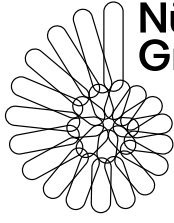


English



Nürtingen
Grundschule

**Welcome to
school!**

Welcome to Nürtingen Primary School!

Dear parents, dear parental guardians, dear aunts, uncles, grannies, grandpas, brothers, sisters, cousins, dear friends! The Friends of Nürtingen Primary would like to welcome you and say how glad we are that – whether from near or far – you are there to encourage and support your school starter.

Dear Nürtingen pupil, we're so glad you're here! There's no doubt that the first days and weeks at a big new school are exciting, but they're definitely also a little confusing. Here we'd like to offer you a bit of an overview of your new school and your new routine.

What makes our school special?

- Everyone matters
- We encourage kindness and respect
- Many of our pupils grow up speaking more than one language
- We see the local area as part of the school community
- Pupils learn how to handle conflict as part of their school lessons
- First and foremost we appreciate and respect each other
- We see our diversity as an asset

See our mission statement in full:

→ nuertingen-grundschule.de/thema/ngs/konzepte

Our teaching concept – Help me to help myself!

Montessori teaching method

For many years our school has successfully operated on the basis of the Montessori method of teaching developed by Maria Montessori in 1906. She focused on children's natural curiosity and their eagerness for knowledge, with the adult-child relationship best described as "help me to help myself". This method of teaching also places emphasis on the importance of learning with and from each other. To this end, pupils are taught in classes that combine three year groups into one: Years 1, 2 & 3 and Years 4, 5 & 6 explore the world of learning in mixed year-group classes (abbreviated in German to "JÜL").

Further features of the Montessori teaching method:

- It supports the children's natural joy at learning
- Pupils are encouraged to be independent
- Children discover their own natural learning pace
- Suggestions and support are offered
- During periods of free activity, the children themselves choose what to work on

The classroom – space for me to learn

Children need freedom. They learn best when they can move around and are not required to sit quietly at a desk. As this is a proven fact, pupils, teachers and interested parents worked together on the project "Shaping the learning environment" ("Gestaltete Lernumgebung") redesigning the school by adapting the furniture and acoustics in each of the rooms. Since then, the children learn and work at high tables, on rugs, sofas and raised platforms, in alcoves and in the corridors. Pedagogy and interior design support each other. And sometimes the pupils do without any rooms at all – in our school vegetable garden, the so-called "green classroom".

What about the rest of school life?

School Parliament

At our school, pupils have their own independent parliament, where class representatives meet once a month to discuss topics of relevance to them and to school life. Their active participation in decision-making is crucial to the pupils living and learning democracy. The school representatives elected by the parliament also take part in School Council meetings (Schulkonferenz) as advocates for the interests of their fellow pupils.

Breaktime snack and lunch

In the morning, the children eat together the healthy, savoury breaktime snack they've brought with them from home. The school café "Futterkäfer" also sells sandwiches and cake. Since 2019 each primary school child in Berlin is entitled to a free hot lunch from the school canteen. At our school, this is delivered by the catering company "Luna". In the afternoon there is also a snack of fruit available in after-school care.

The afternoons

Following lessons, after-school care begins at the “Schüler*innenhaus”. The staff there also assist during morning lessons and know the pupils well. In addition to the activities offered in after-school care, the children can also attend AGs (regular groups/courses). The interest of the child is paramount here, the staff are there to assist them in the selection process. However, Year 1 is all about orientation and getting to know the school – about settling in.

Schüler*innenhaus “Kotti e.V.”

After-school care, early and late supervision

Nürtingen Primary operates as an open-form all-day school (offener Ganztagsbetrieb / OGB). This means that, within the system of reliable half-day schooling (verlässliche Halbtags-grundschule / VHG), all pupils are supervised from 7.30 – 13.30 free of charge. Outside these times, “Kotti e.V.” offers early supervision from 6.00, after-school care from 13.30 – 16.00 and late supervision from 16.00 – 18.00. To sign your child up for one or all of these, you must apply at the Youth Welfare Office (Jugendamt). The staff at the “Schüler*innenhaus” will be happy to help you with your application.

Telephone: 030.61784265, email: schuelerhaus@kottiberlin.de

Supervision during the school holidays

“Kotti e.V.” also organises supervision during the school holidays. Prior registration is required.

For more information see: → [nuertingen-grundschule.de/
thema/<schulleben/schuelerhaus](http://nuertingen-grundschule.de/thema/<schulleben/schuelerhaus)

How to get involved

There are many opportunities to get involved and help shape the future of the school: the sponsored run, the summer party, readings, the Friends of Nürtingen Primary (Förderverein), the Parents Council (GEV), the School Council meetings (SK), the General Council meetings (GK) and many more.

For current information and dates see:
→ nuertingen-grundschule.de/kalender

The School Campus

There are three school buildings – the Oranges Haus (the Orange Building), the Rotes Haus (the Red Building) and the Gelbes Haus (the Yellow Building). Here's a guide to what you'll find – in addition to classrooms – in which building:

Oranges Haus – Main Building

Ground Floor	The school social workers in Room 3c/3d, the school café "Futterkäfer", the rooms used for early and late supervision
1 st Floor	Offices of the school secretary and the school principal
2 nd Floor	School assembly hall, school library
Basement	Lost property
Outdoor area & outbuildings	Playground, ball court, table tennis tables, outdoor toy & games library in the "Milchhäuschen", the school vegetable garden, the exhibition space "Die Remise"

Rotes Haus

Ground Floor & 1 st Floor	School canteen
1 st Floor	Lebenskunderaum (life science)
Outdoor area	Football pitch, playground, table tennis tables

Gelbes Haus

1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Floor	Kotti e.V. "Schüler*innenhaus", group rooms for after-school care
1 st Floor	"Ludothek" (board game library)
3 rd Floor	"Schüler*innenhaus" office
Basement	Lost property
Outdoor area	Playground

The sports hall, opposite the football pitch, features several sports areas and a sports court on the roof. During construction on the Rotes Haus, canteen services and after-school care for Years 4, 5 & 6 will be temporarily located in the Kontainer-Insel (Container Island), in the Bethanien grounds.

Questions? Who to ask:

Office hours are as given, otherwise please call and make an appointment:

School secretary	Frau Hoeder telephone 030.61784231, Mondays and Wednesdays 11.00 – 13.00
School principal / vice principal	Markus Schega & Susan Kayser telephone 030.61784232, Fridays at 13.00 open consultation hour
Schüler*innenhaus (after-school care)	Michaela Pfeiffer schuelerhaus@kottiberlin.de, telephone 030.61784265, daily during term time
School social workers	Boris Gukelberger boris.gukelberger@kottiberlin.de, telephone 030.61784262, Monday – Friday 8.00 – 16.00

Friends of Nürtingen Primary (Förderverein)

We work together to promote and finance all those things that add to our children's school experience, such as the library with its author readings, the vegetable garden, "The Remise" art space, the outdoor toy & games library, the "Futterkäfer" café, the new media room in the Gelbes Haus and much more. We also organise longstanding Nürtingen Primary events such as the Big Sponsored Run, and bring to life new ideas such as the Festival of Languages.

Friends get involved!

We're always delighted to welcome helping hands and fresh ideas. Just come along to one of our meetings! To find out more about us, our projects and how to become a member see:

→ nuertingen-grundschule.de/thema/foerderverein/ueber-uns

