

Enhancing and Extending Foreign Language Teaching

Kindergartens in the region participated in the *Teaching English in Selected Schools in Brno* project. In the framework of a two-year project education in three kindergartens located in Brno was extended by above-standard activities and classrooms were equipped with didactic aids paid for from the subsidies provided. This project gave rise, in the selected kindergartens, to providing optimal conditions which helped pre-school children to become familiar with a foreign language.

F.1.12 Olomouc Region

Curricular Reform

Kindergartens saw positive changes concerning the education of children in compliance with SEPs, which highlighted an education model leading to the development of the child's personality and education towards a healthy life style. Substantial changes were apparent in schools using alternative educational programmes. Kindergartens in the region were also engaged in the *MRKVICKA* network.

Gifted Children, Pupils and Students and Children with Special Educational Needs

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F.1.13 Moravian-Silesian Region

Curricular Reform

As of August 2008 in total 94 kindergartens were involved in the *MRKVICKA* network. The Beruska Kindergarten (seat in Nad Lipinou Street) has been implementing the programme *To Start Together* (for more details see above) since 1995. In 1999 the Beruska Kindergarten was awarded, in the framework of this programme, the status of the Model Kindergarten.

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Prevention of Pathological Social Phenomena

The kindergarten in Smilovice, the district of Frydek-Mistek, implemented a project with the aim of better involvement of new children in the kindergarten.

Further Education of Pedagogical Staff and Enhancing Instruction of Information Literacy

The Beruska kindergarten is a training and education centre for the further education of pedagogical staff. In 2003 seven teachers were awarded an international certificate *Excellent Teacher of the Programme To Start Together*.