



Overseas Family School

Mother Tongue Norwegian



Norwegian Mother Tongue Classes since August 2015 Norsk morsmålsundervisning siden august 2015

- Our rich Mother Tongue program underwent a major expansion from August 2015. We offer Mother Tongue classes in 15 different languages, from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.
- **Norwegian Mother Tongue is offered from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.**
- Mother Tongue program is integrated into the curriculum and **does not involve an extra fee.**

Languages offered are:

Danish	Dutch	Finnish	French	German
Hebrew	Italian	Japanese	Korean	Mandarin
Norwegian	Portuguese	Russian	Spanish	Swedish

Overseas Family School is:

- authorised by the International Baccalaureate (IB), Geneva, Switzerland
- a Cambridge International School, UK
- accredited for K-12 by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), USA
- a Member School of International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) registered with International Curriculum Association, UK
- a Member School of International Primary Curriculum (IPC) registered with International Curriculum Association, UK
- registered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), Singapore [Registration No.: 199104269R (01/09/2023–31/08/2027)]
- EduTrust Certified [Certificate Number: EDU-2-2072 (Validity: 21/08/2024–20/08/2028)]

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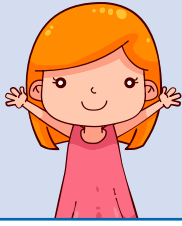
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Mother Tongue at Overseas Family School



What is it?

This refers to the first language a child learns at home.

Why is Mother Tongue important?

It is in the dominant language that higher level thinking takes place. This is especially pronounced in very young children. It will also benefit children in education back in their home country, should they return, as they will be competent in oral, written and grammar skills.



How is it done?

This program is well resourced:

- Four sessions per week, in Kindergarten (from Pre-K2), Elementary and Middle School.
- Integrated into the academic programs.
- All features of any other subject, i.e. assessment, homework, reporting, etc.
- Focuses on reading, writing, listening, speaking and culture. Courses include literature in the Mother Tongue.
- Is an additional choice for parents, **instead of** foreign language study.
- **No additional fee involved.**

Who are the teachers?

Our Mother Tongue teachers are native speakers of the language, with teacher training and degree earned in the home country. They are qualified to teach in the home country and also fluent in English.



"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart".

Nelson Mandela



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Tonje kommer fra en liten bygd utenfor Ålesund på Sunnmøre, og tok allmennlærerutdanning ved Høgskolen i Volda, Norge. Fra 2009 arbeidet hun deretter som lærer, først på barneskolen i offentlig skole, deretter som norsklærer på en internasjonal barne- og ungdomsskole. Tonje flyttet til Hongkong for å arbeide på en britisk skole i 2018, deretter til Singapore i 2022 og arbeider nå som norsk morsmålslærer på Overseas Family School. Tonje trives med å kunne kombinere sin interesse for lesing med undervisning, og hun ser på dette som en unik mulighet til å inspirere barna til å oppdage gleden ved å lese og lære, spesielt om norsk kultur og tradisjoner langt hjemmefra. Hennes tilnærming til undervisning er preget av kreativitet og engasjement, og hun er opptatt av å skape et klasserommiljø som elevene gleder seg til å ta del i.



Mrs Tonje O'Connor