Metropolitan School Frankfurt

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROFILE

At MSF Primary we:

learn through inquiry, care through action, grow through reflection and champion the individual.

History

Metropolitan School Frankfurt was founded in 2007 as a private not-for-profit international school serving international and local families.

Mission Statement

Metropolitan School Frankfurt is an IB World School with a clear international profile offering an outstanding, inspirational education.

Our students are inspired to become well-rounded, independent thinkers equipped with the skills, knowledge and understanding to master the challenges of the future.

This is achieved by our engaging and passionate teachers working in collaboration with parents and the wider school community in a safe, student-centred environment.



Community

55 nationalities are represented in total, with 66% of our students having an international background.





How We Learn

At MSF Primary, we learn through inquiry. The teachers do not just provide information for the students. They pose questions and provide provocations that encourage students to find out for themselves. The students often work collaboratively in pairs and groups, sharing responsibilities, discussing and then collectively presenting their findings. There are times when students need to work in a more traditional manner, practising what they have learned, but this is balanced with practical, hands-on learning, based in the real world rather than in a text book. Learning at MSF is fun and engaging!

Authorisations, Accreditations & Memberships

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What we learn

At MSF we follow the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP). This highly respected programme was developed by international schools who saw the need for a curriculum that transcended geographical and national boundaries. The popularity of this modern approach to education has grown exponentially since its inception, with now over 2000 schools worldwide. The focus is on building 21st-century skills, celebrating different cultures and fostering lifelong learning. It addresses students' academic needs and their social and emotional well-being in equal measure. It encourages students to develop independence and to take responsibility for their own learning and their environment. By promoting inquiry and questioning, it supports their efforts to gain an understanding of the world and to function effectively within it.



Learning in English

Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) programme offers support for students who are new to English in the form of additional small group or individual learning, both during lessons and in pull-out sessions. The programme prepares students with the skills to listen to, speak, read and write English proficiently in all areas of student life.

Children are immersed in an English-speaking environment from the moment they join the school.

Learning German

The development of German language skills is a large and important part of our curriculum. As the language of the host country, it is critical that our students are supported to learn German, in order to maximise their experience of life outside the school's English speaking environment. German is taught by specialist teachers and lessons take place six times per week. Students are grouped according to whether they are learning German as an additional language or as a native language.









Using technology

We have a dual approach to the use of technology at MSF primary. During their weekly lessons, in our purpose built Information Technology Centre, our specialist teacher helps the students discover the incredible scope of how technology is used in our world. Topics include; robotics, coding and 3D design. In the classrooms, the students are encouraged to apply the use of technology in a way that enhances their learning experience. We have sets of Chromebooks and Ipads that the students can use when the task requires them. These tasks include; research, presentations and media recording.





Student leadership

Taking action is a fundamental part of the learning process at MSF. Our students are challenged to take the lead in making their lives and the lives of others better. We have organised student leadership groups, such as the school council and the student captains, but all students are provided opportunities to lead during their day to day learning activities..

Learning support

Our students each have a variety of strengths and needs. We differentiate, in class, both to challenge and support student learning. At times, students need specific target support to either build or extend their learning. We have a dedicated student support team of teachers that can come into classrooms, or take students out, individually or in small groups, to help accelerate their learning.





Where We Learn

MSF is based in Rödelheim, a suburb of Frankfurt. We have close access to both a cosmopolitan city and the greener surrounding parkland. The school is well resourced with a variety of areas for the students to study and play. Whilst primarily based in their classrooms, our students have access to shared study areas, performing arts spaces, a technology lab, incredible sport facilities, a canteen that provides food to a high quality restaurant standard and a huge playground with a climbing wall, football pitch, sand pit and adventure climbing frame. Their classrooms are bright and engaging spaces, utilising the latest technology to enhance the learning experience.

Transportation

MSF is easily accessible by car and public transport. The school has onsite parking for parents and is well connected via local train and bus services, allowing students from all over the Rhein Main region to attend the school quickly and efficiently. MSF maintains relationships with a number of transportation companies who operate private transfers of students to and from school.

Class sizes

In MSF Primary we have small class sizes, allowing teachers to provide a highly individualised approach to learning. There are usually between 15-20 students in a class and we never exceed 25.





The school day

The school day at MSF is busy and exciting. The students participate in a balanced range of learning experiences during the school timetable and after school.

Our school day begins at 08:30 and ends at 15:30. Our students have breaks in their schedule, including lunch which can be provided by the school's inhouse chef, catering for all tastes and nutritional needs. We offer a range of after school activities, including both competitive and hobby sports, judo, tennis, acrobatic dance, musical drama, robotics, Chinese language and many others. These can be signed up for each semester.

If parents' need childcare beyond the school day we also offer before and After School Care is available for students from 08:00 – 08:30 and from 15:30 until 17:30.

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