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<https://gjh.sk/ib-na-ss-novohradska>

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/primary-years-programme/>

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/primary-years-programme/how-the-pyp-works/>



# Welcome to our

# Primary Years Programme

Established at our school in  
2005 and authorized by the  
International Baccalaureate  
Organisation (IBO) in 2009..

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## General info

Primary Years Programme is designed for **pupils** aged **6 to 11**, and it covers 1st - 5th grade of elementary school.

Our school offers the PYP in two sections: **English** with English as the language of instruction and **Slovak** with Slovak as the language of instruction and.

Pupils who finish **PYP 5 in the English section**, automatically **continue** their studies in our Middle Years Programme (MYP).

Pupils who finish Slovak PYP 5 continue their studies in a national class of our elementary school Košická in grades 6th - 9th. They can also apply for the 8-year study at Gymnasium Jura Hronca or elsewhere.

**At the end of the PYP 5 grade**, pupils of classes in both sections present one topic of their choice in a **PYP Exhibition** in June.

We have one class open in each grade per section:

- PYP 1
- PYP 2
- PYP 3
- PYP 4
- PYP 5



## Curriculum

At the heart of the programme's philosophy there is a commitment to a structured, purposeful **inquiry**.

There are **six transdisciplinary themes** of global significance given by the IB Organisation and followed by every IB world school offering PYP. The children will cover all six themes **throughout every year in every grade** and **in every subject**:

- **Who we are**
- **Where we are in place and time**
  - **How we express ourselves**
  - **How the world works**
  - **How we organize ourselves**
  - **Sharing the planet**

Based on the themes, the teachers design **Units of Inquiry**. One unit is taught throughout **6 weeks**.

**At the end of every unit** there is a class trip, excursion, presentation, a quiz or an assembly in order for the pupils to revise what they have learned or to put their newly acquired knowledge into practice, or just as a reward for all their hard work.

## Our Focus

**Subjects we offer:** English Language, Slovak Language, Social Studies, Mathematics, Art, Music, Physical and Health Education, Personal and Social Education.

**Our pupils ask a lot and inquire, and learn 7 key concepts:**

- 01** that everything has a form with recognizable features that can be observed, identified, described and categorized;
- 02** that everything has a purpose, a role or a way of behaving that can be investigated;
- 03** that things do not just happen; and that actions have consequences;
- 04** that we live in a world of interacting systems in which the actions of any individual element affect others;
- 05** that change is the process of movement from one state to another. It is universal and inevitable;
- 06** that knowledge is moderated by different points of view which lead to different interpretations, understandings and findings;
- 07** that people make choices based on their understandings, beliefs and values, and the actions they take as a result do make a difference.