



VOOLUNTEERING in „WHOLE DAY SCHOLL” Kaunas Palemonas gymnasium (Lithuania)

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Where we are





Who we are

- The Kaunas Palemonas gimnasium is a general education school attended by 6-19 years old students (*391 students this school year*).
- At school we care not only about the academic education but also the development of competences of kids and youngsters.
- The students learn how to work in team, to create own learning environment, communicate and cooperate.

Our speciality:

- General education of 6-19 year old students;
- Special focus on natural sciences, English language;
- Integration of the Lithuanian ethnic culture into the educational process;
- Creation of a modern and safe education environment.

Modernization of
educational environments

Whole day school for
6-9 years old students

Creation of a modern
and safe education
environment

Modernization of the
educational process

Educational assistance



What is the **WHOLE DAY SCHOOL** in Lithuania?

It is one of the ways to organize the learning process.

Characteristics of the school:

- longer than usual time spent in school;
- purposeful planning and coordination of formal and non-formal education;
- provision of individual learning;
- educational assistance;
- if necessary, social, public health care, cultural services for the child and his parents (guardians, caregivers);
- organized meals day;
- the social partners are actively involved and a safe environment for the child is ensured.

What is the **WHOLE DAY SCHOOL** in our school?



Stay in school
until 17.00

Non formal
education in after
school activities

Homework help

Educational
assistance

Leisure
organization



Who work in WHOLE DAY SCHOOLE?





International volunteers in our school

Our partners





Our volunteers

2019-2020 school year:

- Lilia Tukchvatullina (Russia)
- Amanda Stalidzane (Latvia)

2020 -2021 school year:

- Laia Sanahuja (Spain)
- Canberk Kavrar (Turkey)

They...

- Assist with the afterschool activities (educational programs, assistance with homework)
- Accompany teachers and students to various trips.
- Help teachers with students on English lessons.

ALL DAY SCHOOL (VDM)

GROUP I (pupils from pre-primary group and 1'st class)

12.00-13.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet in the Preschool Room (Room 107). Adopt children waiting for the VDM teacher to finish their classes. • Take the children to the VDM classroom on schedule (if necessary, as they are usually there (in 107)). • Silence hour (offer quiet board games, puzzles, book reading, drawing, modeling or sand casting, etc.)
13.10-14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1'st class pupils complete unfinished classroom work. • Reading education exercise. Consulting • Melt into the clubs.
14.00-14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tea Hour (to accompany children to the dining room for a meal).
14.30-16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy lifestyle education: outdoor games, gym games, nature walks. • Accompany into the clubs. • Conduct inventive activities for some or all of the children.
16.00-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct the invented activity for everyone else. <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Volunteer organise activities once in a week independently</i></u></p>
17.00	Wait with the rest of the kids dads.



The main rules:

- Children are not left alone.
 - Their safety is taken care of.
 - Preventing violence.
 - Children from the group before 5pm.
released only by agreement between teacher
and parents.
 - Children do not play with phones.
 - Keeps school stuff and games.
 - Volunteers do not use the phone during
work.
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Volunteering in Palemonas Gymnasium was one of the best times of my life. The kids I worked with were all very friendly and all wanted to be around me, even though most of them couldn't understand what I was saying. The kids were shy at first but later I was really surprised about how open they were and always ready to do something.

I am really happy I got to volunteer in Palemonas Gymnasium, I think I was very lucky with my hosting organization. Now I am back home studying in university and I often look back on my time as a volunteer with a smile and a little ache in my heart, because I really miss the kids and all the fun I had with them.

(volunteer Amanda Stalidzane)



I am an English teacher so I intended to get the practical experience in order to be a highly-qualified expert in future. However, I got even more: the volunteering expanded my personal and career worldview. The period of working with children let me dive into the educational process of the other country, I was so happy to see the results my students achieved while non-formal teaching, they were open to a new culture, language; it seems to me that we taught each other, they did it by the ability to absorb a completely new culture and language, they were curious to learn new things, and that was the main motivation for me to work.

(volunteer Lilia Tukhvatullina)

Our new friends



*It's so exiting to stay
with new people and
kids and try to
comunicate instead of
the language*

(volunteer Laia)




Communication with children can be problematic sometimes, but as long as we smile, we understand each other

(volunteer Canberk)



Main results...😊

- Responsible extra „hands“.
- Getting to know the cultures of other nations.
- Knowledge of other countries' education systems.
- Developing students 'and teachers' English language skills.
- Development of teachers' teamwork skills
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