



Dr. Petar Beron Primary School

PLOVDIV, BULGARIA

History

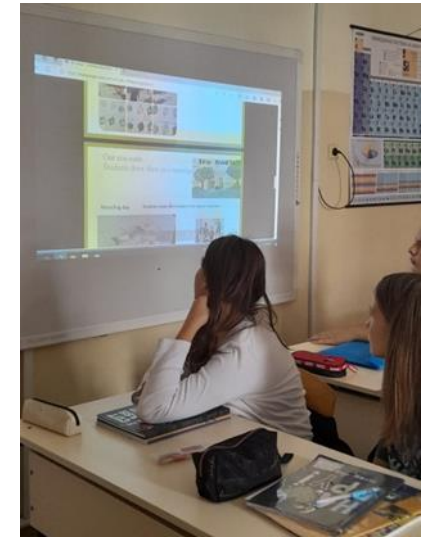
Dr. Peter Beron Primary School is a primary school, situated in the central part of the second largest city in Bulgaria - Plovdiv. The school is located at the bottom of one of the seven hills of the town. It was established on 15.09.1925. It started its first year with seven classes from 1st to 4th grade and 288 students. The first head teacher was Dimitar Petkov.

On 28.09.1933, with the school's funds, electric lighting was added to the building and it was the first primary school to have this advantage.

In 1952 - 53. The People's Primary School became a primary school with four primary and four secondary classes. The dedicated work of the teachers educated patriotic Bulgarians. With the voluntary work of the teachers and the Plovdiv community, a second floor and a gymnasium were built.

Nowadays

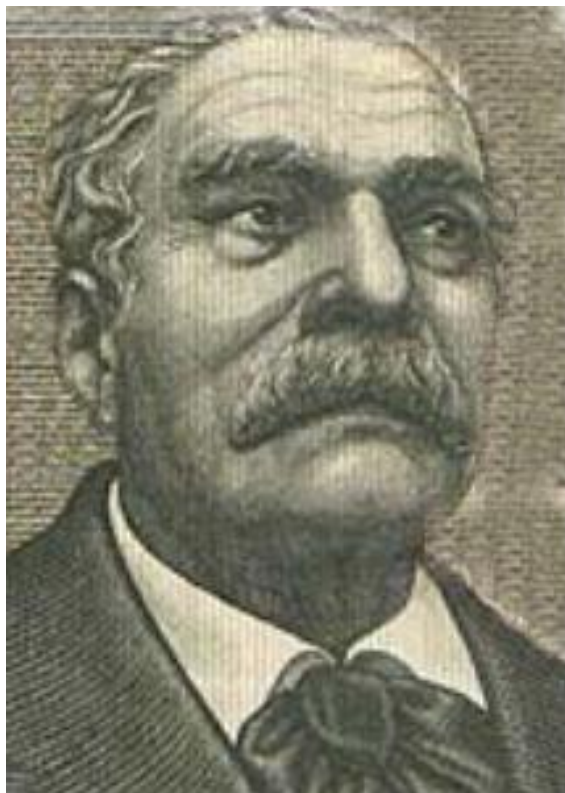
In 2023-2024, 415 children aged from five to 13 are studying at our school. They are divided into 19 classes from preschool group to 7th grade. We have 12 children with special educational needs. The school also has a number of gifted students with achievements in regional, national and international competitions. It is among the most desirable educational institutions in our city.



Interest-based classes

In school we offer advanced English language learning to our students as well as classes in Bulgarian folk dance, music, art, drama, robotics and programming with Lego, Japanese culture and Spanish. There is a variety of sports for our students – chess, basketball, soccer, field hockey, table tennis, Zumba, dodgeball and tennis.





The Patron of our school

The patron of our school is Dr. Petar Beron. He was a Bulgarian educator. He was an encyclopaedist, pedagogue, philosopher and naturalist. Petar Beron was born in 1799 in Kotel, Bulgaria.

In 1824, he published the "Book of Various Instructions", or the so-called "Fish Primer". It was the first modern Bulgarian primer. It was called this way because of the whale and the dolphin painted at the end of the book. In fact, both of these animals are mammals, not fish. This was the first Bulgarian primer.

Beron has been called "the father of modern Bulgaria."

Daily routine

The education in our school is carried out in one shift. The school week lasts 5 days. Classes for 1st and 2nd grade are 35 minutes long. Classes for III - VII are 40 minutes long.

The school day starts at 8 o'clock. Before noon, there are the compulsory classes that students attend.

From 1 pm to 2 pm, students have lunch in the school canteen.

From 2 pm to 4 pm is the students' self-study - with the teacher's help the children write their homework and prepare their lessons for the next day.

After 4pm, the interest-based classes start.



Teaching staff

The management of our school is represented by one principal - Stefan Kichukov and two vice-principals - Diana Pileva (vice-principal for educational activities) and Emilia Bakardzhieva (vice-principal for administrative activities). The school employs 20 primary teachers, 17 teachers of subjects in the lower secondary stage, 1 teacher with a specialty in pre-school pedagogy, 1 logopedic, 1 psychologist and 1 teacher with special pedagogy.

Our teachers are open to new ideas and methods to improve the learning process and school atmosphere. Some topics that they are interested in are developing 21st century skills to achieve effective learning and teaching, creating a positive and inclusive learning environment, increasing the level of language competences of teachers for successful participation in international projects, STEM, etc.

Eco-Schools

From 2022/2023 school year Dr Petar Beron Primary School is part of the impressive family of eco-schools, which included 20 million students and 1,4 million teachers from 59 000 schools in over 75 countries around the world.

Our school received the prestigious Green Flag Award. This award was given only to the best schools that successfully implemented all steps of the Eco-Schools Program Methodology. Our school can proudly name itself an Eco school.

The Eco-school program is an international program. It aims to prepare the students as active citizens who take public responsibility for environmental protection.

Students and teachers took part in a variety of environmental activities: picking waste in the school yard, collecting plastic bottles and canes for recycle, planting trees and many more.





Thank you!
