



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 over 30 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. 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 collaborations, 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 two to 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.



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

GERMAN

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.



CARD & BOARD GAMES

GERMAN

Our students explore the excitement of classic and modern games. Whether it's strategic board games or thrilling card games, the focus is on having fun together. The club promotes logical thinking, strategy, and social interaction in a friendly environment.



CERAMICS

GERMAN

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

GERMAN/ENGLISH

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



CLIMBING

GERMAN

Climbing is a form of locomotion that trains self-control, balance, courage, patience, self-discipline and caution. We learn the sequences of movements associated with climbing and benefit from mental and physical fitness.



CODING

GERMAN

We immerse ourselves in the world of programming, learn the basics of various programming languages and develop our own projects, from simple games to more complex applications. Logical thinking, problem solving and creativity are at the heart of this digital workshop.



CREATIVE WRITING

GERMAN

Discover creativity, write down thoughts and put them into other contexts, develop your own texts, try out different formats. For all those who sit excitedly in front of a blank sheet of paper, but also for writing talents whose stories are far too real for reality.



DIGITAL ANIMATION

ENGLISH

We will learn different processes and cool programs to create our own short digital animations. We will work with a variety of animation styles, including stop-motion animation, claymation and frame-by-frame raster animation. It will be digital and creative.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

ENGLISH/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.



ELECTRONIC BEATS

GERMAN

An overview of the different genres Hip Hop, House and Techno, the history of electronic music, creating your own beats, working with samples and loops as well as layering and arranging drums, using effects and developing your own track will turn us into real music producers!



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.



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.



HOME WORK ROOM

ENGLISH

This is an open offer for all our students who would like to do their homework or prepare for class tests and presentations in a quiet environment under the guidance of a teacher at school. The unbeatable advantage: when you leave school, everything is done!



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.



K-POP DANCING

GERMAN

K-pop is becoming increasingly popular. This club offers the opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of Korean pop dance. Together we rehearse choreographies to K-pop hits that promote a sense of rhythm, body control and team spirit. We look forward to performances!



LIBRARY

GERMAN

This is an open offer to visit our school library. We are looking forward to welcoming many interested readers. It is not necessary to register or sign up in advance. You can come around three times a week to read in a quiet atmosphere or borrow books to take home.



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 and flora, the four elements, and discovering nature in the city in our surroundings.



OWARE & AFRO CLUB

ENGLISH

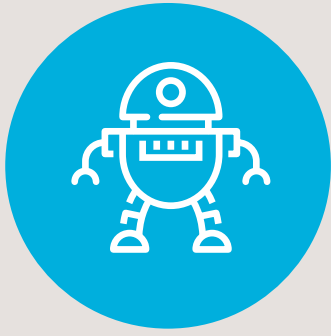
Who knows Oware or Ludo? We learn strategic board games that originate from Africa and we focus intensively on African culture. Our aim is to awaken interest in Africa and to develop multicultural understanding. Our goal is to have an exhibition about it in our school.



PHOTOGRAPHY

ENGLISH

We explore the world through the lens, learn how to use cameras and master image composition and light. Whether portrait, landscape or macro – impressive and creative photos are created here that promote personal expression and showcase the world.



ROBOTICS

===== ENGLISH =====

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

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 NEWSPAPER

===== GERMAN =====

This club 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.



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!



SKATE & CREATE

GERMAN

We learn the basics of skateboarding and improve our skills and technique. The focus is on safety and fun, while balance, coordination and endurance are trained. A great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn to skate or practise new tricks!



SPANISH CONVERSATION

SPANISH/ENGLISH

Hablas español? Have you learned Spanish? Do you know the grammar and still feel like you can't make small talk properly? We come together to simulate everyday situations from Spanish-speaking countries and simply speak Spanish without pressure.



SWIMMING

GERMAN

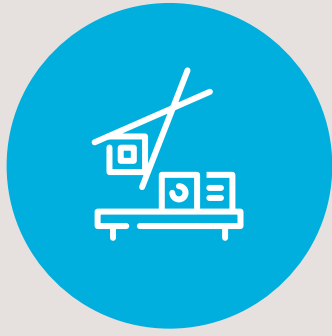
Being able to swim safely, not only offers protection in and on the water, but also gives children a sense of security, independence and autonomy. The »Wasserratten« association provides swimming lessons to beginners and advanced swimmers alike.



TABLE TENNIS

GERMAN

Forest Gump has learned: »Never take your eye off the ball!« That's exactly what it's all about. One ball, two bats, one plate and one net. In this club, we never take our eyes off the ball and have lots of fun and exercise while focusing, practising and playing fast, almost meditatively.



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.



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
Card and Board Games			X	
Ceramics		X		X
Chess		X	X	
Climbing	X			
Coding			X	
Creative Writing				X
Digital Animation			X	X
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Self-efficacy, self-confidence, resilience, sense of responsibility			
Electronic Beats			X	X
Film Club		X	X	X
Football	X			
Home Work Room	Self-organisation, sense of responsibility			
Junior & Senior Choir				X
K-Pop Dancing	X			X

	Gross Motor / Coordination	Fine Motor / Practical Work	Logical Thinking / Experimentation	Musical /Creative
Library				X
Nature Club		X	X	
Oware & Afro Club		X	X	X
Photography		X		X
Robotics		X	X	
Rock Band		X		X
School Newspaper		X		X
Science-Fiction Storytelling			X	X
Skate & Create	X			
Spanish Conversation			X	X
Swimming	X			
Table Tennis	X			
Tastes from around the world		X	X	X
Wood Workshop		X	X	X





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