

*„A man is worth as much as he can give to another person” – Boleslaw Orłinski*

## **History and the name**

The Colonel Pilot Boleslaw Orłinski Primary School nr 118 in Wrocław was built in 1994 on the territory of a former airport. The famous Polish pilot - colonel Boleslaw Orłinski was taking off and landing here several times and on 3 June 2000 the school was named after him.

This unusual man and a brilliant pilot, who successfully flew the Warsaw-Tokyo-Warsaw route in 1926 ([www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolesław\\_Orłowski](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolesław_Orłowski)), has been an inspiration to us for „spreading our wings”. A close cooperation with aviation circles resulted in many interesting aviation initiatives, programmes and projects. We were honoured with the organisation of an outstanding ceremony – a final celebration of the 100th anniversary of world aviation and the 85th anniversary of Polish aviation in the Lower Silesia province.

## **Certificates**

In 2001, as the first school in Wrocław we received a certificate of a „Safe School” issued by our Province Police Headquarters.

Since June 2001 we have been a member of Wrocław Network of Schools Promoting Health.

In 2003 we received a certificate of a „First-class School”.

In 2004 we officially celebrated the 10th school anniversary, during which we received the school banner enriching our school ceremonial tradition.

In October 2004 the school banner was decorated with a silver medal of the Guardian of Places of National Remembrance.

In 2006 as one of few Wrocław schools we were awarded a certificate of a „School friendly to Dyslexics”. The school also received a certificate of a „School without Violence”.

Also in 2006, during the Aviation Day at the Airforce Headquarters in Warsaw our school was awarded the country highest aviation distinction – an Honourable Distinction of the Year „Blue Wings 2006”.

A Polish astronaut, general pilot Mirosław Hermaszewski is our school’s friend and he often visits us.

## **Today**

Today there are 70 teachers, 700 pupils and 32 forms. Age range: 6-12.

There are 33 classrooms in the school. We have two modern computer rooms with internet access, a computerised library with a separate multimedia and reading room, a language audiolab, two language classrooms with PCs and internet access, a sports hall, a gymnasium, a room for physiotherapy exercises and a room for pedagogic therapy classes. There is also a plane model-making workshop. The classrooms are equipped with TV sets, DVD players and modern teaching aids, e.g. digital textbooks for teaching Polish, Maths, Science and History, so-called eduROM. Thanks to a beamer we are able to prepare interesting presentations. Our school office and administration are computerised. The teachers have an easy access to photocopiers and computers. Young learners have their own lockers, therefore they do not have to carry heavy schoolbags to school.

There are also modern before and after-school care rooms, the rooms of school counsellors, a psychologist, a nurse and a dentist. For official assemblies, school and local events in spring and

summer we use the school atrium with the auditorium for 250 people. The school's canteen is a multi-functional room with a sound-system stage.

Our teachers and administration employees are open to new challenges. They regularly improve their qualifications in post-graduation studies, courses, workshops and training sessions for teachers.

Being a member of the European Union we put a special emphasis on getting to know our close and far neighbours and, first of all, on effective teaching of foreign languages. In our school all pupils learn English and some also learn German.

In our school there are many things going on daily. There is pupils' council and pupils publish two school newspapers. They participate in many contests and projects. Some school traditions are Christmas and Easter bazaars, official school acceptance of Y1' pupils, school open day, singing carols inside and outside school, a gala contest of children's poetry, contest of English and German poetry and prose, day of European Union and foreign languages, sports day, etc. Free of charge extra curricular activities include: scout team, school choir, Maths clubs, vocal and dance club, theatre club, English clubs, sport clubs, music clubs, European club, journalism club, art club, IT club, ecological club, regional club, etc.

In 2009 we won a contest for the best school surrounding and the school was ranked as one of the best sport schools in the region. In September 2009 we received funds from the EU for setting up a model high-technology science classroom with the emphasis for the use of information and computer technology.

### **Our Mission Statement**

We are a school which:

- helps all the pupils develop their talents,
- widely promotes health, regional, sport and cultural education,
- propagates personality models through cyclical meetings with interesting people,
- supports the atmosphere of partnership between pupils, employees, parents and local environment,
- offers attractive classes in a well-equipped school building,
- shares the view that education is a lifelong process,
- prepares pupils to live in an information society applying information technologies in teaching and learning processes,
- teaches and consolidates the models of behaviour necessary for ethic conduct in later social life,
- during curriculum and extra curriculum activities pupils gain knowledge and skills which allow them to successfully continue their education at the next educational stage.

**Vision** – in our school:

- all actions are directed to pupils' comprehensive development,
- children feel safe,
- children are well-prepared for next educational stages and a good start of adult life,
- we are open to changes brought by modern world,
- we actively cooperate with a local environment and in particular with parents, who are partners of the educational dialogue,
- we promote truth and honesty in the upbringing of our pupils.

**In our school we put a special emphasis on ecology:**

- children belong to a school ecological club and to a League of Nature Protection,

- they actively participate in such ecological actions as "Cleaning the world" and "Earth's Day",
- they increase their ecological awareness by segregating rubbish, in classrooms there are special rubbish bins for different type of waste,
- there is a special contest of collecting waste paper: all year long children and parents bring waste paper to school, it is weighed and the form which delivered the most, wins,
- the pupils participated in a cross-curricular project called "Waste disposal",
- cooperation with the city animal shelter,
- participation in charity actions,
- organisation of a project about batteries disposal
- our pupils learn about ecology also in the open air in special ecological learning centres,
- cooperation with the Ecological Centre in Ukraine,
- we organized an ecological camp in Ukraine for our pupils,
- our pupil was a winner of a contest entitled „Our Earth – natural environment yesterday, today, tomorrow” organized by State Geological Institute,
- we are organisers of an annual international ecological contest - we receive many works from schools and kindergartens in Ukraine, Slovakia, Germany, England, the USA and India
- in May we hold Ecological Festival
- our school participates in a Polish programme of "50/50 non-investment energy saving",

Our international partner schools:

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, England

St. Stephen's Higher Secondary School, India

Eisenhower Elementary School, the USA

Ukrainian Ecological Centre

Primary School in Slovakia

Primary School in Regensburg, Germany

Holy Trinity Primary School, Ireland

Vilnius International Meridian School, Lithuania

Colégio Vizela, Portugal

In 2006, together with schools from Germany, Bulgaria, Slovakia and Slovenia we carried out a Socrates-Comenius Project in 2006 in German language:

„Through stories and legends we learn the life and history of our European neighbours”

Currently we are applying for funds for another Comenius project to start in September 2010.

Although our school website is only in Polish, you are very welcome to visit our photo gallery ('Galeria' in Polish) on the left side under 'Aktualnosci' (News).

If you would like to browse our website a little more, here is a useful dictionary.  
This is also a chance to learn a little Polish;-)

### **Dyrekcja** – Headteachers

B. Rotte – Headteacher

T. Świrska – Deputy Headteacher

D. Skibin – Deputy Headteacher

### **Pracownicy** – Employees

### **Nauczyciele** - Teachers

**Pracownicy AiO** Administration, cleaning and technical workers

**Kontakt** - Contact

**Linki** - Links

Teachers

J. Polski – Polish

Biblioteka – Library

Informatyka i technica – Information and design technology

Matematyka – Mathematics

Pedagog i psycholog – School counsellor and psychologist

Przyroda – Science

Historia – History

Religia - Religious Education

Świetlica – Care before and after school

Sztuka – Art

W-F – P.E.

J. Obce – Foreign Languages

Nauczanie zintegrowane – Young Learners (Years 1-3)

## Info

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## Szkola

### School

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**Świetlica** - Care before and after school  
**Biblioteka** – Library  
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**Samorząd Szkolny** – Pupils' Council  
**Rada Szkoły** – School Council  
**Rada Rodziców** – Parents' Council  
**Archiwum** - Archive

## Nauka

### Education

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