



Alasniidu Kindergarten

Organisation description

Alasniidu Kindergarten was opened in 2011 and is situated in Harku parish, Tiskre village. The kindergarten got its name after a village, because our part of village is called Alasniidu. Parents in cooperation with our staff created a logo for kindergarten. Our teachers Maie Vartla and Maris Kilusk created a song for Alasniidu kindergarten.



There are 8 groups in the kindergarten: two of them is for children up to 3 years old and 6 other groups are for children over 3 years of age. Altogether there are 175 children in our kindergarten. Working language in kindergarten is Estonian. There are 14 teachers, including teacher of music and teacher of gymnastics. Alasniidu Kindergarten helps to prepare children for school and in cooperation with parents it carries out up-bringing and education of children, taking into consideration specific features of each child, interests and principles of family education. The main purpose of our organisation is to provide high quality basic education for children.



Our name ALASNIIDU expresses different values: A - armastus (love), L - lapsekesksus (child-centered), A - avatud (open-minded), S - soojus (warmth), N- naer (laughter), I - inspiratsioon (inspiration), I - innovaatiline (innovative), D - demokraatia (democracy), U - usaldus (trust). Alasniidu Kindergarten helps children to prepare for school and in co-operation with parents it assures diverse development of the children. Children can participate in different activities in kindergarten chess, football, dancing, English and judo and gardening.



Traditions are implemented into kindergarten work, e.g. Kadri fair, Christmas, kindergarten's birthday (4. sept), Estonian Independence Day etc. Besides celebrating traditional activities in kindergarten, very important are national and international health days, e.g. Heart Week, Bread and Milk Week etc and our grand Theater Festival in in March.



Since 2015 Alasniidu kindergarten belongs to network of kindergartens aiming to educate children on health. Principle activities: developing a healthy environment; developing a healthy way of living; developing and strengthening cooperation between children and personnel. One of our priority is learning outdoors. We have a nice outdoor area and a lovely community. We also take pride in our project based learning environment. In addition to the daily playful learning activities, taking place in kindergarten, we also engage in music and sports. We are partners to family, playmates to child and great colleague to our staff. Our mission is to welcome every child just as they are and to provide best conditions for a family and child to develop the best person they can be. It's most important that every child would be safe and feel

loved throughout the day and would be happy taking part in everyday learning activities. In order to succeed in our mission we hold it important to communicate and cooperate with the child's family. We also cooperate with other organisations, such as different theatre groups and museums, our district government, kindergartens etc.

More information : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XY8yJpDYni4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JdTwrHuw4>

Project context

Alasniidu Kindergarten is located in Harku parish, near Tallinn (2 km of the city limit), the capital of Estonia on the coast of Baltic Sea. Google maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/kCGPJ4pcD2t>

Tallinn has population of 430 00 inhabitants. Native language is Estonian, but also English, Russian and Finnish are widely understood. Tallinn was founded about 1000 years ago and has great Old Town. Now it is a very beautiful modern city with ancient buildings & fantastic sightseings. City is very popular touristic place. Alasniidu Kindergarten is Tiskre village, not far from the city (Tallinn) centre, about 25 min drive) There are 8 groups of children, aged 3-7 in our kindergarten. All in all there are 175 kids and most of them live nearby. This district is valued for nearby nature trails and quiet environment by our parents. Also, the lake Harku is in walking distance. and Our kindergarten has also good transport connection with the city.

Proposed Activities

The typical tasks for the volunteer would be helping teachers in everyday indoor and outdoor activities and participating in learning activities. The volunteer will join in our visits to museums, art exhibitions, sports events, outings. He/she will introduce his/her country, nation and cultural traditions to our children, parents and personnel (e.g. easy games and dances for children, national food). The volunteer will participate in our traditional kindergarten events and folk calendar celebrations. For the volunteer it should be a good opportunity to learn and practice the Estonian language and culture.

Volunteer is a part of a team whose task is to assist the teacher in the learning process.

The duties are:

- directly assisting the children
- individual work

- preparing teaching devices if necessary
- taking part in the study visits (expeditions), in outdoor education and in the movement activities
- assisting the teachers in the preparation of the traditional house events - sports days, night disco, folklore festival, health mornings, study visits, field trips, excursions, etc.

Volunteer would be fully included in organizing the events. Volunteer has an opportunity to use modern teaching materials and tools. Kindergarten is equipped with an innovative and modern information and communication technology (ICT) tools. We have computer network and also Wi-Fi hot spots, which facilitates the use of ICT tools. Each nursery group has projector and laptop. This enables to diversify the learning activities. ICT tools are used actively in learning, creating learning materials, making animations and videos with children, etc (media education).

Profile of the Volunteer

If you are:

- ready to work with children and have a lot of patience;
- friendly and open-minded;
- speaking English on a basic communication level;
- optimistic and cheerful
- ready to be part of a team and ready to cooperate.

And if you have all sorts of artistic and musical skills you are most welcome as all of these features can be used in kindergarten's educational activities. Also it would be a good thing if volunteer has innovative, initiative and interested in Using ICT tools in teaching process, likes to sing, play, do sports, dance.