



Clubs

at our

School

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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



collection 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 expand their cognitive, motor, and social skills as well as sharpen 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 help 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 34 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 club 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 club. So, for example, we offer fewer places for the ceramic club in order to create the best possible working conditions for each child, while the Junior & Senior Choir thrives on many students 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.

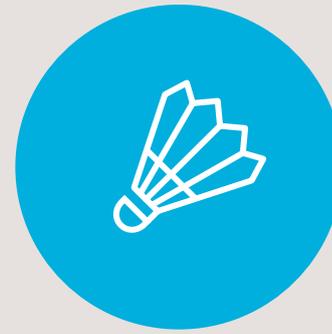
If you have any questions about our clubs, please do not hesitate to get in touch via ag@platanus-schule.de. We would be happy to advise you in the selection of the most suitable group for your child.



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.



BADMINTON

===== ENGLISH =====

As one of the fastest ball sports, badminton is a rebound game and requires speed, concentration and tactical skill. The aim is to hit the ball over the net into the opponent's half of the field in such a way that the opponent cannot hit it back according to the rules.



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

===== ENGLISH =====

What do all board games have in common? They are just really fun and encourage concentration and tactical thinking! Every week we play a different game, and the children are also welcome to bring their own games from home. It's never boring in this club!



BOOK WORMS

GERMAN

Book worms are not 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.



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.



CERAMIC CLUB

ENGLISH

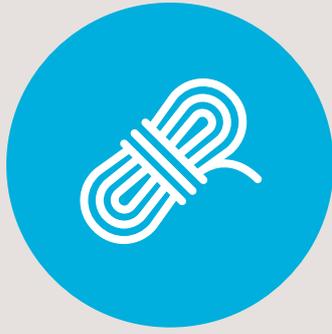
In this creative club we explore and investigate the whole process and history of making ceramics and experiment coiling, pinching, slab building techniques. We create our own ceramic pieces, sculptures and functional objects that are fired and glazed at school.



CHESS CLUB/ CHILL CHESS

GERMAN/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.



CLIMBING

GERMAN

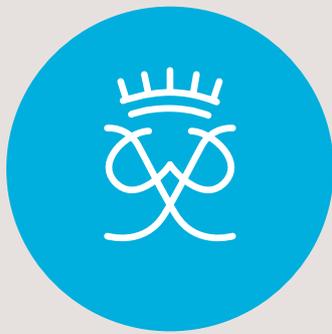
Climbing is a form of locomotion that trains self-control, sense of balance, courage, patience, self-discipline and caution. In the "Berta Block" climbing hall, we learn the movements associated with climbing and benefit from mental and physical fitness.



DEBATE CLUB

GERMAN

In this club, the participants train and sharpen their rhetorical skills and their ability to analyse and apply reasoning. We get together to debate current politically controversial and socially relevant topics and to take different positions on them.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

GERMAN

This is a framework for non-formal education that motivates young people to challenge themselves outside the classroom in the areas of volunteering, sport, talent, and expeditions in a self-determined way and to develop as best they can on their own responsibility.



FILM CLUB

ENGLISH

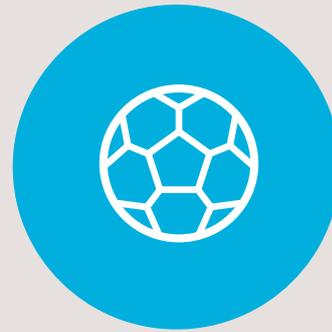
In this club, we learn about all the aspects of filmmaking: brainstorming, creative circles, writing stories, storyboarding, directing, and filming. Students who want to get experience in front of and behind the camera are all very welcome.



FIT FIGHTING

ENGLISH

With elements from Ju-Jutsu and other martial arts, our students learn to defend and protect themselves against attacks. In addition, we train our fitness, strength and flexibility in a holistic approach. No previous knowledge or physical requirements are necessary.



FOOTBALL

GERMAN

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.



HANDICRAFTS

GERMAN/ENGLISH

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.



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.



KNITTING CLUB

ENGLISH

Knit your own hat, a colourful scarf, arm warmers, or whatever your imagination comes up with. Knitting is incredibly contemplative and trains fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. We look forward to a lovely chilled-out club to sit, chat, and KNIT!



MATH CHALLENGE CLUB

ENGLISH

Together we solve puzzles that are very different from those in maths class. Practise lateral thinking, clever problem solving and ways of calculating that lead around corners. We look forward to seeing you in the *Platanus Math Competition Team!*



MODEL UNITED NATIONS (UN)

ENGLISH

Model UN are simulation games in which participants take on the role of delegates to the United Nations. In simulated bodies such as the Security Council or the General Assembly, the delegates debate global political issues, negotiate compromises, and pass resolutions.



NATURE CLUB

GERMAN

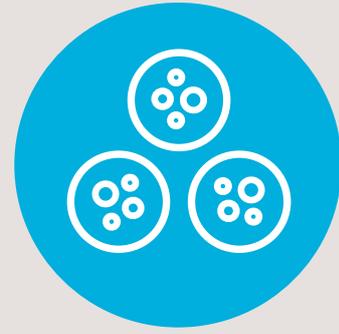
"Nature must be felt (...)!" We follow this quotation and the philosophy of the famous German explorer and natural scientist Alexander von Humboldt, dealing intensively with fauna & flora, the four elements, and discovering nature in the city in our surroundings.



ORIGAMI

ENGLISH

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 & AFRO CLUB

ENGLISH

Who knows Oware or Ludo? We learn strategic board games that originate from Africa and we focus intensively on African culture. Our aim is to awaken interest in Africa and to develop multicultural understanding. Our goal is to have an exhibition about it in our school.



PLATANUS POST

ENGLISH

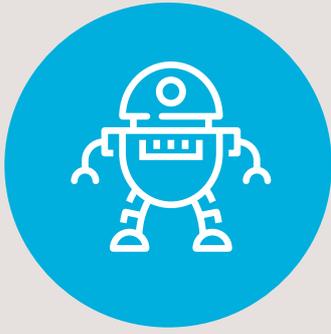
This group is suitable for students who like to write and pose clever questions. Our school newspaper thrives on exciting ideas for articles, puzzles, and interviews. With journalistic zeal and interests in a variety of issues, the participants learn to write exciting stories.



PLATANUS SCHOOL RADIO

GERMAN/ENGLISH

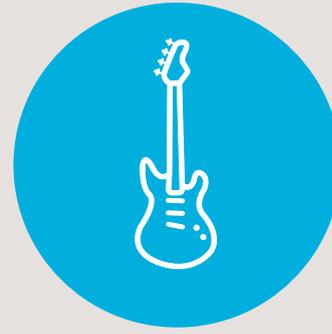
The Platanus School Radio – radio created by the students for the students. We report, create, and discuss, in several languages, topics that interest us. To create our very own unique program, we record voices and sounds from the environment, and interview interesting people.



ROBOTICS

===== ENGLISH =====

The goal is to participate in the German final of the World Robot Olympiad! 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

===== GERMAN/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.



RUGBY

===== ENGLISH =====

Rugby is a great team sport, originating in England, where you meet new friends and build bonds that last a lifetime. Open to all experience levels and genders – for anyone who wants to improve communication skills and spatial-body coordination, increase fitness, and have fun!



SCHOOL GARDENING

===== GERMAN =====

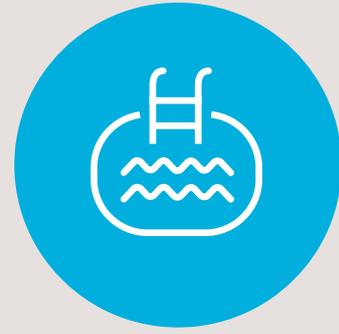
Once a week, we will craft stories with exciting sciences-fiction themes. From outer space to inner space, kids will learn about things like aliens, robots, and microbes through storytelling and crafts. No batteries included or needed, just imagination and fantasy!



SCIENCE-FICTION STORYTELLING

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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.



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.



THEATER CLUB

GERMAN

We offer a free space in which together we try out what language and movement mean to us. How do we use our body – consciously or unconsciously? There are many ways to express an idea, a thought, or an emotion. You decide the topics!



VOLLEYBALL

===== GERMAN =====

Volleyball is a very popular Olympic team sport. Two teams face each other on a court divided by a net and try to hit a ball over the net so that it touches the ground in the opponent's half of the court or the opposing team makes a mistake. It's just fun.



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.

	Gross Motor / Coordination	Fine Motor / Practical Work	Logical Thinking / Experimentation	Musical / Creative
Art Club		X		X
Badminton	X			
Basketball	X			
Board Games		X	X	
Bookworms				X
Brainteasers			X	X
Ceramic Club		X		X
Chess Club/ Chill Chess		X	X	
Climbing	X			
Debate Club			X	X
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Self-efficacy, self-confidence, resilience, sense of responsibility			
Film Club		X	X	X
Fit Fighting	X			
Football	X			
Handicrafts		X		X
Junior & Senior Choir				X
Knitting Club		X		X
Math Challenge Club			X	
Model United Nations			X	X
Nature Club		X	X	

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Origami		X		X
Oware & Afro Club		X	X	X
Platanus Post		X		X
Platanus School Radio		X		X
Robotics		X	X	
Rock Band		X		X
Rugby	X			
School Gardening	X	X		
Science-Fiction Storytelling			X	X
Swimming	X			
Tastes from around the world		X	X	X
Theater Club	X			X
Volleyball	X			
Wood Workshop		X	X	X





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