



# WHAT TO EXPECT TODAY

- Concept of European-State School Berlin (SESB)
- Quentin-Blake-Primary school
  - Two schools in one
  - Educational support & Hort
  - Details about our school
  - Registration process for new pupils
  - Choices after QBGS





# THE CONCEPT OF EUROPEAN STATE SCHOOL BERLIN (SESB)

- Since 1992 and only in Berlin
- Bilingual & bicultural school with two languages of instruction on an equal level (German and one of nine other languages: English, French, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish or Turkish.)
- School of special pedagogical character
- $\ \ \, \bullet \ \ \, \hbox{Instruction by native speaking teachers}$
- From year 1 through MSA or Abitur (i.e. all Berlin school-leaving qualifications) (18 primary schools & 15 secondary schools)
- Language level of instruction at the time of the baccalaureate: C2 (Certificate of Completion & Language Certificate)
- Primary school as a full-day school (from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- Language test as part of the admission procedure (determines language group)







- 1953 to ca. 1990: American Armed Forces school
  - TAR-School Thomas A. Roberts Elementary School
    - commemorated by the , $\mathbf{T}$ ogetherness,  $\mathbf{A}$ chievement,  $\mathbf{R}$ esponsibility'

banner in memory of its first namesake

- After Allies left, building was vacant for 2 years
- Later, handed over to the district of Zehlendorf
- 1992: Start of European State School (SESB) here at Hüttenweg 40
- ✤ 2022: we celebrated 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary



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### **QUENTIN-BLAKE GRUNDSCHULE**

School premises together with the Biesalski Förderzentrum (on the ground floor)

Our school:

- 445 pupils
- 18 educators
- 42 teachers
- 20 employees = mother tongue English
- 3 classes per grade
  - (1<sup>st</sup> until 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 18 classes)
  - 1 German branch
  - and 2 bilingual SESB branches



# **TWO SCHOOLS IN ONE!**

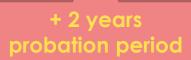


#### MONOLINGUAL STREAM (REGELZWEIG)

- One class per grade
- Children from the catchment area (residential environment)
- Free lunch

BILINGUAL STREAM (SESB)

- Two classes per grade
- Children come from all Berlin districts
- Free lunch







## HOW CAN MY CHILD ATTEND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE?

- Hort- & AG-Offer by Technische Jugendfreizeit- und Bildungsgesellschaft
  - tjfbg gGmbH (<u>www.tjfbg.de</u>)
- Childcare modules in our Hort:

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Early: 6 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. / Midday: 1:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. / Late: 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

- The procedure for getting the after-school care (Hort) voucher is similar to the Kita voucher
  - Fill in the application form for the certificate of need (Hort voucher) (available on the website of the Youth Welfare Office) and send it to the Youth Welfare Office
  - > Approved Hort voucher will be sent to your address by mail
  - Contact the social education department (SPB) of our school to conclude a contract (Tel: 0151 – 7023 9615 or s.passon@qbgs.de)



# START OF CARE AT QBGS

#### Please consider:

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- \* Kita ends at 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2025
- \* Enrolment ceremony (big event & tradition in Germany) on 13th of September 2025

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- \* Hort can be used <u>only with signed contract</u> from from 1st of August 2025
- \* Our AG offer (after school clubs) is only available from 2nd grade on



# SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

For our school children and families we offer the following:

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK

- General counselling

- Referrals for external help

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- Child protection
- Anti-bullying prevention
  - Conflict Resolution

SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION  $\diamond$ 

- Parental counselling for learning difficulties

- Identification of support needs in cooperation with SiBUZ

+ Conflict mediators in the schoolyard

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INTEGRATION EDUCATORS

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1:1-help
 Integration into the social environment of the class

- Contact to parents



# GERMAN MONOLINGUAL (REGELZWEIG) & BILINGUAL SESB CLASSES

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# What is the everyday life like for both concepts?



Let's look at a sample schedule...

### TIMETABLE OF A YEAR 1 CLASS GERMAN MONOLINGUAL STREAM (REGELZWEIG)

Lesson	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>1.</b> (08:00 – 08:45)	Corman	Maths	Maths	Policion (Life ekille	Specific
<b>2.</b> (08:50 – 09:35)	German	Support Maths	German	Religion / Life skills	Sports
<b>1. RECESS</b> (09:35 – 09:55)					
<b>3.</b> (09:55 – 10:40)	Art	C	German	Maths	German
<b>4.</b> (10:45 – 11:30)	An	German	Торіс		Support German
<b>2. RECESS</b> (11:30 – 12:00)					
<b>5.</b> (12:00 – 12:45)	5. (12:00 – 12:45) Lunch				
<b>6.</b> (12:50 – 13:35)	Торіс	German+	UeA	Music	Maths
<b>7.</b> (13:40 – 14:20)		Sports	Music	Early English	1
		After that: Hort (optional – only with Hort contract)			IMPORTANTI

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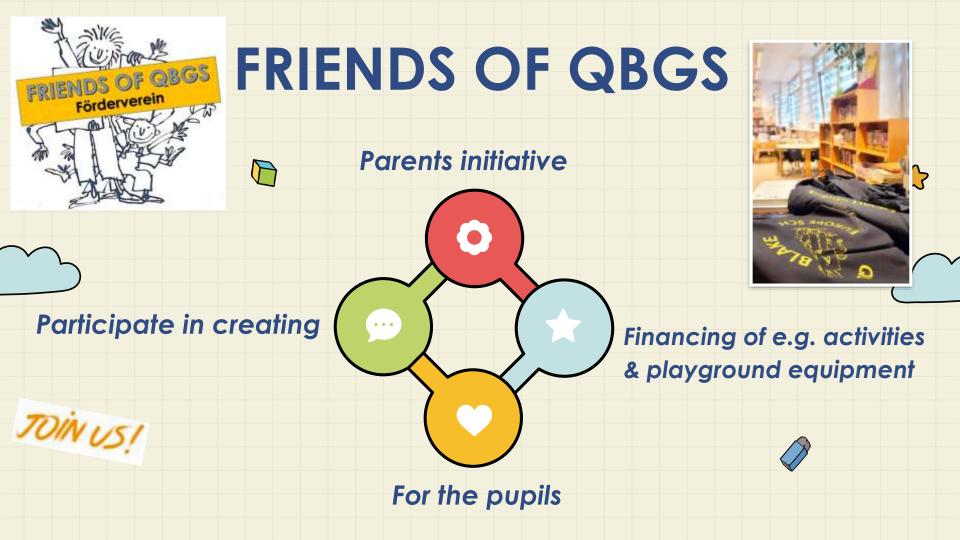
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# TIMETABLE OF A 1ST CLASS OF THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL (SESB)

Lesson	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
<b>1.</b> (08:00 – 08:45)	Dertroy Tonguo	Maths	Social Skills	Maths	Art	
<b>2.</b> (08:50 – 09:35)	Partner Tongue	Торіс	Maths	Music	АП	
<b>1. Recess</b> (09:35 – 09:55)						
<b>3.</b> (09:55 – 10:40)	Mother Tongue				Mother Tongue	
<b>4.</b> (10:45 – 11:30)	Library	Mother Tongue	Religion / Life skills	Mother Tongue	Support German / Study Time	
<b>2. Recess</b> (11:30 – 12:00)						
<b>5.</b> (12:00 – 12:45) <b>Lunch</b>						
<b>6.</b> (12:50 – 13:35)	UeA / Support English	Art	UeA	Library	Study Time / Support Maths	
<b>7.</b> (13:40 – 14:20)	Mother Tongue				UeA	
<b>8.</b> (14:25 – 15:10)	Support German / Study Time	Sports	Optional starting in 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade:	Partner Tongue	Optional starting in 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade:	
<b>9.</b> (15:15 – 16:00)	UeA	•	AGs	UeA	AGs	

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# **FRIENDS OF QBGS**





You can register here

#### WHY A PARENTS' INITIATIVE?

- Public funding for schools is very limited
- Parents and school cooperate
- Funds a better school life for our children

It is common for the majority of all families to join the Förderverein (€25 donation per month or more).



### Sevents

#### Welcome week for the Year 1 pupils

Assignment of a buddy from year 4 classes

- Joint activities to get to know each other e.g. school rally
- Frequent internal school assemblies
- WOFOO Week (walking to school)
- ✤ FunRun (visit us this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of September! ☺)
- Other sport events like miniMarathon
- Bookweek
- Halloween
- Lantern festival
- Christmas Concerts
- Carnival



Other long term projects

such as Quentin-Blake United, ERASMUS for Regelzweig)



# SCHOOL INFO EMAIL





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Assembly & Fun Run, am Freitag, 5.5. etzt war auch i das Wetter auf auf unserer Seiter 5 W/ terheten den Tog da 900 Uhr mit einer gemeinsamen Assembly: Ex gob letzte Informationen gun Fun Rus. ußendern wurden die Gewinner der Wittesewettt





- Every week you will receive the latest school info on school life
- All the latest news and dates

#### **Register on our website!**



# **FACTS ABOUT YEAR 1**

#### Class size

Usually 26 children per class (Regel & SESB)

#### Nations represented in this years 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Australia, Denmark, Germany, India, Iran, New Zealand, Nigeria, Austria, Russia, Serbia, South Africa, Syria, Uganda, United Kingdom, Ukraine, USA, Uzbekistan



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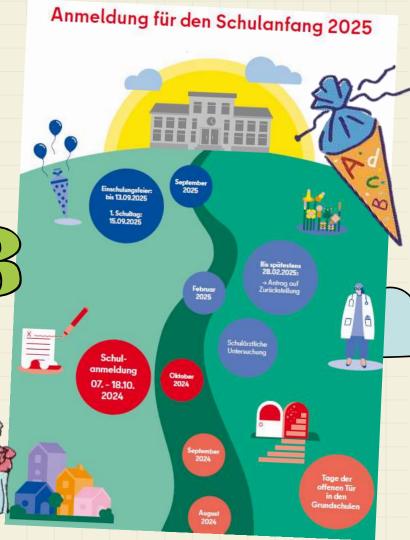
#### APPLICATION PROCESS STARTING SCHOOL IN 2024

At state schools (such as ours):

- Enrolment ceremony on 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2025
- Start of school on 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2025

**BUT WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE THAT?** 

A step-by-step explanation...





# **OUR WEBSEITE**

On our website in the menu item 'APPLICATION' you will find all important information and forms!

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Under 'Your child becomes a pupil' you will find everything you need to know for the application.



Wir sind eine Berliner Grundschule und eine staatliche, bilinguale Europa-Schule (deutsch-englisch)!



### APPLICATION PROCESS -ESSENTIALS IN ADVANCE

- The school authority reviews all applications not us!
  - We do not decide anything!
- Application period: 7 October to 18 October 2024
- Bring complete set of documents to your catchment area school AND primary wish school (not necessary visiting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> wish schools)

#### Registration at our school

Visit our website (www.qbgs.de/your-child-becomes-a-school-child/?lang=en)

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- There you will find all application forms & instructions.
- Incomplete documents will not be accepted!

## ☆ CATCHMENT AREA PRIMARY SCHOOL

- You will receive information via mail about the catchment area primary school before the registration period. <u>Your child is assigned to this school.</u>
- Please visit your catchment area primary school during the registration period: Here, you will...
  - > ...receive first information about the start of school
  - > ...can apply for early or later enrolment of your child for school
  - > ...get an appointment for the medical school entrance examination
  - ...need to show certain documents (school application documents, birth certificate of the child, passports of the legal guardians, measles protection)
  - > ...can apply for a change of school

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE TO THE BILINGUAL BRANCH (SESB)?

- Inform your catchment area primary school of your wish to change schools and fill in a change school application form (Wechselschulantrag)
  - this also applies when we are your catchment area primary school!
  - You have three choices, which you list in order of priority
  - Make sure that we (QBGS 06G12 'SESB') are specified as the first preference Normally, we cannot consider second preferences for the SESB classes!
  - If we are not your catchment area primary school, you can indicate our Regelzweig class as a second preference (QBGS 06G12 'Regelzweig') (Students are exposed to more English at QBGS than at other state primary schools.)





### SCHOOL TRANSFER FORM (WECHSELSCHULANTRAG) & PREFERENCES

#### **IMPORTANT!**

- Your school transfer form needs to be stamped by your catchment area
  school
- You will then receive two copies of the school transfer form from the secretary's office of your catchment area primary school - one copy is for you, the other copy is for the first school of your preferences (e.g. us <sup>(2)</sup>)
- The original school transfer form must be sent to the Steglitz-Zehlendorf school authority, as they are responsible for allocating school spots and carry out the application process

#### DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE APPLICATION AT OUR SCHOOL

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Fully completed application form (SESB and/or REGEL)	Copy of the child's birth certificate	Copy of the identity cards/passports of the legal guardians (e.g. mother & father)	Copy of measles protection (two vaccinations)	Copy of the school transfer form (with the stamp of the catchment area primary school!)
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### SESB-APPLICATION FORM



ደን Please fill in EVERYTHING. In case of sole custody, evidence is required. Please provide us with specific information about your child (allergies, special needs status, etc.). If your child needs support for the language test, we need proof and time to organise support (if necessary in cooperation with SiBUZ) Please pay attention to the choice of language group.

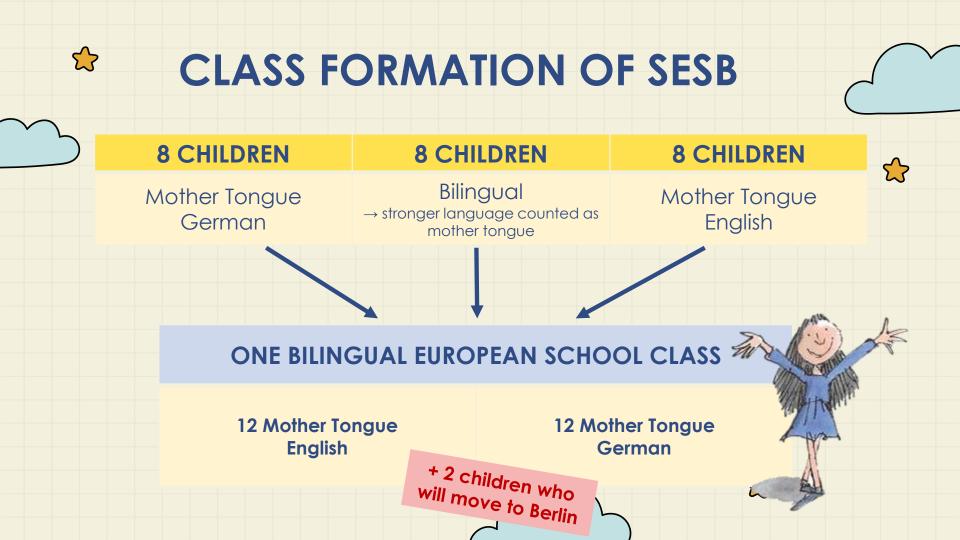
### LANGUAGE GROUP & TEST

- Parents decide on the stronger language of their child at the time of application.
- Is your child a stronger German speaker? Or stronger in English? Or is your child equally proficient in both languages?
  - > This language group decision is the basis for the language test.

		MOTHER TONGUE GERMAN	MOTHER TONGUE ENGLISH	BILINGUAL
	Which language is being tested?	German language level is tested	English language level is tested	English and German language level will be tested (2 tests).
L	How many points does my child need to score?	Child must achieve at least 80%	Child must achieve at least 80%	One test must score at least 80%.The other test must achieve at least 60%.
	Which language group will my child be placed in?	German	English	The stronger language is the mother tongue.

# IMPORTANT FACTS REGARDING THE LANGUAGE TEST

- The school test for language grouping and then pass the documents on to the school authority for a decision.
- \* We do **not** give you a language test result immediately after testing.
- \* You will later receive written feedback on the language test result.
- Pass result: this does not mean your child has been accepted (the school authority decides this in the spring).
- <u>IMPORTANT:</u> Bilingual test not passed (80%/60% target not reached), but at least 80% in
- $\checkmark$  one language:  $\rightarrow$  Child is assigned to this mother tongue group.
- The lottery (school authority) decides in case of too many passed applications (one lottery pot per language group)





### WHERE TO GO AFTER PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Desirable: stay at QBGS until year 6 \*\*

Secondary schools: Gymnasium or Integrated Secondary School (ISS)\* ÷.

Graduates in school year 2023/24: 88 % to the Gymnasium 

Р	PARTNER SCHOOLS					
Dreilinden Gymnasium (SESB)						
Wilma Rudolph Oberschule ISS mit gymnasialer Oberstufe						
Schiller-Gymnasium (SESB)						
Peter-Ustinov Oberschule (SESB) Integrierte Sekundarschule						

DISTRICT

IMPORTANT

GYMNASIUM: One year probation - if not passed,

transfer to ISS

INTEGRATED SECONDARY SCHOOL: no probation

Steglitz-Zehlendorf

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Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf

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