



Britannia School

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PROSPECTUS



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Dear Parents,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the Head Teacher of Britannia School.

Firstly, I have to tell you that I have two main passions in life – children and teaching. I started my career in working with young children in 2006 in the United Kingdom. It was this position that fuelled my passion for teaching children.

In 2009, I arrived in Russia to begin working for one of the leading international schools here in Moscow. I enjoyed the challenge of teaching EYFS in a non-English speaking country. Through this experience I gained valuable skills in teaching emergent bilingual children, and implementing the early years curriculum in a school-based environment.

During my 7 years in Moscow I have had the opportunity of working in three international schools, with one of my roles being the Head of Early Years. In this management position, I established all the educational processes and teaching practices from Pre-Nursery up until Reception at a newly launched school.

I received my university education in England where I graduated with an honours degree in

psychology and a diploma in child daycare. I believe that my psychology degree is a real asset, as it gives me deep understanding of the different learning styles of my children. My psychology augmented by my professional experience prepared me for catering to the individual needs of every child.

Contemporary dance is my passion. I had professional training in this field. Over the years I have created my own syllabus for teaching dance to children under the age of five. I really look forward to teaching dance classes in our brand new beautiful sports hall, which will be complete with full-length mirrors and bars.

I believe that the knowledge and experience that I have built over the last ten years uniquely positions me to run a school where children are able to reach their highest potential. In early years children really do learn the key skills that they will carry for the rest of the life. I am looking forward to building the best early years school in Moscow.

It will be apparent to all who visit our school that Britannia School has a unique atmosphere it's just different. We are confident you will see truly happy pupils enjoying their learning experiences and making excellent progress.

Our purposeful, fun and supportive campus environment is guaranteed to successfully deliver academic rigour while providing a breadth of extra curricular opportunities that can be accessed by all. At Britannia, we place large value on each student as an individual and we respond to his or her needs accordingly.

We hope this prospectus gives you an idea of what Britannia School is all about. It would be our pleasure to give you a tour of our school, come and visit!

Kindest regards,

Mrs. Holly Roberts
Head Teacher

BRITISH CURRICULUM



Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.
- John Dewey

Our Curriculum

Learning

Learning is child centered and it is a child's own interests and curiosity that drives their learning. Play and communication are the major pathways in learning.

Qualified

Our class teachers are native English speakers who are fully qualified and have years of professional experience. English speaking teaching assistants support them.

Facilities

All of our school's facilities are designed to not only be educational but extremely safe too. You can be confident that your children are in a safe and nurturing environment.

The British Curriculum

At Britannia we follow the British Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum (EYFS). EYFS is a framework for children's development from birth to 5 years of age.

It has four main themes, namely:

- A Unique Child – every child is a competent learner from birth and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
- Positive Relationships – children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and carers.
- Enabling Environments – the environment plays a key role in supporting and extending a child's development and learning.
- Learning and Developing – children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas of learning and development are equally important.

How We Teach at Britannia School

Britannia School pupils are encouraged to achieve their learning objectives earlier than their peers in other schools in Moscow or even the U.K.

It is important to note that teachers are encouraged to incorporate fun and games children love to play into the academic day. This approach fosters a perfect balance of teacher and child led play.

We have high expectations of our children. We believe that our small class sizes and highly qualified and motivated staff allow us to cover all subjects in depth.

Our Curriculum incorporates Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and includes science-based topics, which have been carefully simplified to allow small, manageable and achievable objectives to be met.



Our Classes

There are four classrooms that are 66sq.m each at our campus. Every classroom has its own bathroom complete with three small toilets, sinks and a shower. Three classrooms will be opened in September Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Reception.

Themed Classrooms

The idea behind the design of the Britannia school's interior is that it represents key constituent parts of the UK. Each classroom has a silhouette of a city that represents four countries of the United Kingdom.

Resources

Each classroom will have an interactive board and will contain the different areas of continuous provision, including reading corner, water tray, sand tray, creative area, literacy area, maths area, and a role-play area.

A friendly, warm school where everyone knows your child as an individual.

Thanks to the unique way in which we teach our children we boast high levels in all areas of development. Teachers are highly qualified in Early Years Foundation Stage education and teaching assistants are all fluent English speakers.

Safe: Our campus is safe and secure, and children are cared for in the same way that they would be at home. We have small classes with excellent teacher to student ratio, meaning your child gets individual support and ample amount of attention.

Advanced: The children learn current topics assisted by a purposely designed mix of advanced technology and traditional learning tools.

Class Schedule: Due to the nature of our play based learning, we ask all parents to make sure they provide a spare change of clothes.



Belfast



Cardiff



Edinburgh



York

OUR CLASSES



The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.
- Sydney J. Harris

SPECIALIST SUBJECTS

A young girl with long dark hair, wearing a white shirt and a pink sash, is seen from the side, focused on painting a landscape on a canvas. The canvas shows a green field in the foreground and a blue sky with white clouds. She is holding a paintbrush and applying paint to the sky. In the foreground, there are several paint containers and a basket filled with various brushes. The scene is set in a well-lit room, likely an art studio or classroom.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. - Nelson Mandela

Specialist Subjects

Russian

Britannia School is pleased to offer Russian lessons to its Nursery and Reception pupils. Your child will have the opportunity to take part in Russian language lessons 2-3 times per week with a qualified and experienced Russian teacher. The children will be split into two different classes. One class will contain children who are native Russian speakers and the second class will contain non-native Russian speakers.

We believe providing Russian lessons for native speakers will help them to gain a balanced knowledge of topics and concepts in both English and Russian. Children who are non-native Russian speakers will have a fantastic opportunity to learn a new language. According to current research children from the age of three are the perfect age to learn a new language.

Non-Native Russian Speakers: In these lessons children will learn the basics of the Russian language. They will learn greetings such as 'good morning' and 'good afternoon', and will learn how to answer the question 'what is your name? They will become familiar with and listen regularly to classic Russian stories and songs.

Native Russian Speakers: With native speakers we will build upon the foundations that they have already established in their native language. They will cover the same topics as the non-native groups but more in-depth for example, when learning about family native speakers will be asked about each family member, where they live, what they look like, how old they are etc. They will learn how to count and recognise numbers from 1-20 and will be able to write their name in Russian.

Expressive Art & Design

This involves enabling the children to explore and play with a wide range of materials, as well as provide opportunities (with encouragement) to share thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, and role-play.

Music

Led by a piano children learn nursery rhymes and songs, as well as listen to world famous classical compositions and join in the fun playing various instruments, doing vocal exercises, singing and dancing.

Exploring Music: Your child will sing, play instruments and move to music at Britannia School. Learning to keep a beat and tell the difference between loud and soft, introduces children to the artistic, cultural, scientific and mathematical foundations of music.

Singing: At Britannia School our students sing repetitive songs with words and melodies that are easy to learn. Your child will develop their voice by singing alone and will learn to blend their voice with others by singing in a group. Singing will also help your child learn to read, spelling "B-I-N-G-O" for example.

Playing Instruments: At Britannia School we play musical instruments, such as rhythm sticks and drums, individually and in a group. Your child will be able to copy simple rhythmic patterns played by the teacher. The children may also make simple instruments, such as drums and shakers, out of found objects.

Listening and Moving: You can expect your child to be exposed to many different kinds of songs with different beats and rhythms. They will learn to develop an ear for beat and respond to it. They will understand rhythm and qualities of music, such as loud and soft, and fast and slow. Your child will skip, hop, march, clap and tiptoe to the beat and makes creative movements to music.



Our Facilities

Our campus currently has four classrooms; all are very spacious at 66m² each. Every classroom has its own bathroom, complete with three small toilets, sinks and a shower.

Initially we will open in September with 3 classes, Pre-Nursery (2-3 years old), Nursery (3-4 years old) and Reception (4-5 years old).

The design of the inside of the building represents different cities in the UK. Each classroom has a silhouette of a city that represents four countries in the United Kingdom.

The countries represented at Britannia School are Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh and York.

The Pre-Nursery room that is situated on the first floor represents Belfast. Nursery is also on the first floor and will represent Cardiff. The Reception class is located upstairs and will represent Edinburgh.

Each classroom will have an IWB (Interactive White Board) and all the different areas of learning set up in the classroom. An example of these areas are; a reading corner, water and sand trays, creative area, literacy area, maths area, and role-play area.

The sports hall and assembly room are located on the second floor. Complete with a projector, full-length mirrors, and a ballet bar for dance lessons.

Library and ICT room has a range of books for the children to choose independently and work stations and iPads for IT based lessons.

Changing facilities are on both floors complete will full length-clothing dryers.

The reception area of the school is situated on the first floor near the entrance, which has access for people with limited mobility can enter the campus with ease (and those with pushchairs). The adult toilet on the first floor has been adapted to enable those who are in wheelchairs to use it.

The outdoor space is more than 3000 m² and is split into a variety of different areas.

There are huge pavilions that turn into different places; from a town / city, to garage, supermarket, house, banks etc. all stocked full of role-play items for the children.

There are tarmac roads so the children can travel to these places on bikes and scooters.

The garden area is where children can observe plants and flowers and be in charge of their own garden. Other areas will contain tables and chairs for lessons outdoors.

We will also incorporate a recycling area for papers, tins and bottles. The outdoor area is very large and we will surely make the most out of teaching outdoors during the warmer months. Trees surround our outdoor space, so there is always plenty of shade.



OUR FACILITIES



Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one. - Malcolm Forbes



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