



## WHAT IS KIKUS?

**KIKUS English** is a proven and efficient method of language learning for children aged three years and over. The method utilises highly effective linguistic teaching aids suitable for small groups, and provides for reinforcement of each lesson through regular coordination with school teachers and parents. It has a scientific foundation and was developed through practical experience. KIKUS remains the only language learning programme in which the child's first language is actively incorporated into the method and materials. Furthermore, KIKUS can be implemented in any language.

The KIKUS Method has been widely recognized for its distinguished contribution to the field of language learning for children and has been honoured with several awards.

### **KIKUS SA focuses on the following:**

- KIKUS language courses for children
- KIKUS Materials
- Ongoing support for KIKUS course leaders
- Co-operation with class teachers
- KIKUS seminars
- Parent information session

The goal of KIKUS is to support children in their acquisition of a language through stress-free play but in a purposeful and systematic way.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Funding a KIKUS course in a disadvantaged community, facilitated by the Kronendal Primary School Outreach Programme

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How KIKUS is making a difference in encouraging young children in South Africa to speak another language

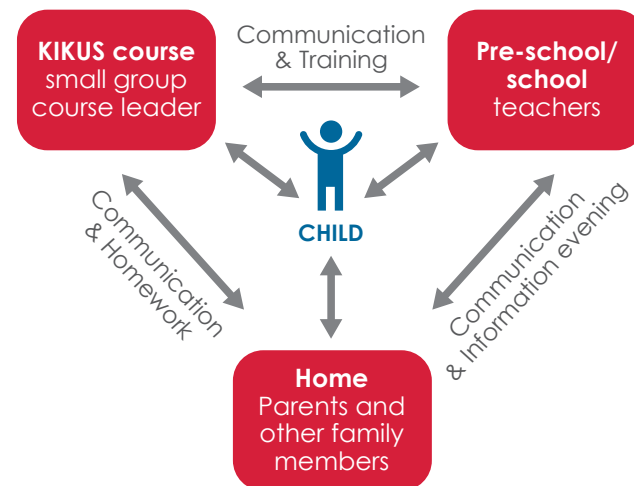


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**Playing, singing, and having fun, while learning a language – this is the basic principle of KIKUS.** Children who learn a language through the KIKUS Method improve their language competence. They are more willing to speak and have greater self-confidence, which in turn has a positive effect on their social behaviour.

### Building blocks of the KIKUS Method



**Multi-lingualism is part of everyday life** and it is becoming more and more important. In the South African context, children who lack English language skills often struggle academically and socially when they enter primary school and the inability to speak or understand English leads to much lower levels of academic achievement compared to their English-speaking peers.

A small group of dedicated KIKUS course leaders, who have been trained by Dr Edgardis Garlin (the founder of the KIKUS Method), are offering KIKUS English courses at various pre- and primary schools. The courses are generally attended

by children from disadvantaged communities as well as foreign language speakers.

However, KIKUS can be applied to teach any additional language. KIKUS courses for learning German as a second language are running at the German preschools while KIKUS Xhosa courses are also being implemented.

**At KIKUS SA we believe that multi-lingualism should be promoted and valued in South Africa** since it has the potential to unite different cultures. What better time to initiate this inter-cultural acceptance than during childhood?

