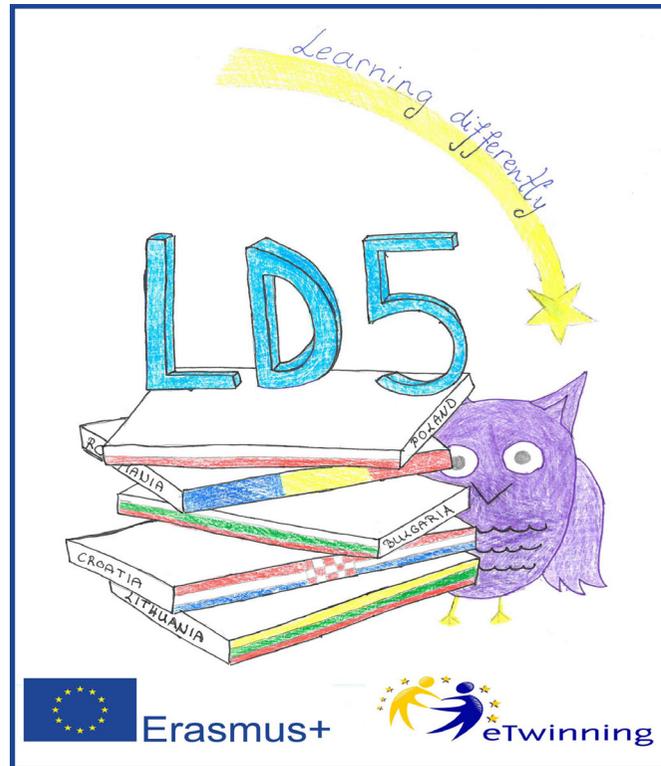




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Learning differently

Lithuania

Lithuania, officially the Republic of Lithuania, is a country in the Baltic region of northern-eastern Europe. The area - 65,300 km². Lithuania has an estimated population of 2.8 million people (2017).

The official language, Lithuanian, along with Latvian, is one of only two living languages in the Baltic branch of the Indo-European language family.

Lithuania became a member of The European Union since 2004.

Lithuania is a Parliamentary Republic. The President of Lithuania is Dalia Grybauskaitė.

Vilnius is the capital of Lithuania and the largest city in the country. Vilnius is in the southeast part of Lithuania. Vilnius is the most visited city in Eastern Europe. It draws attention not only because of its architectural style of Baroque, Renaissance, Gothic character, but also for a variety of business, entertainment, political and cultural meetings.

Since it is a unique city it was included in the list of the most important world objects of UNESCO in 1994.

The largest cities of Lithuania are Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda, Šiauliai, Panevėžys.

In 1989 the French National Geographic Institute researchers found that Europe's geographical center is in Lithuania, 26 km north of Vilnius. The geographic center of Europe is decorated with the composition.

The hill Jurgaičiai (Domantai) is the famous and popular place as the Hill of Crosses. On the hill there are thousands of crosses not only from various places of Lithuania, but also from abroad. The exact number of crosses is unknown, but estimates put it at about 100,000 in 2006.

Although Lithuania is a small country, it is not only unique in its architectural, cultural meetings, but also in the beauty of the nature: hills, forests, rivers, lakes and swamps, the Baltic sea, sand dunes, the Curonian spit.

The small region is also known as a basketball country. Lithuanian basketball players have won a number of medals and awards. Pranas Lubinas, Arvydas Sabonis, Šarūnas Marčiulionis, Jonas Valančiūnas were well known basketball players who proclaimed our country.

We are proud of being Lithuanians and we have a wonderful homeland, its traditions, culture heritage, custom and unique nature.

Map



President



Vilnius





Vilnius



The Geographic Centre of Europe is in Lithuania



Kaunas



The Hill of Crosses



Coronian spit

About school

Klaipeda's 21st secondary school was opened on 1 September in 1974. 1130 students started the school year. Later the schools uniforms and symbols were created. The school principal has become the A. Tamelis. Later A. Liaudanskas changed him. In 2001 the school was renamed to „Klaipėda Gedminai main school “and then to “Klaipėda Gedminai progymnasium” in 2014. It is rather big. There are 925 students and 72 teachers now. The school is active and well known for its activities of Tolerance Education Centre, Ethno culture center and after school activities. The school is attractive to students and their parents, as much attention is paid to the quality of education, students' art education (there are established purposeful classes of theatre and dance). The school is not limited to a single standard. Since 2012, there are classes, applying the Waldorf pedagogy items. Progymnasium is always open for innovations and takes part in the Education Improvement, Renovation, and Partnership (Comenius, Nordplus, Erasmus+, eTwinning) projects. School community raised the priority to become a leader in the application of IT in the region. The school has many innovative and energetic teachers who want to improve the educational process, to make it acceptable for modern children. Teachers constantly learn themselves; they share their best practices by preparing training programs as well as reading the papers in seminars and conferences. Our school has it's own traditions. There is a “100 club”. It motives students to learn better by trying to achieve more. Our folk dance collective “Gedmina”, proclaims our school's name in Lithuania. We win high places in various competitions. We are so proud to have such sporty students in our school. They won many competitions in our city and Lithuania. This year school took first place at the Lithuanian Schools games. At the end of the school year there are awards “Student of the Year”. In this an event, which is celebrated every single year at the end of May, all the students who are active and successful in various areas of our school are honored during this event. In addition, our school commemorates national celebrations like 13th Of January (Freedom Defenders' day), 16th of February (The Independence Day) and the 11th of March (Independence Restoration Day), participate in civic initiatives. We are proud of our school and we are very happy to be the part of it.



School logo



"100 club"



Lithuanian Schools games winners

Skomantas is 12 years old. He likes playing the guitar, training. He is interested in drones. From this project Skomantas expects to get more experience.



"Erasmus+" project



Civic initiative



Awards event "Student of the Year"

Eva likes working with the computer, doing sports. From the project Eva expects to meet new friends, to improve English language skills.

Vytautė is 13 years old. She likes singing. She goes to music school and dance class. From the project Vytautė expects new impressions.



Folk dance group "Gedmina"



11th March



Interactive learning



New school spaces

Rita N., Biology teacher. She is interested in traveling and gardening. From the project Rita expects to acquire skills about natural science.

Project team

Ema is 11 years old. She plays the piano. She goes to a music school, is interested in computer games. From the project Ema expects to communicate easier.

Daiva G. Primary class teacher. She likes bicycling. From the project Daiva expects to get more experience of how to make the lessons more interesting.

Neda is 12 years old. She goes to a music school, plays a violin. She is interested in medicine. From the project Neda expects to get acquainted with a culture of other countries.

Ugnė is 12 years old. She likes roller skating. Her favourite lessons are Lithuanian, English and technology. From the project Ugnė expects to find more friends.

Amėja likes painting and doing sports. From the project Amėja expects to find new friends and get acquainted with the countries.

Joris is 13 years old. He goes to a shooting club. His favourite lessons is P.E. From the project Joris expects new experiences.

Rokas is 13 years old. He likes playing violoncello. He likes IT lesson. From the project Rokas expects to make new friends and gain new experience.

Brigita D. Is 13 years old. She likes singing, drawing, sometimes she writes poems. Brigita loves being in nature. From the project Brigita D. expects to improve her skills.

Brigita P. Is 12 years old. She goes to music school and really likes singing and playing the piano. She is funny, creative and friendly. From the project Brigita P. expects new acquaintances and impressions.

Daiva S. is a deputy of the headmaster. She likes reading books and walking. From the project Daiva S. expects that children will be revealed and will show their initiative.

Aurelijus L. – our headmaster. He likes reading books, traveling. He is a very big basketball fan. From the project Aurelijus expects to improve skills and see things, which would help the school.

Anton P. is a teacher of English and Russian languages. He likes active leisure. He is interested in new technologies. From the project Anton expects to meet new friends and partners, to improve professional skills.

Indra S. Primary class teacher, likes to fishing. From the project Indra expects to improve children's reading.

Jūrate K. is a primary class teacher. She likes knitting and reading books. From the project Jūrate expects to learn new things and find out what she can.

Vilma G. is a primary class teacher. She likes working in the garden, reading books and walking in the park. From the project Vilma expects to know some new exercises, which would help in her job.

Vilhelmina P., – Lithuanian language teacher. She is interested in active sports, meditation and self-training. From the project Vilhelmina expects to meet new interesting people.

Asta J. is a deputy of the headmaster and a teacher of Lithuanian language. She is the coordinator of the project. She likes reading books, cooking cakes and traveling. She wishes all the project participants to succeed, to experience as many wonderful moments as possible and to believe that together we can learn and do a lot.



Project team

Poland

Poland is located in Central Europe. It is bordered by the Baltic Sea to the north-west along a 524-km coastline, by Germany to the west (along a 460-km border); the Czech and Slovak republics to the south (1310 km); and Russia, Lithuania, Belarus and Ukraine to the east and north-east (1244 km).

Poland's national emblem is a white eagle with a golden crown on a red background. The national flag is white and red.

The people of Poland use the Polish language. The population, over 38.5 million strong, occupy an area of 312,700 square kilometers.

Its capital and the largest city is Warsaw, which has a population of over 1,700,000. New administrative division of Poland was introduced in January 1999.

Many Polish tourist sights have already gained a worldwide reputation and are an absolute must to see if you consider a journey to this area: beautiful Krakow, inspiring Warsaw, romantic Gdansk, spiritual Czestochowa, shattering Auschwitz, the Tatra mountains.



About school

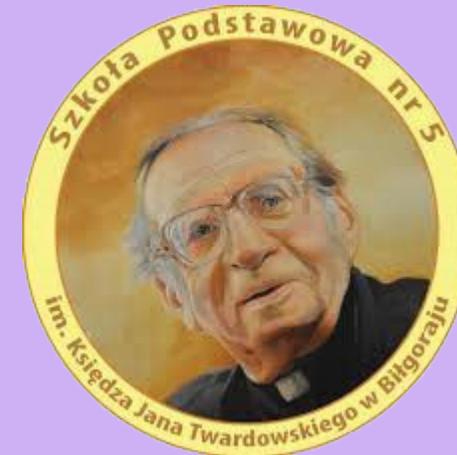
Szkoła Podstawowa nr 5 im. Księdza Jana Twardowskiego w Biłgoraju

Our school is one of the largest in the city, it has 805 students and about 60 teachers. We have excellent housing conditions (separate wing for early school classes, 3 computer rooms, language rooms, common room), playground and many sports facilities (football pitches, treadmill, Tennis Court and ice rink in winter).

We develop pupils' talents and interests. We have a wide range of extracurricular activities, "the white schools" in winter (learning how to ski), tourism, English theatre group, a school band, creative recycling, "Fit in Deutsch" group and many more.

The school is involved in numerous events organized for the benefit of the local community. This involvement manifests itself mainly in the work of students, carried out under the supervision of the teaching staff. We implement the following programs: time for health, safe school, breakfast gives power, school of talent hunters, family friendly school, the white schools, charitable activities, district festival of foreign songs and others.

Our students are 6-15 years old, they learn English from the 1st grade, in the 7th grade, they learn German language as well.



Project team

Emilia is 14 years old. She's interested in photography and music. Her favourite subject is biology. Her expectations from this project is to help her improve English skills and learn something about other countries' history and culture.

Daria is 14. She likes learning English and other languages. She likes dancing as well. Her favourite dish is pasta with spinach. She expects to discover new countries and languages.

Oliwia is 14 years old. Her hobby is theatre and rollerblading. Her favourite food are all sweets, especially gummies. In the future she wants to be a doctor. Her dream is to travel around the world. She expects from the project to improve her communication skills.

Gabriela is 14. She's interested in photography, films, TV series. She loves reading books. She expects to meet new people, learn about different cultures, visit new places.

Kasia is 14 years old. She loves skiing, singing and dancing. She is physically active person, she likes doing gymnastics and reading books. She expects from the project to improve her English skills, learn about other countries' educational system.

Kinga is 14. She likes animals and sports. She's interested in medicine. She wants to be a surgeon in the future. She would like to visit different places, meet new people and improve her foreign language skills.

Anastazja is 14 years old. She's interested in music. She likes dancing and fashion. She loves make-up and clothes. In the future, she wants to be a lawyer. She expects to meet new people, have fun and learn about other countries.

Sylwia is 14. She loves drawing. She would like to meet new people, learn about different cultures and improve her English language skills.

Milena is 14. She's keen on drawing and singing. She expects to meet new people, visit interesting places.

Lidia is 14 years old. She's interested in learning languages, astrophysics, physics and cosmology. She loves reading practically everything but mostly science-fiction and fantasy books. She's also into rollerskating and drawing. She expects to improve her language skills in real-life situations, learn about other countries and make new friendships.

Ewa S. is a teacher of German and English languages. She likes jogging and skiing in the winter. She is fascinated by traveling and learning about other cultures, so participating in the project will allow her students to see other countries, get to know peers from Europe and in practice speak English. For teachers, the project is important because it will allow for the exchange of experiences.

Agnieszka G. – English teacher. She likes reading books and cycling. She's into good movies. From the project she expects to meet new people, learn about different cultures, learn many new things and methods that will allow her to conduct interesting and fascinating lessons.



Croatia

GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: 4.2 million
90% of the population are Croats

Area: 56 542 km²



National flag



President: Kolinda Čarbar Kitarović

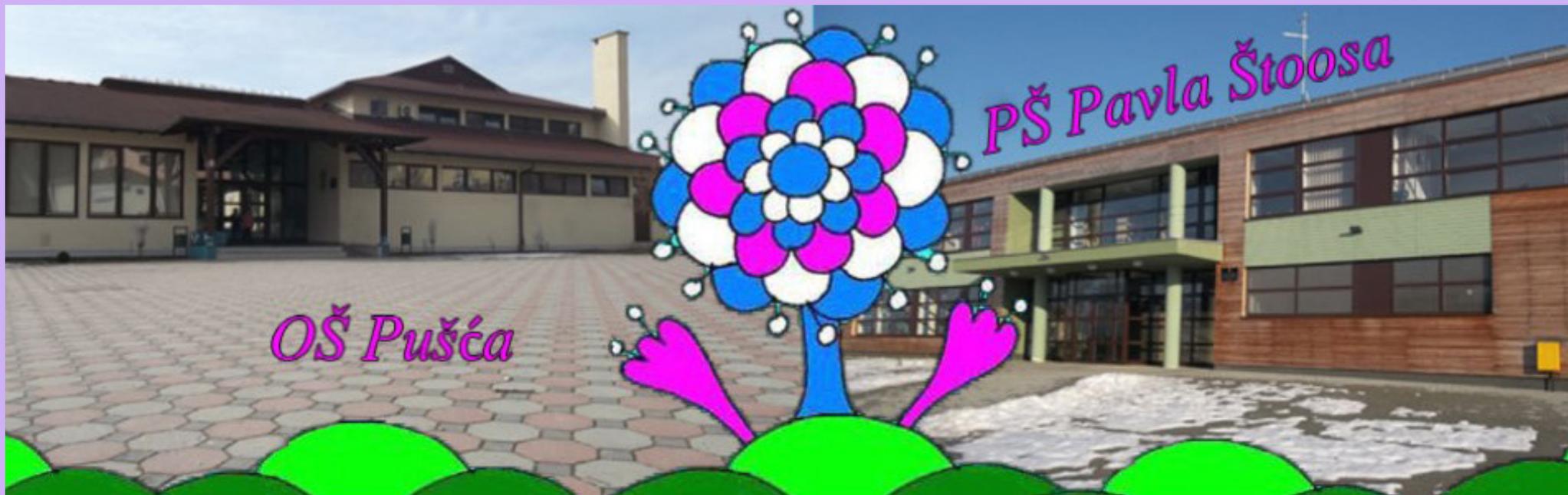
Currency: Croatian kuna (Kn)



Capital city:
Zagreb



About school



Pušća Elementary School is located in Donja Pušća, a village near Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, with a district school in the village Dubravica, located 7 km farther. It's a public school for pupils 6 to 15 years old. We have a total of 345 students in 23 classes. It is one of the oldest schools in the western part of the Zagreb County. According to oral tradition, education in Pušća dates back from 1848, while written documents about the existence of the school date back to 1858. Until 2002, classes took place in a school building that was built in 1913, after which the school moved to a new school building, which is one of the most modern and best equipped in Croatia.

In addition to 12 obligatory subjects, there are elective courses in German, Religious Education and ICT, as well as numerous extracurricular activities. There are about 40 teachers and three school counselors. Many of them are excellent methodologists, thus creating a culture of excellence in teaching. Our school motto is Seneca's famous quote: "We learn not for school, but for life". Students are at the center of our interest, and our mission is helping the children to achieve their educational goals and to develop their potential. Here they acquire the most contemporary knowledge of science, art and technology, which they can apply in real life. Furthermore, they learn various skills and develop positive attitudes.

We are particularly proud of the fact that we are a multicultural community in which children are taught to respect human dignity and equal

rights regardless of anyone's ethnicity or worldview. We have adopted a zero-tolerance policy for violence. Our goal is to develop students' awareness of their own rights, but also to show respect for the freedom of others. Moreover, we help the students develop their creativity and, above all, their critical thinking skills.

Teachers in our school believe that teaching is more than a job, it's a vocation. They are full of energy and enthusiasm, and they care about and respect their students. They are extremely motivated for their own professional development and lifelong learning. The headmaster recognizes their motivation and supports every initiative they aim towards their own professional growth and development. Many teachers often take part in various workshops, seminars and education courses outside school. They have given especially high remarks to projects and activities organized by the Forum for Freedom of Education (Basic and Advanced Mediation Training Seminar, Health Education, Primary Prevention of Substance Abuse, Volunteer Work with Children and the Youth, Public Relations in Education).

Since 2009, our school has participated in various international projects organized by the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (Comenius and Erasmus+) aimed at promoting social inclusion, active citizenship and tolerance.



Project team

My name is Matija Matalin. I am 13 years old. I attend Pavao Štoos Elementary School in Dubravica. I like to play soccer and ride a bike with my friends. I train soccer in Kraj Donji. I have a dog, his name is Grof. I like to play video games. I am happy when I am with my family.

Hi, I am Lana Jurić. I'm eleven years old. I live in Vučilcevo. I have a dog and three cats. I love my dog. My favourite school subject is Croatian. I don't like Math. I don't play any musical instrument. I love books, sports and spending time with my friends.

My name is Roko Belinić. I am eleven years old. I live in Croatia, in Pušća. That is a village near Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. My school is Pušća Elementary School and I am in the 6th grade. I have an older brother, Hrvoje. He is 14 years old. My parents' names are Martina and Josip. In my free time I play football in Sutla Šenkovec Football Club. I play computer games, too.

I'm Ivana Kobula. I'm in the 6th grade. I trained volleyball for a year. In my family there are my mom and daddy, my sister and my grandparents. In my spare time I watch TV. I like reading books during the holidays. I usually read books from Sanja Pilić. Every Sunday my family and I have a family lunch. I have three dogs and four cats.

My name is Anja Tušek. I'm in the 6th grade and I'm 12 years old. I live with my parents. I'm an only child. My hobbies are volleyball, folklore dancing and learning other languages. In my free time I listen to music and play with my dogs.

Hi, my name is Kaja Novosel. I am 14 years old. I have a younger brother(5) and a younger sister(13). My hobbies are MTV dancing, horse riding and playing the flute. I love reading SF and fantasy books, mostly Harry Potter series. I also love reading teen and romance books.

Hello, I am Antonia Mihok. I'm in the 6 grade. I live in Pušća and I go to school here. I play volleyball and traditional Croatian string instruments: brač and bisernica. I play the guitar, too. I'm a part of this project because I want to learn about European countries.

Hi, my name is Nina Pili. I live in Croatia and I'm 14 years old (8th grade). I have a younger brother and the cutest dog ever. I play the piano but my biggest love are horses. Riding horses has been my hobby for 5 years and I really love it. I'm a huge fan of books (like Harry Potter or The Hunger Games) and Netflix shows and series. I am a really happy person because I have great friends, but I would also like to meet new people. One of my biggest dreams is visiting Florida, London, Amsterdam, Tokyo, Prague... (well, the whole world). I hope that this project will help me visit new places. I am really excited and happy to be a part of that.

Hi, my name is Patricia. I am in the eighth grade and I am 13 years old. My birthday is on December 28. I have 2 younger brothers and a dog named Max. In my free time I play the piano. I'm in my sixth year of music school. I also play volleyball. I love to listen to music, read books and watch tv series. Currently, my favorite song is Livin' on a prayer by Bon Jovi. I know it's old, but I like it. At the moment I am watching Teen wolf and it's a really great show. I would totally recommend it! But when it comes to books, I just can't choose a favorite. There are just so many that I like! Some of them are Harry Potter, Hunger Games, Divergent, The Mortal Instruments and so on. I look forward to meeting new people and friends in this project. I think it will be great fun!

Hello! My name is Tea Pšeničnjak. I live in Pušća, and I am in the 7th grade. I live with my parents, my sister and my uncle in a two story house. In my free time I like to go hiking with my three-year-old pekingese, and sometimes I teach him some tricks (my dream is to become K9 trainer one day). I also like to play with my 3 cats. Before sleep, I usually check my phone and then read some books like Harry Potter or The Tales of Beedle the Bard by J.K Rowling. I'm also a self-taught piano player, but I still need a lot of practise. I used to draw, too. I like exploring the internet, searching for something new that I can learn. I'm also interested in cooking.

Hello!
I'm Lora and I'm 13 (soon 14). I live in Pušća with my mom, dad and a younger brother. I love to read and write. My favorite books are The Lord of the Rings, Hobbit, Warrior Cats and Harry Potter and I want to write my own book, too. I love Chemistry and Biology and I want to become a surgeon or a psychologist. I listen to music a lot and I enjoy watching Marvel movies. I go horse riding, too. It makes me really happy.

My name is Iva Sofia. In my free time I ride horses and play the cello. I have a brother and a sister. I am in the 6th grade. I like to read Harry Potter books.

Hi, I'm Antonio Mihok and I'm in the 6th grade. In my free time I like to play football, tennis, listen to music, ride a bike and do some programming. My hobby is tennis and I train at the Zapresic Tennis Center. Some of my favorite books are Nanny McPhee, Prohibited Door, and Apprentice Hlapić. In my family there are my mom Katarina, father Anđelko, brother Luka and of course, me. Although they sometimes get on my nerves, I still love them and I would never trade them.

Hi! My name is Vid Frkanec. I am attending Elementary School Pavao Štoos in Dubravica, one of the newest schools in our country. I am 13 years old and I am in the 8th grade. My teachers are my excellent mentors. I'm very interested in Geography and History, map production and designing and exploring books and websites connected with these subjects. Two years ago, I won the 7th place on Zagreb's district Geography competition.

As a little kid, watching my dad's playing saxophone, I got a strong desire to try that as well. Today, I am in the final year of Music school, playing solo but also with my friends in a quartet.

One of my hobbies, a passion actually, is football. I am a central midfielder and I adore this sport's spirit! I am a very passionate player, facing every opponent bravely, even the strongest ones.

I am the only child in my family, so I have all benefits and privileges. Ha,ha, I'm just kidding! At home, I help my grandfather in the garden, my grandma and my mom in the kitchen, and I take care of my little cousin, so my work is always rewarded.

Hi! My name is Martin Štritof and I am 13 years old. I live in Dubravica and I attend Pavao Štoos Elementary School. I have a brother, Ivan, and a sister, Dora. My favorite subjects are English, PE and ICT.

I really like sports. My favorite sport is football and I train in the football club Mladost Kraj Donji. I am really good at football, I ended first season with about 11 goals. My favorite clubs are Real Madrid, Juventus and Liverpool.

My hobby is riding a bike with my friends and playing computer games, such as Fortnite. I like to collect things that will be interesting to see in 20 years, like badges, coins, photographs... My dad collected things like that and I want to continue.

I like to explore nature and interesting places all around our municipality with my friends. I would probably be best described as an adventurous person who likes sports and hanging out with friends.

Hi, my name is Lovro Tunjic. I go to Pavao Štoos Elementary School in Dubravica. I am 14 years old. I love football and sports in general. My family is small, only my sister, my mom and dad. I don't like reading books, but I like to read comics. I also like spending time with my friends and family, riding a bike and playing with my dog. In this project, I hope I will meet new friends and travel.

My name is Filip Čutura. I was born in Rijeka, in Istria, but now I live here, in Pušća. It's really nice here. Actually, I hope to stay here in the future.

I live in a house with a huge backyard. In our garden we plant lots of vegetables. We also have a lot of plum, apple and cherry trees.

I mustn't forget, we have four cats (three older ones and four kittens), and a tortoise (lat. Testudo Hermani).

And now, my hobbies. I like making natural soaps and creams with my mum. I like reading, too. I am reading "The Chronicles of Narnia, The Horse and His Boy" at the moment. I also often play with my younger brother, Fabijan. He's 6 years old and he is in the 1st grade. Oh! I forgot to mention basic personal information about me and my family. OK, I'll do it now.

I am 11 years old and I am in the 6th grade of primary school.

My mum's name is Suzana, and my dad's name is Tomislav.

Well, I guess that's it.

Hi. My name is Robertina Filković, I'm 13 years old and I'm in the seventh grade of the elementary school Pušća. My favourite subjects are: History, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Math.

I live in the house with my parents Stjepan and Željka, my sister Klara and my three dogs: Rex, Bundaš and Arči. My hobbies are studying history and reading books. I like to read about the past and adventure novels. I like to spend my free time in nature or in the library.

I told you something about myself and now it's your turn to tell me something about yourself. Bye!

Hello! My name is Adriana Gorupec and I'm from Croatia. I'm in the 8th grade. My grades are good but I don't like going to school. I am an only child and I live with my parents. My mom is a Math teacher and my dad works in a car service. In my free time I often play football or hang out with my friends. I started playing football when I was 10 and currently I'm playing in a women's football team. I like meeting new people and I hope we'll be good friends.