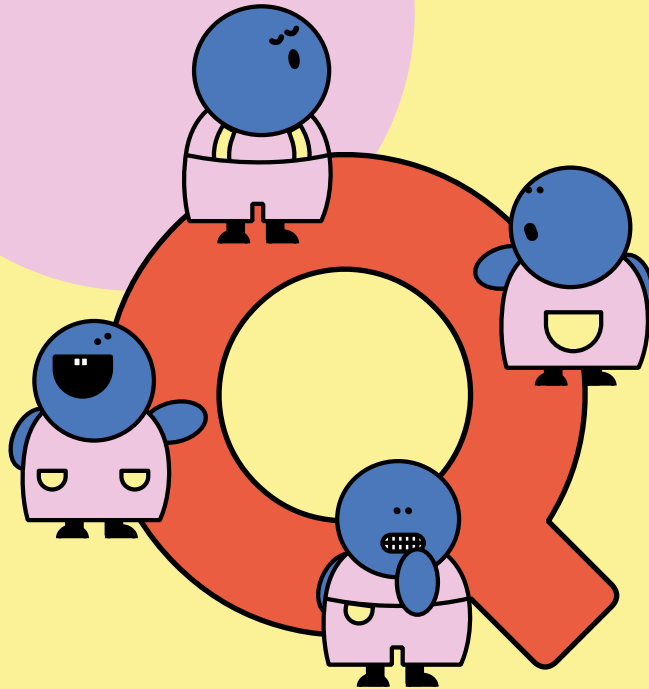


KITA QUASSEL STRIPPE



WELCOME TO KITA QUASSELSTRIPPE!

Our daycare is a place where children feel at home, where their voices matter, and where they can truly be themselves. Each day is thoughtfully structured yet full of freedom — with lots of time for play, movement, shared adventures, and individual discoveries.

We're one of the first parent-run daycares in Prenzlauer Berg. Since 1991, we've been caring for and accompanying 25 children aged 1.5 to 6 on their journey of growing up, right here on Oderberger Straße — in a safe, lively, and loving environment filled with warmth, connection, and clarity.

Some of our care givers have been part of the team since the late 1990s. That kind of continuity creates a strong sense of security — and the kind of trust that grows over many years.

If you are interested in a place for your child at Kita Quasselstrippe, we are happy to show you our daycare in person. Once a year, we also host information evenings for interested parents. You can contact us via Email kita.quasselstrippe@gmail.com or via the contact form on our website.



ABOUT US TEAM

BEA

Bea first joined Quasselstrippe as a mom. Her children are now in school, and she has become an integral part of the team. With her background in social work, she brings a wealth of experience working with children and families — especially in the areas of inclusion, movement, and nature. Bea is happiest outdoors with the kids, doing yoga together, or listening to their wonderfully silly stories.



DIETER

Dieter has been part of the team since 2009 — but he's known the daycare much longer, as his own children were Quasselstrippen from 1997 to 2005. He holds a degree in education and takes the older kids swimming once a week.

ELLEN

Ellen is specialized in integration and inclusion and has been part of the Quasselstrippe team since 2021. "Children are guests who ask for directions" — this guiding thought shapes her work and the way she sees children. Since 2010, Ellen has also been a mom to a (of course, wonderful) son. Whether it's outings, mud play, or creative projects — Ellen is always right in the middle of it all. And Fridays? She loves them.





ABOUT US TEAM

JILL

Jill has been part of the team since 1997 and has accompanied many Quasselstrippen through their daycare years — some of whom she later met again as student interns. She plays the guitar, loves singing with the children, and has a soft spot for books and stories. Even after all these years, Jill says: it never gets boring here.



KERSTIN

Kerstin co-founded Quasselstrippe in 1992 with the idea of creating a place shaped together by children, parents, and care givers. She has been a permanent member of the team since the early 2000s. It's important to her to bring nature into the children's everyday city life and to be a reliable companion for them — someone who takes their ideas seriously and helps turn them into reality.

MATYI

Matyi is actually called Matthias — but nobody really calls him that. He trained as a care giver right here at Quasselstrippe and joined the team permanently in 2025. In everyday daycare life, Matyi is in charge of the "heavy-duty tasks" — like carrying the arm floats, for example.



AND IN ADDITION TO THE TEAM ...

Every year, we aim to have a volunteer doing their Federal Volunteer Service (Bundesfreiwilligendienst) join and support our team.



ABOUT US FACILITIES

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Our daycare is located on the ground floor of courtyard building at Oderberger Straße 50. It includes two play and activity rooms that open directly onto our private backyard, complete with a sandbox and climbing wall, as well as a large kitchen-living space.

In addition to the bathroom and cloakroom, there is also a cozy sleeping room for the youngest children on the first floor.



ABOUT US DAILY LIFE AT THE DAYCARE



Our daycare is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with a morning circle in two age-based groups.

After that, the day fills with life: free play, small activities, outings, and shared meals alternate throughout the day. Spending time outdoors is especially important to us — whether in our courtyard, on nearby playgrounds, in the park, or out and about in the neighborhood.

We go outside in almost any weather, experience the seasons consciously, and create plenty of space for movement and discovery. Once a week, we also visit a gym hall. Our vegetarian lunch, made with organic ingredients, is freshly delivered every day and enjoyed together in a calm and relaxed atmosphere.

Some of the highlights of the year include our daycare trip, the overnight stay at the daycare, and our celebrations for Christmas, Carnival, the start of spring, and St. Martin — all of which create lasting memories and strengthen our sense of community.



CONCEPT EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

Our team works with the situational approach: we take what moves and interests the children and turn it into meaningful learning experiences. Instead of following fixed programs, we focus on real-life moments — questions, discoveries, and shared activities. In this way, children learn to understand themselves and others, find compromises, and stand up for one another. Our daycare is a place where children help shape their daily life, take on responsibility, and grow in a safe and supportive environment.

We create spaces where children can explore and try things out. Inspiration comes from everyday life: a conversation during morning circle, a beetle in the courtyard, a new song, or a topic that captures the group's attention. Alongside free play, guided activities, projects, and outings are part of our daily routine. Every "Wonderful Wednesday," we head out into the city or into nature — to playgrounds, museums, theater performances, and more.

Music and movement are naturally part of what we do, but without a fixed weekly schedule: we sing, dance, and move whenever it feels right and brings joy. Movement is part of every day — indoors, outdoors, in the courtyard, or at a nearby gym.

Throughout the year, we celebrate festivals that bring us together — from our lantern walk to spring celebrations and the farewell party to those starting school. Special highlights like our daycare trip and an overnight stay at the daycare create lasting memories and strengthen our sense of community.

Healthy food is just as much a part of our everyday life as laughter, listening, and shared experiences. Our wholesome vegetarian lunches are freshly prepared and delivered daily by our long-standing partner, Gourmello. This is how we create a daycare environment that supports children's development, nurtures community, and builds trust with families.





CONCEPT PARENT INITIATIVE



Choosing a parent-run daycare means more than just enrolling your child — it means becoming part of a community. Parents don't just take part; they take responsibility, contribute ideas, and actively help shape the place where their child spends a large part of their day.

Quasselstrippe is a non-profit association with no external provider — founded by parents, run by parents, and shaped together with parents. Every family becomes a member of the association and contributes to keeping daily life at the daycare lively, reliable, and well organized. Parent responsibilities include regular parent duties, cleaning shifts, helping prepare celebrations, participating in working groups, or taking on roles within the

association. Decisions regarding organization, educational approach, and finances are made collectively and democratically at parent meetings.

The board, elected from among the parents, represents the daycare externally and serves as a point of contact for both families and the team. Together with the educational staff, it helps coordinate topics, develop ideas, and find solutions.

Each parent takes on a task that helps the whole system function — a bit like a small, well-coordinated organization built on commitment, trust, and a strong sense of community.

