

ZÁKLADNÍ ŠKOLA MORKOVICE

PRIMARY AND LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MORKOVICE



Základní škola Morkovice is a primary and lower secondary school located in an eastern part of the Czech Republic in a region called Moravia. Town Morkovice, where the school is based, has the population about 3,000 people. The region is rather agricultural. The town is known for its traditional basket weaving industry. About 20 kilometers from Morkovice there is a county town Kroměříž. Kroměříž has a long and rich history since once it used to be an archbishopric town. Today it has a lot of historical sites and monuments starting from the castle, the town-hall, the castle gardens, the floral gardens, etc. Kroměříž is written in European heritage UNESCO.

There are about 430 pupils attending our school from the age of 6 to the age of 14-15. There are 28 teachers and 11 assistants working hard to develop each pupil's potential. By everyday work we together try to fulfil our target, our vision:

Educational and social aims:

- Maximally and fully develop pupils 'potentials with respect their age, needs, and limitations.
- Use modern teaching methods, support interdisciplinary topics, and implement the principles of personal-social development into everyday education.
- Use project teaching, peer activities, and real-word topics
- Target functional, reading, and financial literacy while teaching
- Influence good ethics and good moral, environmental, and positive social behavior
- provide after-school activities in safe environment
- Underline and accent language education as an inseparable part of life in global world
- To make and sustain the school open towards the community, local authorities and organizations
- To make the school a center of cultural and social happenings.
- To create a common "school spirit" and feeling of togetherness between, pupils, parents, teachers, and other employees.

The vision is fulfilled by using appropriate and new teaching methods, sharing teaching experiences, seminars. Important issues and news at our school are discussed in workgroups among teachers that participate in the particular areas. In our school we not only support disadvantaged children, and children with special needs, but also talented ones. We believe in theory of multiple intelligence and thus we try to identify talented children and together with their parents propose the areas and ways of their further development.

We pay a great attention to class and school environment. The assigned class teachers systematically observe their classes and build good and healthy environment by carefully chosen activities and approaches. The aim is to prevent risky behavior and bullying among pupils. In terms of prevention we also organize team-building activities for classes:

- In 4th class (usually the age of 9) the pupils spend one week together learning about environmental issues, protection and healthy lifestyle
- In 5th class (usually the age of 10) 20 pupils participate in an exchange Erasmus project. They visit and host friends from Slovakia.
- In 6th class (usually the age of 11) we start a lower secondary part of the education and so there are a lot of changes involved and also some new pupils starting to attend our school. Therefore the newly formed classes spend a weekend together with their class teachers with the aim to get to know each other and adapt to changes.
- in 7th class the pupils go on a skiing trip for a week
- in 8th class – here we are looking for the possibility to start a new Erasmus project
- In 9th class the pupils work together on a ball dancing exhibition and also prepare the ceremony of graduation from our school. In the same time they spend a lot of time preparing for tests.
- In all the classes of lower secondary part of our school we organize one day out, so called “outdoor”. This day is full of games and activities with the aim to prevent bullying, risky behavior, and to work together as a team.

In our school we carry out a lot of projects with local and also international significance:

- **9th graders are patrons of our new-comers:** the oldest pupils form partnership with the youngest and take a good care of them form the whole school year. They organize common trips, free time activities, holiday celebrations.
- **Proud school** – this is a fun pupil’s activity throughout the whole school year with little happenings as “suit-up day”, “training suits day”, “colors of the week”, “Halloween”, “Day od music” and similar
- **Clean up the Czech, clean up the world** – this is a yearly environmental activity that we organize together with the municipality and town organizations and clubs. As you can tell by it name – we clean our neighborhood.
- **Supporting gifted pupils** – our school is a part of a county network aiming at finding ways of providing support for gifted pupils.
- **Lunches for children** – in this project school receives money to finance lunches for children from poor and disadvantaged families. The aim is not to let the children starve. Our school is for such children not only a place of education but also a place where we feed them and try to teach them about healthy lifestyle, about preparation for school, about good behavior and about working competences. We also work with their families and teach them about parents’ responsibilities, vaccinations, daily preparation for school, finance literacy, good hygiene, school rules, etc. Free lunches for those children is a good motivation for such families.

- **eTwinning projects:** right now we are working on an environmental project together with schools from Italy, Spain, and Turkey. "Let's beat plastic pollution". The aim is to make pupils aware of the importance of reducing plastic waste and also of its recycling.
- **Erasmus project:** About three years ago we re-opened a traditional partnership with a Slovak school from Žitavany. Back in 70's and 80's our towns and schools had a very successful partnership that finished in the end of 20th century. By this project "**Our country is beautiful**" we succeeded in renewing old partnership. We exchange pupils and experience.
- **European project: Together, we succeed** - within this project we carry out the following activities:
 - homework club – this is a place where disadvantaged children come to prepare for school
 - social assistant – a person who takes care of children and families that have any sort of social problems, provides communication with families, and keeps an eye on absence level.
 - reading skills- seminars for teachers that target the importance of reading skills across all subjects.
- **European project: Inclusion as a way of effective education for all children**
In this project we are partners of well-established Czech universities. The aim of this project is to pilot system of care of all children in inclusion. Together with organization "Human in needs" we target socially disadvantaged families and children.
- **European project: Teaching Science with new methods** – this project targets experimental methods in Geography, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.
- **European project: "Using art approach in inclusion"** In this project we are a partner of a university. It aims at sharing experiences and gaining new ideas in teaching music and art.
- other smaller projects on history, cultural heritage, multicultural thinking, and similar.

We offer a lot of after-school clubs as for example: football, floorball, games, gymnastics, electro-technical club, school choir, ceramics, expressive dance, art, school magazine, eco-team, chess, table-tennis, and many others.

In our school there are also a Pupils' parliament, eco-team, and school magazine. These are pupils' bodies that carry out students' activities regarding school environment and environmental protection.

Click below for videos (videos made by our pupils)

Basic information of our school – pupil's movie

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=APfV6L7m5RE

Ecoteam: 6th graders are explaining the 1st graders how to recycle.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=bAtgJymxvCw

Skiing trip of 7th graders

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOmP3PoMiD0>

ball dance – 9th graders

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_R2sgwi9vs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxvgZM06IWg>

basket waving tradition in Morkovice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXVMSAcgEgg>

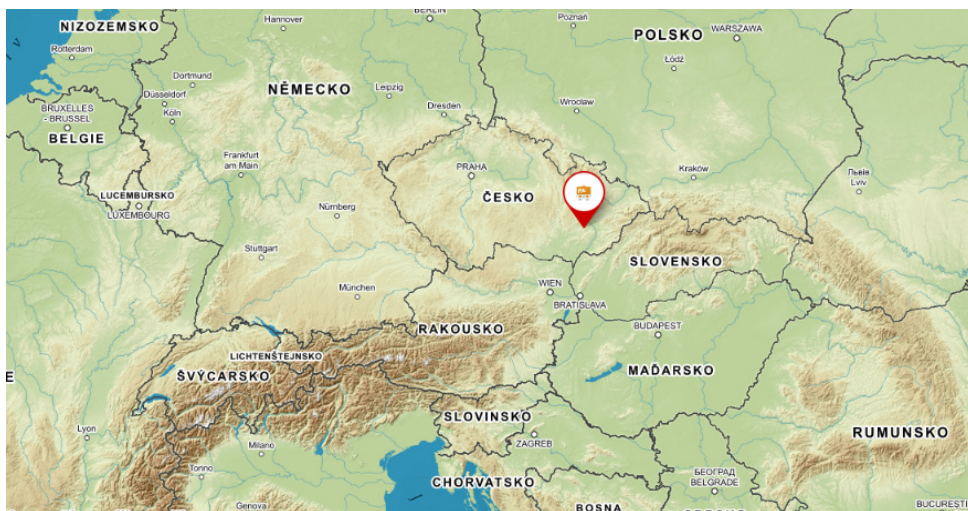
9th graders – graduation ceremony

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8GahHzqt3g>

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