

What makes us unique

Our elementary school is included in the system of schools under the Ministry of Education. Therefore, our school reports are of the same validity as of any public school in the Czech Republic. **Our elementary school offers extended classes of English starting right from Year One.**

Parents can choose from two different study programmes:

1. Bilingual Programme (Bilingual class)
2. CLIL Programme (CLIL class)

Our students are not required to have any English skills prior to starting their studies at our school. We also specialize in educating students from English-speaking countries who have basic knowledge of Czech.

Children graduating from our elementary school are ready to continue their education at our secondary schools: I. NZG and JGM. Both of these secondary schools are based in the same building as the Elementary school so children do not have to move to a different environment. Students who attended a bilingual class at the elementary school can continue their bilingual education at I. NZG.

Bilingual classes at English Elementary School

Starting from Year One, selected non-language classes are taught in English. Bilingual lessons are taught by fully qualified teachers of English and native speakers.

The following subjects are taught in English starting in Year One: Mathematics, Practical Activities, Music, Art, and Physical Education. The syllabus includes English – 2 lessons per week; English practice – 1 lesson per week; bilingual programme – 7 lessons per week (from Year One to Year Three). From Year Four on, the bilingual programme is extended by one lesson per week and English by 2 lessons per week.

From Year One, we also offer afternoon extra-curricular activities in English.

The curriculum includes Czech coursebooks and additional books/handouts in English. English language is taught using Oxford coursebooks. In one class, there are not more than 16 students. Bilingual classes are ideal for children from bilingual families as well as for children who had English classes in kindergarten.

In the afternoon, we offer extra-curricular bilingual activities.

Tuition fee (bilingual class at English Elementary School)

- CZK 8,000 per month (i.e. CZK 96,000 per year; the fee can also be split into 12 payments)

CLIL Classes at English Elementary School

Our elementary school teaches about Czech culture in Czech language. Czech is the basic language of tuition. **Still, there are lessons of English right from Year One.** The number of lessons is continuously extended so that students do not get overloaded at the time when they are only building their relationship towards education.

However, starting in Year One, children are exposed to English also during lessons of Art, Practical Activities and afternoon extra-curricular activities. In selected lessons, they practice their English with a native speaker.

Lessons of English integrate features of several methods of language teaching which have proved effective. **We mainly draw on the CLIL method (Content and Language Integrated Learning)** which is complemented with the **Act&Speak method** (English practice, English theatre, creative activities, lessons with native speakers and English in afternoon extra-curricular activities).

Every student in Years One and Two also has the possibility to attend optional lessons of **English Practice** where they can review and practice what they learned in their English lessons. There are not more than 16 students in one class.

Tuition Fee (CLIL class at English Elementary School)

- CZK 4,500 per month (i.e. CZK 54,000 – the fee can also be split into 12 payments)

Our policies

- **Security of your children is our priority.** For this reason, we are continuously improving our safety measures. The hall and hallways are monitored by CCTV cameras and children have to check in and out. The times of their check-ins and checkouts are recorded in the School On-line app under Attendance tab for you to see.
- We believe in small numbers of students in class (not more than 16) and individual approach to every student.
- We have an in-house school kitchen and canteen with up-to-date equipment. Children can choose from three different meals.
- Since the academic year 2011/2012, we have been using a new language laboratory to make language teaching more effective. The lab is equipped with high-quality audio-visual tools.
- English is a compulsory subject from Year One.
- Lessons of English and English Practice: Years One and Two – 3 lessons per week; Years Three to Five – 5 lessons per week.
- English is taught using Oxford coursebooks.
- Possibility to practice English with a native speaker in some lessons.
- On a regular basis, our students participate and are successful in language competitions.
- We systematically prepare our students to pass Cambridge English exams. Our school is proud to have received the Best Preparation Centre 2017 Award: Step-by-step Approach, from Cambridge Assessment English, University of Cambridge.
- Pre-classes care from 6.45 am to 8.55 am. After-classes care until 4.30 pm.
- Optional second foreign language from Year Three.
- Services of school psychologist and special pedagogy staff.
- Lessons of skating and swimming.
- As part of their syllabus, children visit theatres and excursions (e.g. libraries, observatories, etc.).
- On-line gradebooks and class registers (School On-line app).
- Interactive boards with education software for different subjects in all classrooms of the elementary school.
- Fully equipped art and pottery studio.
- Classes start at 8.55 am.
- Our school cooperates with prestigious foreign private schools in London, UK, and Florida, USA.
- From Year Five, our students go on regular trips abroad.

Activities not included in Tuition Fee:

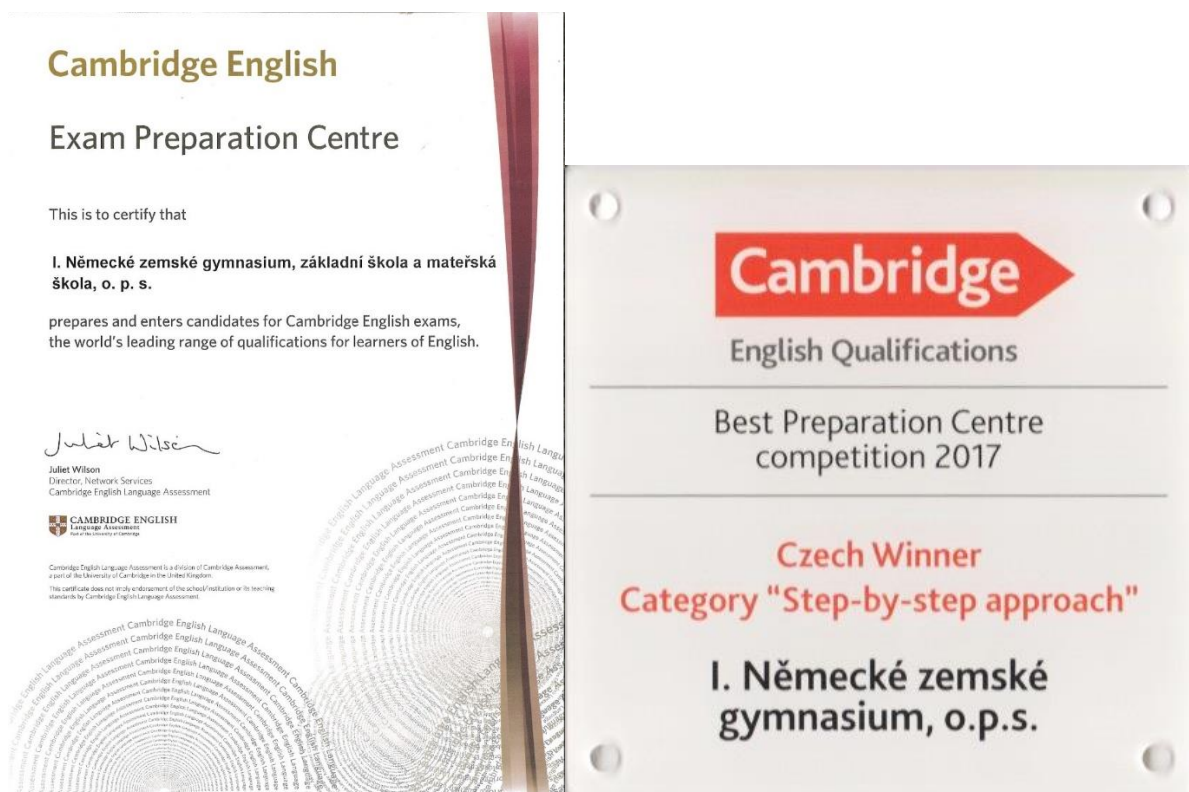
- Afternoon extra-curricular activities in English language.
- Pottery, yoga, IT class, sports, Kendo, language classes.
- Elementary Art School: lessons of piano, keyboard, singing, flute, guitar, theatre, pottery, arts, etc.

English

If compared with students in initial years of traditional elementary schools, our students get familiar with everyday communication in English as the language becomes more than a mere school subject to them. They get used to using English as a tool for further learning so they will not be afraid to communicate with native speakers.

In our elementary school, English is also part of afternoon activities in which students have the chance to practice English every day in the form of relaxing activities.

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Language Teaching in Bilingual and CLIL Classes

Subjects within language teaching (No. of lessons)	English Elementary School CLIL Classes					English Elementary School Bilingual Classes			
	English and English Practice*	Second foreign language*	English in pre-classes and after-classes care *	English with a native speaker***	Other subjects with integrated English**	English and English Practice*	Second foreign language*	English in pre-classes and after-classes care*	Bilingual education in English with a native speaker ^o
Year One	3	0	5	1	2	3	0	5	7
Year Two	3	0	5	1	2	3	0	5	7
Year Three	5	1	5	1	2	5	1	5	7
Year Four	5	1	5	1	3	5	1	5	8
Year Five	5	1	5	1	3	5	1	5	8
Total	21	3	25	5	12	21	3	25	37

* No. of language lessons per week

** Art lessons and Practical Activities are conducted in both Czech and English from Year One (using the CLIL method)

*** Native speaker in English lessons

^o Bilingual Education – non-language subjects (Mathematics, Music, Art, Practical Activities, and Physical Education) are taught in English (fully qualified Czech teachers and native speakers of English).