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CHILDREN'S EDUCATION APPLICATION AND RESEARCH CENTER

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ABOUT US

The Children's Education Application and Research Center, one of the projects of the Istanbul Aydin University Faculty of Education, was officially established following its announcement in the Official Gazette dated Sunday, 10 February 2013. It aims to support students' development and to ensure that gifted and talented students are accepted by society, supported, and provided with the special education they need.

Within the framework of the Children's University, the Center carries out the following activities:

- Conducting identification and educational assessment of students,
- It offers enrichment programs for gifted and talented students during the fall and spring semesters, and organizes programs open to the participation of all students during the summer term.
- Providing pre-service teachers with opportunities to gain practical experience,
- Implementing academic and applied projects for gifted and talented students,
- Collaborating with universities and public and private institutions at national and international levels,
- Organizing national and international conferences and congresses.

PARENT SEMINAR

As part of the Children's University 2025–2026 Fall Semester, a seminar titled “Raising Successful Children in Life” was held on January 3, 2026, with the participation of Dr. Barış Sarısoy for parents.

During the seminar, the definition of success, the science behind success, and the key skills that determine success in life were shared with the participants.



MEETING

As part of the 2025-2026 Children's University Fall Term:

- Individual counseling services were provided to mentor teachers and
- to the parents of enrolled students regarding the educational process and the challenges encountered.



EDUCATION

The Children's University Fall Term Program, held between October 25, 2025 and February 7, 2026, was successfully completed with the participation of 35 students and 19 mentors.

Throughout the program, students had the opportunity to enrich their learning processes by participating in various workshops, experiments, and project-based activities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and arts.



GRADUATION CEREMONY

On February 7, 2026, the Fall Semester of the Children's University was successfully completed, and a graduation ceremony was held for the students.

Throughout the semester, students who participated in various educational programs had the opportunity to celebrate the knowledge and experiences they gained together with their families and instructors.



EDUCATION

A call for applications was announced for the 2025–2026 Children’s University Spring Semester Program, and registrations were accepted.

The workshops aimed to enhance children’s scientific thinking skills, support their sense of curiosity, and provide them with enjoyable learning experiences, incorporating a range of different disciplines.



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SPRING PROGRAM

28 February - 6 June 2026

AGES 5-6	AGES 7-8	AGES 9-12
Robotics & Coding	AI-Powered Robotics & Coding	AI-Powered Robotics & Coding
Creative Thinking Skills	Creative Thinking Skills	Creative Thinking Skills
Pythagoras' Legacy: Mathematics	Pythagoras' Legacy: Mathematics	Pythagoras' Legacy: Mathematics
From Dream to Stage	From Dream to Stage	From Dream to Stage
Mind Explorers: Tracing the Path of Thought	Mind Explorers: Tracing the Path of Thought	Mind Explorers: Tracing the Path of Thought
Sports and Educational Activities	Sports and Educational Activities	Sports and Educational Activities

Registration Period: 26 January - 24 February 2026

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MEETING

Prior to the 2025–2026 Academic Year Children's University Spring Semester program, an informative meeting was held for the mentor teachers who would take part in the program.

During the meeting, the roles and responsibilities of the mentor teachers were discussed, frequently asked questions regarding situations they may encounter during the process were addressed, and important information about the implementation was provided.



EDUCATION

The Istanbul Aydın Children's University Spring Program started on February 28, 2026.

Our courses, specially designed for different age groups, aim to develop future skills through a wide range of disciplines, from science to arts, and from mathematics to robotic coding.

Our students aged 5-6 will be introduced to Robotic Coding, Creative Thinking, Pythagoras' Legacy: Mathematics, From Imagination to Stage, Mind Explorers: In the Trace of Thinking, and Media Literacy; while our students aged 7-8 and 9-12 will further deepen their learning processes through AI-supported robotic coding and other enriched course content.



ACHIEVEMENT

Our student Hasan Said Çetiner achieved a significant success by winning the Silver Medal in the 3rd grade category at the International STEM Olympiad final.

This prestigious organization, which brings together students from various countries in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, reflects our student's determination, discipline, and curiosity for learning.

We congratulate our student on this meaningful achievement and wish him continued success in his journey in science.



ORIENTATION PROGRAM

On February 7, 2026, an informational and orientation meeting was held for the parents of students participating in the 2025–2026 Children's University Spring Semester Program.

During the meeting, information was provided about the educational approach of the Children's University, the scope of the program, the practices to be implemented throughout the semester, and ways in which parents can contribute to the process.

This orientation aimed to establish strong communication with parents, ensure a more efficient educational process, and support students' adaptation to the program.



CONGRESS

An announcement has been made for the 8th National Children's Studies Congress (UÇAK), organized in collaboration with the Faculty of Education at Istanbul Aydın University, the Anatolian Education and Culture Foundation (AKEV), Istanbul Aydın University Children's University, and the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education, and the submission of oral and poster presentations has begun.



WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, March 10, 2026, preschool students from Bil College were hosted at our university within the scope of a special event coordinated by the Children's Education Application and Research Center of our University, in collaboration with the Vitamino, Preschool Education, Special Education, and Mind & Intelligence Games clubs.

During the program, our young guests had the opportunity to explore and learn through games at thematic stands and experience stations, engaging in an enjoyable learning process.

In this colorful event, where fun and learning were intertwined, children both gained new experiences and had the opportunity to get acquainted with the university environment.



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