubs, the students not only participate, but also support younger children and independently





assume responsibility for specific tasks and projects within the group. It is particularly important to us that those leading our clubs are not only technically familiar with their club topic, but also that they let the children take run club. This allows the students to be taken seriously, while still receiving the support and motivation they need from our staff as well as to provide them with the necessary space and framework from within which they can use to navigate freely.

How do we organise our clubs?

Our students are able to choose from a wide and varied range of clubs. There are currently 35 different offers in the areas of sports, crafts, music, art, media/computers, maths, natural sciences and technology.

In cooperation with the Head of School – Year 1–10 (Ganztag) and our club coordinator, our colleagues design the voluntary in-school afternoon clubs according to their own strengths, interests, inclinations and the children's ideas. We then develop and supplement these on an ongoing basis. Because of our linguistic immersion concept, the clubs are carried out in German or English, and sometimes jointly by two group leaders in both languages. The children get the opportunity to improve their language skills in a relaxed and natural atmosphere and in a smaller circle of people.

Furthermore, we also work with external experts and partners in the form of collab-

orations, with an objective of widening the diversity of our offer. Subject to an additional fee, the Schneegans Music School also provides us with in-house piano, violin and guitar lessons in the form of individual lessons.

After a trial period of around three weeks at the beginning of the year, the students attend the selected club for at least one school year. We determine in advance the ideal number of children for taking part in any one club. So, for example, we offer places in the Science Club to just a few participants, in order to create the best possible conditions for every child in terms of getting to performing experiments, while the Choir Club thrives on having a large number of pupils singing together. If a group has more applicants than places, then all students register and an anonymous selection is made to complete the club list.

Each club focusses on its own key areas of competence. However, it is not only these, but also a variety of other skills that are developed and linked together. We invite you to browse through the following pages. Brief descriptions are included to allow you to inform yourself with all of the clubs on offer this school year. The table is there to show you which skills can be developed in each of the groups.

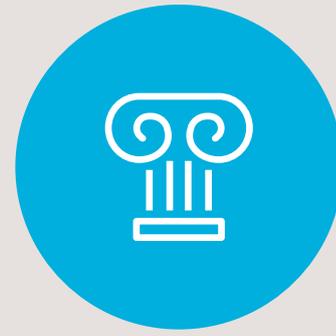
If you have any questions about our clubs, please do not hesitate to get in touch via ag@platanus-schule.de. We would be happy to advise you in the selection of the most suitable group for your child.



ACT IT OUT – EXPRESS YOURSELF!

ENGLISH

Our club is full of fun energy and creativity! We focus on games and activities that allow us to express ourselves through emotions, movement, storytelling, and acting. Every week we improvise together and discover something new about ourselves and our group.



ART CLUB

ENGLISH

All children who love to be creative and are interested in art, design, and artistic design get to put their talents into practice in this club. We are inventive and productive outside of the usual art lessons. Our expressiveness, imagination, and desire to be creative know no bounds.



BASKETBALL

GERMAN

Basketball comes from North America and is now popular in many countries around the world. This sport is characterized by its fast, focused, and precise play. In our club, the children learn the basic techniques of basketball and train to play successfully in a team.



BOARD GAMES OLD & NEW

GERMAN

What do all dice, board or card games have in common? They're all really fun! Each week, we play a different game or invent our own games. The children are more than welcome to bring in their own games from home. It certainly never gets boring in this group!



BRAINTEASERS

GERMAN

Whether Sudoku, crossword puzzles, or tricky conundrums – we ponder and fiddle, puzzle and guess, consider and think all over the place. Our brainteasers bring variety into the day, are fun and promote concentration. Of course, we also think up puzzle stories ourselves.



CHESS CLUB

ENGLISH

Chess has acquired cultural significance, as the royal game is one of the most complex board games ever. By activating both hemispheres of the brain, playing the game trains the brain's performance and promotes logical-strategic thinking to a high degree.



CREATIVE WRITING

GERMAN/ENGLISH

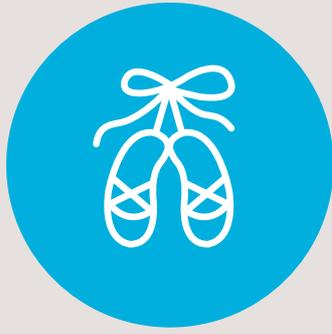
Discover creativity in a playful way, write down thoughts and put them into other contexts, develop personal texts, try out different formats – this club is for anyone excited about a blank sheet of paper and for talented writers whose stories are far too real for reality.



CULTURE CLUB

ENGLISH

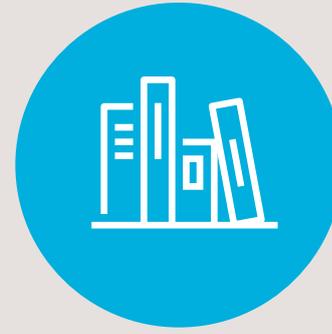
We explore cultural traditions and customs from all parts of the world. We are interested in cultures of the past and of the present. We get to know games from other countries, learn about historic and current craftsmanship, and listen to famous stories.



DANCE CLUB

===== ENGLISH =====

We get to know various dance forms such as contemporary, hip-hop, musical theatre, ballet, or Irish dancing and learn about the origins of each style. We work on choreographies and add them to music, developing co-ordination, technique and performance skills.



FICTIONARY BOOK CLUB

===== ENGLISH =====

Book club is far more than just sitting around reading! Each week when we open a book, we discuss the characters, what is happening in the story, and do everything we can to dive into a new world. We read and discuss together. Books can be chosen by students too.



FILM CLUB

===== ENGLISH =====

In this club, we learn about all the aspects of filmmaking: brainstorming, creative circles, writing stories, storyboarding, directing, and filming. Students who want to get experience in front of and behind the camera are all very welcome.



FIT FOR KID!

===== ENGLISH =====

We try out new types of sports and really let off some steam. Our gym and all the materials are available for exercises and a variety of different obstacle courses. We vary the set-up on a weekly basis and make use of the changing exercises to stay physically fit.



FOOTBALL

===== ENGLISH =====

The participants learn to play football and the rules of »fair play«. Presented in a playful context, they also get coordination training to optimally prepare their bodies for the game. But it's the team spirit and all the fun of Europe's most popular ball sport that comes first.



HANDBALL

===== ENGLISH =====

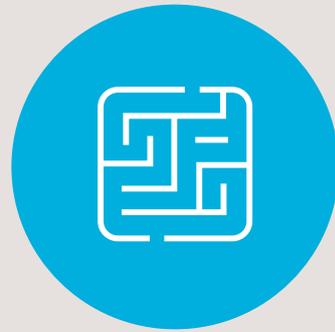
Sports have a fundamental and positive impact on individuals, communities, and society. Just like basketball and football, handball is also a very popular team sport – it's no fun playing on your own. In this group, we come together to train for fitness, stamina, techniques and speed.



HANDICRAFTS

===== GERMAN =====

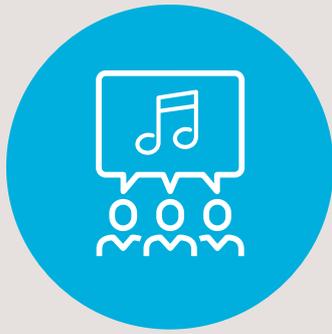
We deal with various materials and use them to make beautiful hand crafted items. There is sewing, knitting, crocheting, felting, and embroidering – everybody gets to be creative and to contribute their own ideas. The created works can, of course, be taken home.



IRRATIONAL LOGIC

===== ENGLISH =====

Is everything we know about mathematics true? How can we be sure? Together we explore the modern world of mathematics and discover that things we take for granted may not be true. We also spend some time investigating infinities. Can you think to infinity and beyond?



JUNIOR & SENIOR CHOIR

ENGLISH

Singing makes you happy! The junior choir and the senior choir are performance choirs, in which we sing rock, pop and traditional songs. The children and young people are part of a professional ensemble and get onto the big stage at school events.



MATHMAGICANS

ENGLISH

Together we solve many different tasks that are very different from those in math class. We also deal with the creative side of mathematics, because this subject is not only about numbers, but also about structures and relationships. It will be exciting!



NUMBER NINJAS

ENGLISH

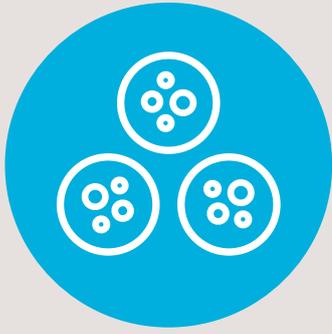
In this club, we will playfully deal with various puzzles and games, easy and more difficult brainteasers and handicrafts that have a mathematical connection. We become number ninjas, train logical thinking and dive deeper into the world of mathematical questions.



ORIGAMI

GERMAN

Origami, the creative art of paper folding, is a millennia-old tradition from Japan. From a simple sheet of paper, we create two- or three-dimensional objects such as animals, flowers, paper airplanes, objects, and geometric bodies through artistic folding.



OWARE CLUB

ENGLISH

Who knows Oware or Ludo? We learn strategic board games that originate from or are played in Africa. The aim is to develop multicultural understanding among the club participants and to promote skills such as problem solving, decision making, and logical thinking.



PLATANUS PODCAST

GERMAN/ENGLISH/SPANISH

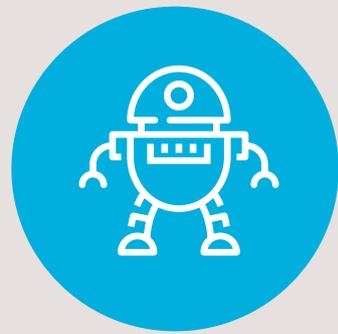
Through Platanus podcast episodes on changing interesting topics, we train journalistic creativity as well as writing and communication skills in three languages. Thanks to this cool medium we can also deepen our knowledge of digital devices and their applications.



PLATANUS POST

GERMAN/ENGLISH

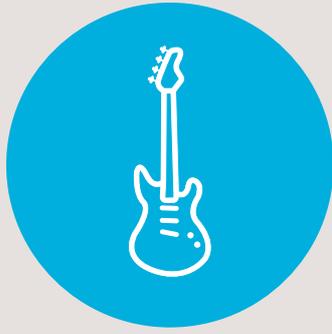
This group is suitable for students who like to write and pose clever questions. Our school newspaper thrives on exciting ideas for articles, puzzles, and interviews. With journalistic zeal and interests in a variety of issues, the participants learn to write exciting stories.



ROBOTICS

ENGLISH

Who does not want to learn how to design and control a robot? With LEGO® BOOST we learn to build multifunctional models with motors and sensors using step-by-step building instructions and to bring them to life with simple, age-appropriate programming commands.



ROCK BAND

===== ENGLISH =====

We form our own bands and sing or play covers and our own songs. The focus is on writing songs and making music together as a group, but of course, we also offer individual support to both beginners and advanced users when it comes to playing all the instruments.



SCHOOL EVENTS

===== GERMAN =====

The participants in the school events group support the planning, organisation and implementation of events and celebrations in the school. This group especially looks for great ideas, good organisational skills and, above all else, a desire to take on responsibility.



SCIENCE CLUB

===== ENGLISH =====

Girls and boys alike explore the secrets of nature and do experiments in school and in our surroundings. In a playful and experimental way, we make the important and future-oriented disciplines of the sciences exciting for our students.



SCIENCE-FICTION STORYTELLING

===== ENGLISH =====

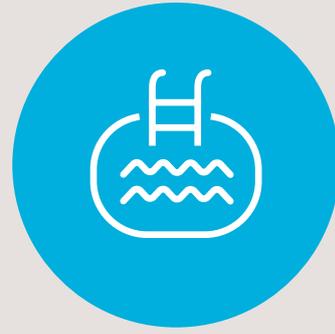
Once a week, we will craft stories with exciting sciences-fiction themes. From outer space to inner space, kids will learn about things like aliens, robots, and microbes through storytelling and crafts. No batteries included or needed, just imagination and fantasy!



SPANISH

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In the Spanish group, we have fun getting to know Spanish songs and words. We look at the countries where Spanish is spoken and learn a lot about the people, their lifestyle, culture, and traditions. We even try out the odd recipe or two.



SWIMMING

GERMAN

Being able to swim safely, not only offers protection in and on the water, but also gives children a sense of security, independence and autonomy. The »Muskrats« association (Wasserratten e.V.) provides swimming lessons to beginners and advanced swimmers alike.



TABLE TENNIS

GERMAN

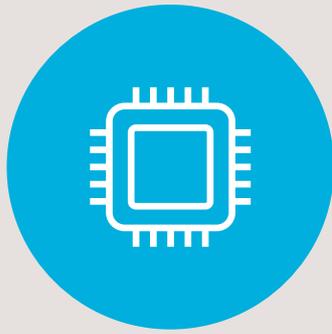
Forrest Gump had the right idea: »Never let the ball out of your sight!« With a ball, two paddles, a table, and a net, we practice never letting the ball out of our sight and have a lot of fun through movement during the meditative game of table tennis.



TASTES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ENGLISH

In our international cooking course, we get acquainted with culinary highlights and cook seasonal dishes. The children learn to focus on their senses, to follow recipes, and to realise just how connecting and important cooking and eating together is.



TECHNOLOGY CLUB

===== GERMAN =====

How do you program and what are sensors actually? We learn that and so much more in this club! We program microchips, get to know the world of control technology, let LEDs shine, use sensors, dive deeply into technical know-how, and train our logical thinking.



WOOD WORKSHOP

===== GERMAN =====

The children learn how to handle a variety of tools and they craft, build or process wood to produce useful and beautiful every day and decorative items. They learn the value of every discarded piece of wood that they can still use to conjure up something wonderful.



YOGA

===== GERMAN =====

Physical relaxation and stretching exercises, and spiritual meditations help the children to successfully process sensory overloading and the general hustle and bustle from the outside, to familiarize themselves inwardly and to bring their bodies into balance.

	Gross Motor / Coordination	Fine Motor / Practical Work	Logical Thinking / Experimentation	Musical / Creative
Act it out – Express yourself!	X	X		X
Art Club		X		X
Basketball	X			
Board Games Old & New		X	X	
Brainteasers			X	
Chess		X	X	
Creative Writing				X
Culture Club				X
Dance Club	X			X
Fictionary Book Club				X
Film Club		X		X
Fit for Kid!	X			
Football	X			
Handball	X			
Handicrafts		X		X
Irrational Logic			X	
Junior & Senior Choir				X
Mathmagicians			X	
Number Ninjas			X	

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Origami		X		X
Oware Club		X	X	
Platanus Podcast		X		X
Platanus Post		X		X
Robotics		X	X	
Rock Band		X		X
School Events			X	X
Science Club		X	X	
Science-Fiction Storytelling				X
Spanish			X	
Swimming	X			
Table Tennis	X			
Tastes from around the world		X	X	X
Technology Club		X	X	
Wood Workshop		X	X	X
Yoga	X			





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