

# Városligeti Magyar-Angol Két Tanítási Nyelvű Általános Iskola

Városligeti Hungarian – English Bilingual Primary School



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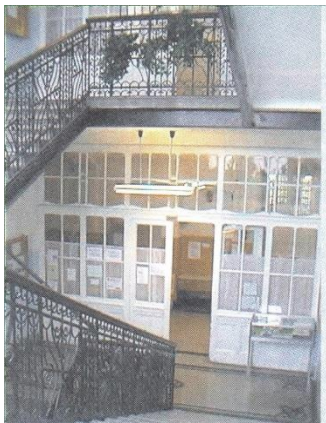
## Our school

The Városligeti Hungarian-English Bilingual Primary School can be found in the capital city, Budapest. The impressive Art Nouveau building of the school is situated next to the lovely City Park for which it is named. The school is in one of the old quarters of Budapest where many beautiful old palaces and villas can be found.



Our school was the first primary school in Hungary to develop and introduce a Hungarian-English bilingual education programme in 1991. Since 2004 all our students have been in the programme.

Our school is financed by the state but we also receive extra support for running the bilingual programme. The finances for our high quality of education are also supported by grants and a foundation started by the parents.



Headmistress:

Mrs Andrea Vizi

Deputy heads:

Mrs Mónika Paschekné Borbély

Head of lower grades

Mrs Tünde Soós

Head of upper grades

### Our school in numbers

- 8 grades (ages 6-14)
- 720 pupils
- 24 classes: 3 in each grade
- 65 teachers
- 20 teachers of English,  
5 native teachers

## Facilities

- 36 classrooms (most of them equipped with interactive board)
- internet and projectors in all rooms
- 3 gyms
- dining hall
- modern library
- computer room
- sports yard
- playground



## The bilingual programme

The school has a special Hungarian-English bilingual curriculum. This means that besides the English lessons some subjects are also taught in English. Hungarian and English skills are developed simultaneously. The subjects taught in English fit the language skills and level of each group.

Young learners in the first grade do not read or write in English. We start teaching the language using fun activities: games, songs, rhymes, stories, drawing or roleplay put the emphasis on verbal communication. The first subjects taught in English are Art, Music and Physical Education. Pupils start learning to read and write in English during the second year and from the third grade they begin to study more challenging subjects, such as Science.

Grade	Singing	Drawing	P.E.	Science	History	History of Art	Civilisation	IT
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								
5.								
6.								
7.								
8.								

In the fifth grade they start History and in the sixth grade we introduce English Culture. Language skills and the knowledge of the subject develop together. Due to the bilingual curriculum, the small groups, the open and motivating atmosphere each child has the opportunity to practise the language in real situations.

Our teachers often organize methodology workshops for bilingual teachers and take part in various trainings. In 2019 11 teachers travel with the Erasmus programme to participate in intensive methodology courses in other European countries.



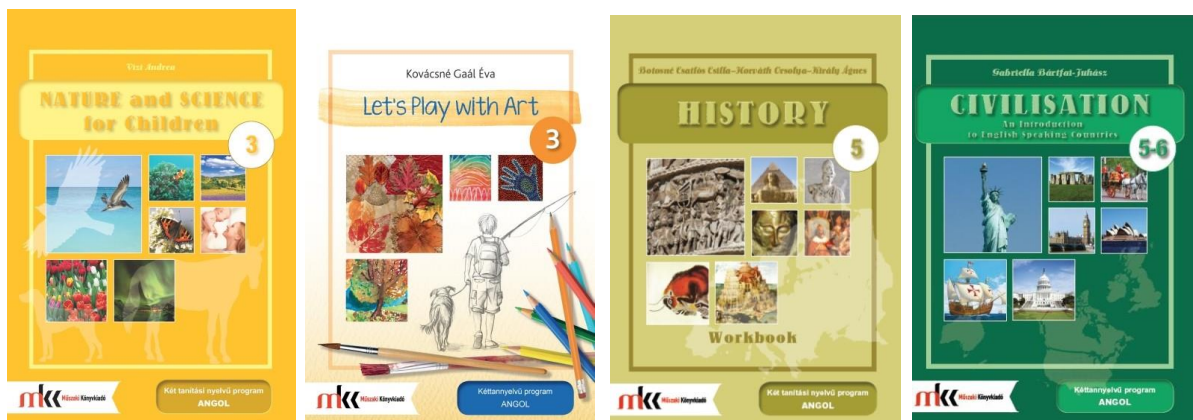
## Our students

The majority of the students live near the school, in the 14<sup>th</sup> district of Budapest. In most families both the parents are Hungarian but we have students from a bilingual or foreign background, some speak English as their mother tongue. However, applicants do not have to speak English to get in. They are admitted based on the result of a playful testing process, which estimates their skills and abilities.

Our qualified English teachers work with small groups using hi-tech teaching aids and manage to create an authentic language environment. By the time students finish 8<sup>th</sup> grade they speak at an intermediate or advanced level of English, most of them pass a language exam before they graduate.

## Our books

Most of the books used during the subjects taught in English were written by our teachers and are used by other schools in the country.



## Award plaques

Entering the school on the wall everybody can see the award plaques of the outstanding teachers and students of the school.

- Student of the year
- Student of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Sportsstudent of the year
- Teacher of the year



## Skills development

We put emphasis on versatile skills development, so we offer several sports, cultural and free time activities to those who choose our school. English has a central role in our programme but teaching all the other subjects is equally important for us. This is confirmed by tests and competition results and the fact that our students are admitted to the renowned secondary schools. As a result, Városligeti is ranked highly among the primary schools in Budapest.



## Traditional annual events

- Welcome party for the 1<sup>st</sup> graders
- Halloween Party
- Luca Day Market
- Christmas Fair and Party
- Fancy Dress Party
- Challenge Day
- Pancake day
- Open lessons for the parents
- Mother's Day Celebration
- Parent-Teacher Ball
- Father's Football Cup
- Farewell Ceremony for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders



## Holiday programmes

We offer our pupils a wide range of holiday camps and trips:

- skiing
- Barangoló English camp
- educational trip to Britain
- craft camp
- basketball camp
- camps at Lake Balaton

