

**ŠKOLKA, KDE Z DĚTÍ ROSTOU OSOBNOSTI**

**RAISING KIDS INTO PERSONALITIES**

**VRBIČKY**



**MEZINÁRODNÍ MONTESSORI ŠKOLKA PRO DĚTI OD 18 MĚSÍCŮ**

**INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI NURSERY SCHOOL  
FOR CHILDREN FROM 18 MONTHS OLD**



## How Willowtrees was born

Until recently we were convinced that children should be at home with their mother until they are three. When our Ester was two we drove from one activity to another since she yearned to be with children her own age. We realised that she needed experiences that we just could not give her at home. She joined a Montessori nursery school and day after day she blossomed in front of our eyes – she obtained self-confidence and rejoiced at everything she could do by herself.

As soon as she learned how to walk Ester's younger sister Rebeka started running after her to the nursery school. Since there was no room, we looked elsewhere. Together with Monika Němcová, a Montessori teacher who works with children from the tiniest of infants, and the mother of preschooler Vavřinec, we started to dream about a school that we would like for our children.

About a school where the children are partners for the teachers, where freedom resonates with self-respect and respect to others and the surroundings. About a school where the children and teachers from various countries and cultures speak different languages. About a school with a view of nature. About a school, where the atmosphere reminds you of home and where the whole family is welcome – parents, younger and older siblings and even those yet to be born. The dream has come true and now it is opening up for you and your children.

# Raising kids to be personalities

You will find Willowtrees, a family centre with a nursery school for children from 18 months of age, in Kunratice, a pleasant and lively part of Prague 4, in a villa by a forest and with a garden, fireplace, swimming pool and gym. Here experienced teachers with pedagogical and medical training work with children in two classes – Toddler for 10 children from 18 months to 3 years of age and Primary for 15 children from 3 years of age to preschoolers.

Through the Montessori programme we develop independence in caring for themselves and their environment for younger children while older children learn the basics of mathematics, languages, natural sciences, geography, history, etc., all through sensory experience and in context.

**We develop the language skills.** There is always one Czech and one English-speaking teacher in both classes. The children learn to communicate naturally during everyday activities like in a bilingual family.

**We develop the social skills.** During individual work, group activities, everyday functions and in the form of modelled games the children learn mutual respect, polite behaviour and the rules of coexistence.

**We develop the interests and talents.** The afternoon programme includes various activities (dance, yoga, aikido, art, theatre).

We serve high-quality organic food with the possibility of choosing a vegetarian menu.

Our teachers patiently guide children on their path through the labyrinth of life. They treat them with love and respect for their individuality. They give them freedom and the possibility to choose as well as the boundaries necessary for safely discovering and learning and enjoying playing.

They support them in individual tasks that develop their thinking and creativity. They lead them to independence, to an awareness of their own value, to confidence in their own abilities and to self-respect and respect of others.

The harmony of freedom and respect opens the way to a children's paradise.



Motto:

## “Help me do it myself”

Willowtrees is an international nursery school, open to children of varying nationalities. There is always one Czech and one English-speaking teacher in the class. Thus the children are not under any stress from foreign languages in a new environment. They learn to communicate naturally during everyday activities where the meaning is clear. They repeatedly assign words to situations and thus accept foreign languages just as efficiently as their native tongue. At an early age they are able to absorb any language incredibly easily and quickly. The multi-linguistic environment not only brings them knowledge of languages, but also helps expand their consciousness and develop their memory and ability to learn. Preschool children with experience from a bilingual environment are well prepared for elementary schools in English or other languages.

**Our teachers work with the children using the method founded by the Italian physician Maria Montessori, who led children to independence, self-confidence and the joy of learning for themselves, a method that has been in use for a century in schools and nursery schools the world over.**



### Montessori pedagogy teaches:

- Using all the senses
- Using the child's own speed and approach
- Spontaneously from the concrete to the abstract, from the simple to the complex
- To get to know the world with its natural laws
- To think within contexts
- Independence, inner strength, freedom and respect

### Montessori pedagogy develops:

- The child's personality
- The child's creativity
- Self-respect and respect of others and the surrounding world



You can find more about the Montessori method at [www.montessoricr.cz](http://www.montessoricr.cz) or [www.montessori-ami.org](http://www.montessori-ami.org)

# Raising the whole family

**Willowtrees is not just a nursery school. Willowtrees is an open, multicultural space with something for everyone – parents, younger and older siblings and even those who have not yet been born.**

**A place for soon-to-be parents** in cooperation with the **U čápa** birth centre ([www.pdcap.cz](http://www.pdcap.cz)) – Prenatal care and birth preparation courses are provided by Zuzana Štromerová, a midwife with experience from her private practice and several healthcare facilities here and abroad.



**A place for infants** – We offer a special program for children from birth to 3 years of age for their overall development. A combination of flash cards, comprehensive locomotive exercises and fine motorics exercises help the children to achieve physical self-confidence, dexterity and a surety of movement, to improve their listening and speaking abilities and concentration, cognitive faculties and memory. Parents take part in the lessons in groups of two or three children of the same age or siblings. It is fun for the children, but at the same time it is their first systemised learning with clearly-defined rituals during which they learn the rules of communication and cooperation with adults and children their own age or siblings. For the parents it is a means to discover their child, to experience each “first” together and to receive inspiration for working with the children at home. The program is held in Czech, English or French and other languages are possible if interested. The price of a lesson is 250 Kč, with a trial lesson free of charge. We are also preparing morning Montessori seminars for parents with infants or expecting parents.

**Activities for all ages** – The nursery school’s afternoon activities (dance, yoga, aikido, art, theatre) are followed by activities open to older children, parents with children or only parents who can leave their children in the playroom. We are preparing a camp for children of all ages for the summer holidays.



**Montessori afternoon for parents with children from 1,5 to 6 years of age** – Each Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. you can learn about the Montessori principles, try out materials that you do not commonly encounter, and draw upon inspiration for working with your children at home. A cycle of 4 seminars costs 680 Kč, the price for one afternoon is 190 Kč. The maximum capacity is for 10 children with their parents. Please reserve a place by telephone at **604 293 047** or by email at **info@uvrbicek.cz**.

# Provoz a ceník školky

Jesle a školka **Vrbičky** vítá děti od 18 měsíců po předškoláky. Docházet mohou na celodenní nebo polodenní program po celý týden nebo jen ve vybrané dny. V programu Toddler připadá jeden pedagog na 5 dětí, v programu Primary na 8 dětí. Dopolední program končí ve 12.30, odpolední v 15.30 ve třídě Toddler a v 16.30 ve třídě Primary. Lze dohodnout i pozdější vyzvedávání.

Ceny školného jsou zaváděcí a platí do konce školního roku 2009/2010. Zahrnují svačiny a pitný režim. Obědy v bio kvalitě s možností výběru vegetariánského menu se hradí zvlášť ve výši 80 Kč za den.

**Dny otevřených dveří každou středu.** Navštívit nás můžete samozřejmě s dětmi. Návštěvu je třeba sjednat předem na čísle **604 293 047**. Počet návštěvníků v jednom dni je omezený, abychom nerušili práci dětí ve třídě.

Za měsíc v Kč	Per month in CZK	Program Toddler	Program Primary
2 dopoledne	2 half days	5 290 Kč	4 990 Kč
3 dopoledne	3 half days	6 990 Kč	6 590 Kč
5 dopolední	5 half days	9 990 Kč	9 490 Kč
2 celé dny	2 full days	6 480 Kč	5 880 Kč
3 celé dny	3 full days	8 580 Kč	7 880 Kč
5 celých dní	5 full days	12 280 Kč	11 180 Kč

## Nursery school pricing

**Willowtrees** nursery school welcomes children from 18 months of age to preschoolers. They can come for the whole day or for a half-day program all week or only on selected days. There is one teacher per 5 children in the Toddler program or per 8 children in the Primary program. The half-day program ends at 12:30, the full day program at 3:30 for the Toddler class and at 4:30 for the Primary class. It is possible to arrange a later pick-up.

The prices are introductory and are valid to the end of the 2009/2010 school year. They include snacks and a drinking regime. Organic lunches are paid separately and cost 80 Kč per day, with the option of a vegetarian menu.

**Open house every Wednesday.** Of course you can visit us with your children. Please arrange for your visit in advance by calling **604 293 047**. The number of visitors is limited so that we do not disrupt the children's work in the classroom.

**Rodinné centrum U vrbiček s.r.o.**

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