

## Childhood is an active time

Thanks to our holistic project work, your child has the freedom to try out many different things, to gather their own experiences, and learn using all their senses.

A spacious floor plan, a well thought out room set up and our large outdoor playground offer plenty of space for children to run and play or just find a quiet corner for themselves. We also use the sports hall of a nearby school once a week. With all the physical activities, your child can easily develop his or her motor skills further.



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## Pfefferwerk Stadtkultur gGmbH

Pfefferwerk Stadtkultur gGmbH, founded in 1991, is a subsidiary of the Pfefferwerk Charitable Trust and one of 10 companies in the Pfefferwerk network. As a service provider in the social services area, our goal in our local community work is to contribute to positive living conditions in our neighbourhood. We develop, promote and implement educational and counselling activities, and integrate them.

The five business areas of Pfefferwerk Stadtkultur, which reflect our core competencies in the areas of education and integration, are:

- Childcare in 17 child care centers which follow the Berlin Education Programme („Berliner Bildungsprogramm“) and the operation of three primary schools in cooperation with parent associations;
- A youth welfare network offering an individualised and integrated support system;
- Bringing together youth welfare and schools in order to support youth who stray from their educational path, helping them to reintegrate into regular schools or into all-day care, counselling and career counselling of school-children;
- Vocational education and training in the professional areas of IT, media, culture, restaurant sector and office management in cooperation with small and medium-sized enterprises and via the operation of a restaurant and an event agency;
- Community service work which promotes civic engagement across generations.



We ensure continuous quality assurance and quality development of our work through certification under DIN EN ISO 9001 : 2008 for the area of Child and Youth Welfare, Education, Youth Career Development, Family and Community Work, Reg. Nr. 243754 QM.

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**BERLIN KIDS INTERNATIONAL KITA**  
**BILINGUAL ENGLISH-GERMAN CHILD CARE CENTER**



Stadtkultur gGmbH

**Berlin Kids International Kita** is one of 17 Pfefferwerk child care centers located in various districts of Berlin, each of which follows its own pedagogical concept based on a common set of basic principles.

### **We are a Pfefferwerk child care center**

#### ■ **The child care center as an educational institution**

We are an educational establishment and offer a holistic learning experience on the basis of the Berlin state-approved education programme („Berliner Bildungsprogramm“).

■ **Our view of childhood** Every child is a unique individual who deserves appreciation and respect. Our teachers accompany and support your child's development, provide assistance, stimulation and care.

■ **Quality** We ensure the high quality of our educational work through systematic professional development of our teachers, and internal and external evaluations of the work in the teams.

■ **Settling in** Together with you the parents we take the time to gradually introduce your child to the child care environment, following the Berlin „acclimatisation“ model in order to ease you and your child gently into this new phase in your lives.

■ **Parental involvement** Your comments and suggestions provide important input for our daily work. That is why we pursue a constructive dialogue with you the parents through regular talks about your child's development.

■ **Special needs** If your child is in need of special support, our professionally trained special needs teachers look after and support the development of your child in his or her daily routine within the group.

■ **Transition from child care to school** We work closely with local primary schools in order to give your child every opportunity for a good start on his or her educational and life path.

■ **Individualised concept** As a Pfefferwerk preschool we follow an individualised pedagogical programme.

### **Playing, discovering, singing – in English and German**

Berlin Kids International Kita is a bilingual child care center. Every group of children has two teachers: an English-speaking teacher and a German-speaking teacher. The two languages are treated equally and used interchangeably in everyday interaction, just like at home for the majority of our bilingual families. Our teachers follow the „one person-one language“ principle, meaning that the morning circle, project work, and other activities are always offered in the native language of the teacher leading them.



Our educational materials (for example our books, games and CDs) are also in both languages.

About two-thirds of the children attending our preschool have an English-German background. We also offer about the same proportion of our spots to English-German children, thus recognising the special situation of bilingual and English-speaking families.



### **We are international, just like our neighbourhood**

Our preschool is located in Prenzlauer Berg, a district characterised by cultural and ethnic diversity. The children that attend our child care center also come from many different countries. This enriches our daily interactions with each other.

One particular highlight every year is our „International Week“. Each group of children chooses one country. To finish off this project, every group presents their country to all other groups during „International Week“. This helps the children get to know many different cultures, in addition to their regular daily experience with multiculturalism.