



Ressu Comprehensive School

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Helsinki, Finland

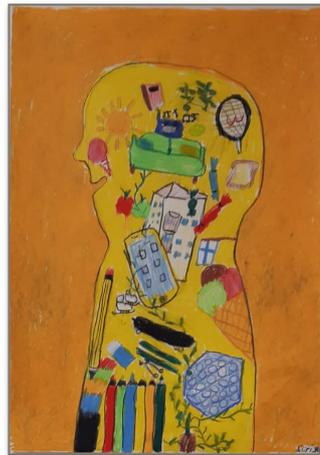


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Ressu Comprehensive School is a Helsinki city school situated in Kamppi. The school follows the Finnish national curriculum and Helsinki city educational guidelines. Learning and teaching is underpinned by the principles set in the school's own mission statement:

Ressu Comprehensive School aims to support the growth of children and young people into honest, responsible, cooperative, inquisitive individuals who value a variety of skills and are environmentally responsible. The school aims to provide the students with knowledge and skills as well as prepare them for further education.

The school aims to support the development of social skills and healthy self-esteem. Students are encouraged to express themselves and to be creative thinkers who respect and appreciate different cultures and worldviews.



In the PYP, students are encouraged to take action, to have a choice, voice and ownership in their own learning.

The PYP academic year is divided into six transdisciplinary units of inquiry, which last 6-8 weeks and connect the Finnish national core curriculum with the six PYP transdisciplinary themes.

Grade 6 students take part in the PYP exhibition. The whole learning community shares and celebrates this culminating event in the journey students have experienced through their PYP years.



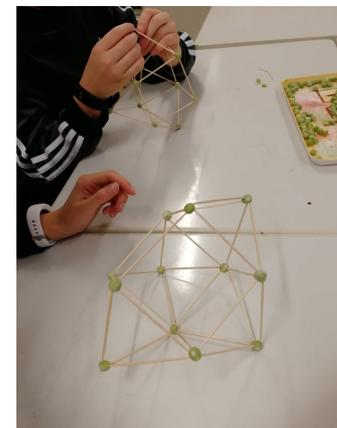
Communication, holistic learning and intercultural awareness are emphasized in the MYP. Subjects are approached through global contexts both in subject specific units and interdisciplinary units of inquiry. Subjects are divided into eight subject groups.

MYP students demonstrate a commitment to service, making a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

The MYP culminates in the 'Personal Project' at the end of Grade 9, when each student completes their own inquiry and project report and presents them to the school community.

IB PROGRAMMES

Our two IB-programmes, the Primary Years Programme (PYP) in grades 1-6 and the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in grades 7-9, give the framework for learning and teaching in Finnish and in English. Inquiry based and conceptual approach help students make connections to prior knowledge when constructing new ideas and understandings. Skill development and active global citizenship are essential in both programmes.



The aim of all IB programmes is to encourage student growth towards international mindedness. Students are encouraged to become active and responsible members of local, national and global communities through supporting the development of the learner profile attributes: Inquirers,

Open-minded, Knowledgeable, Caring, Thinkers, Courageous, Communicators, Balanced, Principled, Reflective.



Did you know that the name 'RESSU' derives originally from Helsingin Suomalainen Reaalilyseo (the Helsinki Finnish Real Lyceum), and is the Finnish name for Snoopy. Both Ressu Comprehensive School (IB PYP and MYP) and Ressu Upper Secondary School (IB DP) use the name. They are, however, separate schools.

OUR SCHOOL: PAST AND PRESENT

The school was founded in 1869 as Lapinlahden kansakoulu, a primary school, and was located at Lapinlahdenkatu 6. The current building is from 1939 and served as a hospital during war time. In 1995 the Lapinlahti primary school and the Ressu lower secondary school, previously combined with the general upper secondary school, were combined and the new comprehensive school was called Ressun peruskoulu. In the beginning of the 21st century the school established the English stream in addition to the Finnish stream. The name Ressu Comprehensive School has been used since, parallel to the Finnish name. The school was certified as an IB World School during the academic year 2007-2008. Our central location in Helsinki city centre provides us with a diverse wider learning environment.



We have ca. 650 students and ca. 60 staff. Our students have learning spaces in two buildings, which are located nearby: at Lapinlahdenkatu and Ruoholahdenkatu buildings. The Ruohonlahdenkatu learning space is partly shared with Ressu upper secondary school.

All students in the Finnish language section come from the local catchment area. The English language acquisition classes are intended for internationally mobile families residing in Helsinki, and the students are subject to aptitude tests.



RESSU VISION

We aim to nurture fairness, empathy, respect, persistence and curiosity in our Ressu community. It is important to us that all the members of our community feel safe and valued. Our students leave from our small and safe community with a readiness to face the wider world:

“FROM THE PROVINCIAL SERIES TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD LEAGUE”.

HOME-SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Helsinki city schools use Wilma as the official home-school communication platform, where messages and feedback are regularly shared between guardians and teachers. Wilma is also used to document support and assessment. Guardians use Forms in Wilma to ensure students details are correct. Also attendance to school events and photo permission are found in Forms. Wilma is also the platform to report on absences and to send holiday requests.

All Helsinki city schools have websites run by the city and updated by the schools. The website contains news, contact details and general information about the school, including policy documents.

Our school's social media posts are a form of home-school collaboration, giving guardians a chance to take a peek inside the classes. @ressunperuskoulu on Facebook and Instagram.