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# All about me

Hi, everyone! My name is Rahaela Golik. I'm from Moravice, Croatia. I'm 11 years old and I go to Nikola Tesla Primary school. I live with my parents, three sisters (Matea, Marillena and Mirjam) and one brother (Mario). I have got three dogs (Max, Lajka and Res). My favourite school subject is Music. My favourite sport is football. My favourite book is *Dnevnik Pauline P*. My favourite colour blue.



Rahaela Golik, 5th class

I'm Morana. I am 11 years old. I live in a small place called Moravice, in a heart of Gorski kotar. I have got long dark blond hair and blue eyes. I am 164 cm tall. I'm slim. I love to hang out with my friends and to spend time with my family. My favourte colour is green while my favourite animal is a rabbit. Of all my school subjects I like English best. I love to eat pizza. I love listening to music and dancing. My favourite singer is Ariana Grande.

Morana Konjevć, 5th class



Hello! My name is Maja. I'm 11 years old. I live in Moravice, a small place in Gorski kotar. I go to the 5th class. My favourite school subject is English. My favourite sport is basketball. My favourite colour is green. I have got a big family – besides my parents, I have got 3 older sisters (Smiljana, Milica and Danijela) and an older brother (Dino). So as you can see – I'm the youngest in my family!



Maja Milošević, 5th class

Hi! My name is Vedrana. I'm 11 years old. I live in Moravice, Croatia. I go to Nikola Tesla Primary school, in the 5th class. My favourite sport is basketball and my favourite school subjects are English and PE. My favourite book is *Dnevnik Pauline P*. My favourite animals are hamsters and dolphins. I like to listen to all of the foreign songs but I could say that my favouite band is Elitni odredi which unfortunately broke up. I also like Rasta, Ana Nikolić, Nikolija, etc. My favourite colour is green.



Vedrana Vučković, 5th class

My name is Sanjin. I am eleven years old. I am from Moravice, Croatia. My school is Nikola Tesla Primary school. I go to the 5th class and I'm the only boy in my class. My favourite school subject is ICT. My favourite sport is football. My favourite book is *Harry Potter*. My favourite animal is a rabbit. My favourite bands are In Vivo and Eitni odredi. My favourite colour is blue.



Sanjin Klaić, 5th class

# My family

My mum Ranka has got black hair and black eyes. She is 42. She is plump and short. She is polite. My dad Marijo has got blonde hair and blue eyes. He is 54. He is thin and short. He is funny. My sister Matea has got dark hair and brown eyes. She is 18. She is plump and short. She is clever. My brother Mario has got brown hair and brown eyes. He is 17. He is thin and tall. He is noisy. My sister Marillena has got brown hair and brown eyes. She is 14. She is thin and tall. She is funny. My sister mirjam has got long brown hair and brown eyes. She is 13. She is thin and tall. She is very funny and supportive.

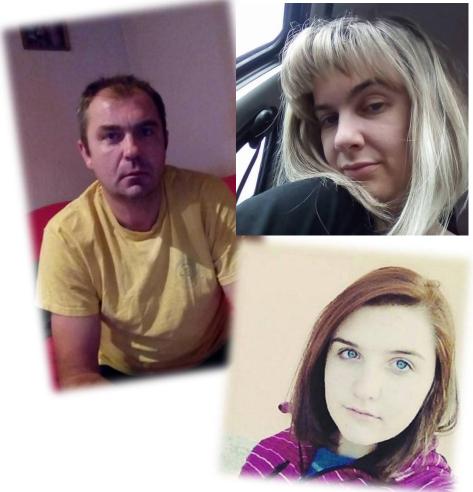
Rahaela Golik, 5th class



My dad has got black hair and blue eyes. He is very tall. He works as a railway worker. He is 42 years old . In his free time he plays football. In his free time he also loves to take strolls with me and we usually go out for an ice cream. His favourite colour is red. He is a very good driver. Oh, yes - my dad's name is Zoran Konjevic.

My mum is Željka and she has got half long blonde hair and blue eyes. She is of avarage height. She likes to take walks with her friends. Her favourite colour is red. She is 37.

I have got an older sister Zorana who is 15 years old. She's got blue eyes and red hair and is of avarage height. Her favourite colour is orange and she really likes rollerskating and football.



Morana Konjević, 5th class

Rajko, Biserka, Smiljana, Milica, Dino and Danijea are the names of my family members.

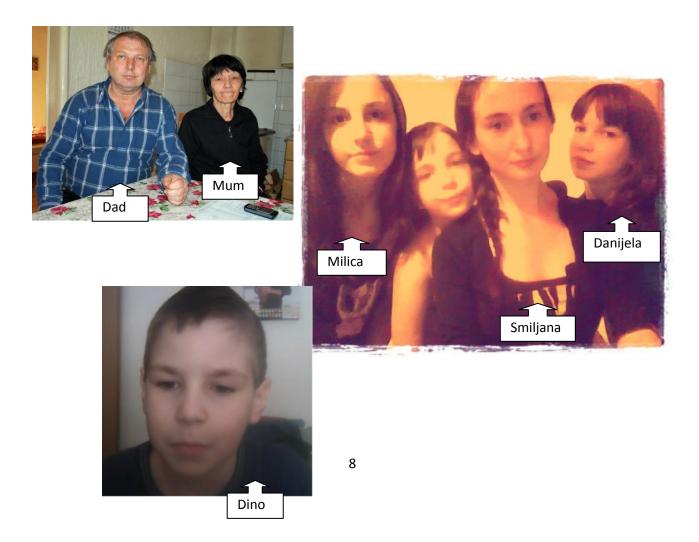
My dad Rajko is 56 years old. My mum Biserka is 56 years old. My oldest sister Smiljana is 18 years old and my 16 year-old sister is Milica. My brother Dino is 15 years old and my sister Danijela is 13 years old.

My dad has got blonde hair as well as my brother. My mum has got short black hair and my sisters's hair is brown (varies from dark brown to light brown).

My dad is funny. My mum is a quiet person. My sister Milica, who goes to secondary school in Rijeka (the biggest city in the region), is funny. My brother is silly. My sister Smiljana is also funny. My sister Danijela is very shy but with us in the family she is very funny.

My heart beats for my family.

Maja Milošević, 5th class



My mum's name is Milana. She's got long hair and small brown eyes. Her hair is a sort of mixture of brown and red. She's also got a small nose. She's short and thin. She is young. She likes to laugh and hang out with her friends. She often changes hairstyles. She work as a waitress in a little coffee shop. She also likes to sleep. She loves to polish her nails. And her favourite coloured is dark red.

My dad is Milan. He is 42 years old. He's ahard worker. He works for the railway company. He doen't like to read books.

My baby brother is Srdjan and he goes to class 2. He's 8 years old. He loves playing games. His hair colour is brown and he also has got brown eyes.



Vedrana Vučković, 5th class

My mum's name is Tea. She's got long straight brown hair and brown eyes. She is young. She has got small ears and a small nose. She is not tall but she is not short as well. She is of medium height. She is thin. And she's young as well.

My dad's name is dejan. He is quite tall. He has got short brown hair and he's very funny.

I also have got a sister. Her name is Doris. She is 9 years old. She has got long wavy brown hair and she is very noisy

I live with my gradparents. My grandma and my grandpa are also members of my family. They are so tender and very nice. I very love my family very much.

Sanjin Klaić, 5th class

# My best friend

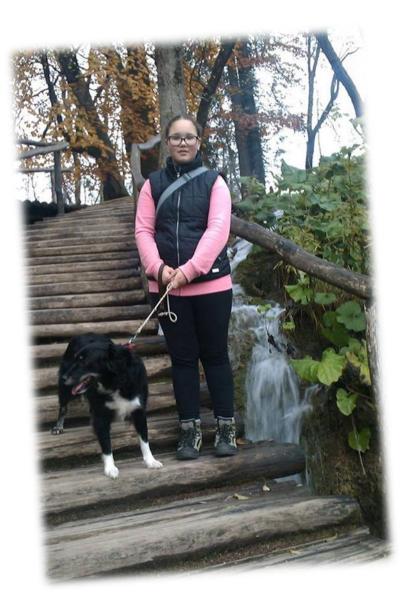
I have got two best friends. They are Mirjam and Antonija. Mirjam is 13. She lives in Moravice and we first met in a kindergarten. She is tall and slim. She has got long wavy brown hair and big brown eyes. She is a very pretty girl, funny, careful and she stands by me in every situation. We hang out together at school. Antonija is 14. She lives in Vrbovsko and we first met in the 1st grade of a music school. She has got long hair and big blue eyes. She is a very pretty girl, tall and slim. She is very polite, funny, careful and hardworking. We go to the music school together. They are my best friends because they are awsome and I can rely on them.

Valentina Alinčić, 7th class



My best friend is Valentina. Valentina is 12 years old. Her nickname is Tina. Tina lives with her dad,her mum and her older brother. She has got two pets: a dog Zara and a cat Azriel. Her favourite colour is pink. Tina plays the piano and she does it well. She has got long brown hair, big green eyes, a small nose and full lips. She wears glasses. She has also got earings on her ears. Valentina is polite, funny, talkative and honest. She is tall and plump. Her favourite subject is English and the worst one is PE. Valentina is my best friend because she is always there when I need her and she is honest in everything.

Mirjam Golik, 7th class



My best friend is Ema. She is 12 years old. She goes to the 6th class and lives in Moravice. The most beautiful colour for her is blue and we first met in a kindergarten. She has got long straight brown hair. She loves sweets and likes to spend her time on social networks such as Facebook. She likes to play basketball because she is good at it and she's also very social and energetic. She listens to songs which are relaxing. She is my best friend because we can laugh and hang out together.



Danijela Milošević, 7th class

My best friend's name is Vanja. We met in kindergarten. Vanja has got short, wavy brown hair. She is slim and short and has got brown eyes. Her favourite sports are football and basketball. She lives with her mum, her dad and her twin sister Roberta. Vanja is 13 years old and goes to the same class with me. Vanja is an excellent student. Her favourite subjects are English and ICT. Her favourite food is pizza and she likes to drink Coca-Cola. Vanja likes to listen to music and her favourite are pop songs. Vanja has got many pets - 5 cats: Kitty, Fida, Cupka, Masha and Sivka and a dog Puppy. Her favourite colour is blue. Vanja's hobby is researching and finding out new things. Vanja is my best friend because she is a very good person.

Anja Rajnović, 7th class



My best friend is Lucija. She is 11 years old. She is plump and has got short brown hair and brown eyes. My nickname for Lucija is Luce. Lucija's dad is our Religion teacher. Luce and I met in Vrbovsko while we were playing in the same orchestra. She loves dogs and cats. She loves red and black. She isn't very talkative. She's got a brother Filip and a sister Terezija. Her dad is Šimun and her mum's name...honostly I can't remember her mum's name. She plays the clarinet. And so do I. She goes to schoool in Vrbovsko and I go to school in Moravice, so we don't see each other as much. We like to play hide-and-seek. I like her because I can rely on her.

Samanta Trbović, 7th class

My best friend is Mirjam. Mirjam is 13 years and she goes to the 7th class. She has got long straight brown hair, big brown eyes and a straight nose. She is tall and slim. Mirjam has got 3 sisters and 1 brother. She loves animals and has got 3 dogs who are called Max, Lajka and Res. Her favourite colour is red. She loves to listen to music, especially her favourite gropu Coldplay. Mirjam loves to play football, draw and sing. Her favourite subjects are English and PE and the worst one is Maths. When she grows up, she wants to be a pharmacist and work in *JGL*. Together we love to listen to music, talk, walk and fool around; we get along very well. Mirjam is my best friend because she is funny, honest and always there when you need her, she knows how to give a good advice. She's very protective towards her best friends Valentina, Vanja and me and because of that I love her very much. She is like a sister to me. I want us to be friends for life, do not want to lose her because she is the best person in the world.



Roberta Vučinić, 7th class

My best friend is Mirjam Golik. She lives in Moravice, Croatia. Mirjam is 13 years old and goes to the 7th class. She has got long straight brown hair and brown eyes. She is tall and slim. She has got 3 sisters and 1 brother. Mirjam likes dogs; she has got 3 dogs: Max, Lajka and Res. Mirjam loves to play football, draw and sing. When she goes to high school, she wants to learn to play the guitar. She is very funny and beautiful. Her favourite subjects are English and PE. She loves to listen to music and her favourite colour is red. When she grows up, she wants to be a pharmacist. I really love Mirjam and I want us to stay best friends forever.

Vanja Vučinić, 7th class



I have got a best friend. His name is Billy. He is 15 years old. He lives in Pula,Croatia. He is short. He's also slim. He has got short hair and small eyes. His hair is straight. It's black. His eyes are green. He has got small nose. All in all, he is good looking. He is also sometimes rude but most of time he is shy. I really like him because I can talk to him about anything. He is always there for me.

Elvis Hudorović, 7th class



# My favourite animal

My favourite animal is a cheetah.

It lives in Africa.

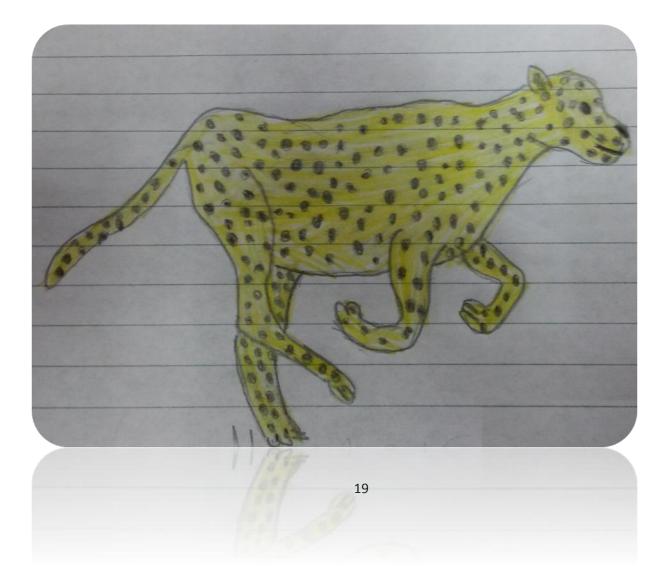
It's yelloow with lots of black *freckles*.

It looks like a cat but its's much bigger.

It can run very fast, up to 110 km/h.

It's fast but it can't run too long because it gets tired quickly.

Lana Aščić, 4th class



- A monkey is my favourite animal.
- It is the funniest animal in the world.
- In lives in a jungle.
- It's brown.
- It eats bananas.
- It likes to jump and climb trees.
- For me, it's the best animal of all!



#### Jelena Jakšić, 4th class

My favourite animal is a dog.

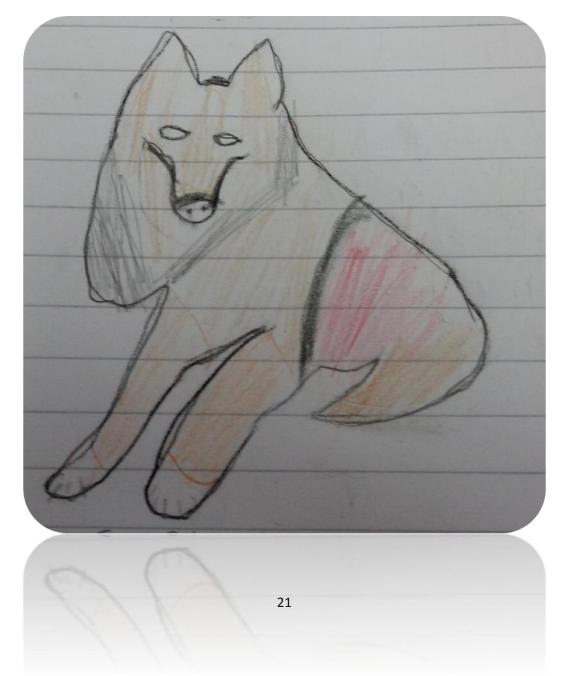
Dogs are pets and they usually live in the house or outside of the house.

It can be black, white, brown, orange.

It eats meat, bones and pet food.

It can run fast. It can swim.

It can play with its owner or go with the owner on a walk.



Aleksandar Jezdić, 4th class

My favourite animal is a giraffe.

It lives in Africa.

It's yellow and brown.

It's got a small head but it's tall and slim.

It can eat leaves directly from trees.

It can't swim nor fly.

Nikolina Komljenović, 4th class



- My favourite animal is a lion.
- It's orange and yelow.
- It lives in Africa.
- It's strong and big.
- It eats meat.
- It can run fast.
- But it can't fly.

# Natali Marković, 4th class



My favourite animal is a polar bear.

It lives in the Arctic Circle.

It's completely white.

It's got a big body and big head.

It can hunt really well.

It can't fly.

Ozren Mrvoš, 4th class



My favourite animal is a lion.

It lives in Africa.

It's bron and yelloow.

It's got a big head and a strong body.

IT eats meat.

It can run very fast.

It's very dangerous.

The lion is the King of the jungle.

Josip Severinski, 4th class



# My daily routine

My daily routine starts in the morning, at 07:00 o'clock when I get up. I wash my teeth and I drink a cup of white coffee. Then I go to school at 07:40. I buy a sandwich on my way to school. I have lessons afterwards. I usually go home at 1:30 pm and I do my homework as soon as I get there; then I play computer games with my friend Luka. Afterwards I eat lunch and I go out and play with my friends. We play football, ride our bikes or go for a walk. I come back home at 8:00 pm. Then I have dinner with my parents and my brother. After dinner I prepare the books for the next day. I wash my teeth and go to bed.

David Ćelam, 6th class



My daily routine begins with waking up very early around 7:30 am; during weekends I sleep a little longer. Then I go to the bathroom and brush my teeth, wash up, comb my hair and get dressed. I go to school at 7:50 am. I stay at school till 1:15 pm when I go home. When I get back home I go to bed to rest for a while and usually the first thing I do is check my phone. After half an hour I write my homework and eat lunch. After doing my homework I call my friends to get together. I come home around 7:00 pm,eat dinner and then I watch my favourite series. When the series finish I take a shower, brush my teeth, wash up, prepare books and clothes for tomorrow. This is my daily routine.

Ema Konjević, 6th class



My daily routine during the week is very different than the one at weekends. Every morning I wake up at 7 o'clock and get myself ready for school. My lessons start at 8 o'clock and finish at 2 o'clock. I usually spend time with my friends. After school I have lunch and sometimes watch TV or surf the Net using my smartphone. Then I start studying and doing my homework. I like school and my favourite subjects are Science and PE. After I finish homework I call my friends and we play together, take long walks or play chess. After that I go home and help with the chores, like for example helping my mum to do dinner or take care of my younger sister. After dinner my parents and me talk about my day; of course, I only talk about my mobile phone. Then my sister Ana and I watch cartoons. Before going to sleep I feed my hamster Bony, do a bit of reading and I go to sleep.

Ema Lješnjaković, 6th class



My daily routine is similar every day.I get up at 6:30 am and put on my clothes, have breakfast and go to school. At school I have usually six lessons and I go home about 2:00 pm. I take a shower when I get home, eat lunch and do my homework. After doing my homework I study and read a book. I play from 3:30 to 6:20 pm. Then I go home and study some more and prepare for the next school day. Then I eat dinner and chat on the phone with my friends. I go to bed at 9:30 pm and that is my daily routine.

Ivan Dokmanović, 6th class



Hello! My name is Luka and I am 12 years old. This is my daily routine. I get up at 6:30 am and I start my day. I catch the bus to school. When I come to school I wait till 8:00 o' clock for to teachers to come and let us upstairs. On Mondays I have English, Maths, PE, Croatian and History. When I'm done with school for the day I again catch the bus home. When I came home, first I eat my lunch, then I watch TV and later on I do my homewoork. Afterwards I surf the Net and go out with my friends. In the evenings I have dinner with my family and I go to bed at 10 PM. And that's my daiily routine.



Luka Majetić, 6th class

My daily routine starts on Monday morning. I wake up at 7:00 am and then I eat my breakfast. My sister and I go to school at 7:30 am. At 8:00 am our lessons start. I usually have 6 lessons. My sister and I go home by bus or with our dad. On Tuesday I have 7 lessons. On Wednesday I have 6 lessons, too. I have 5 lessons only on Thursdays and then I go home by bus together with my sister. On the last school day (Friday) I have 5 lessons just like on Thursdays and sometimes I even walk home. Friday and Saturday are my favourite days. I don't have much homework when I come back home but I have to help my mum and dad. When I get back home I have lunch and then I play computer games after which I do my homework. At 10 pm I go to bad and then is Monday all over again and my daily routine repeats itself.

Teodor Ninković, 6th class



# My favourite TV series

What is your favourite TV series?

It's 'Angels'. That's one of many Turkish series.

What type is it?

It's, of course, a a soap opera.

When is it on?

It's on every day, from Monday to Friday from 6:15 pm to 19:20 pm.

What is the series about?

It brings lives of five beautiful young girls who are parentless and need to be strong to endure.

Why do you like it? I love the music in the series.

Would you recommend it? Yes, I would recommend it to everyone.



Anja Rajnović, 7th class

What's your favourite TV series? My favourite TV series is titled 'Angels'.

What type is it? It's a Turkish soap opera.

When is it on? It's on every day at the sme time.

What is the serias about? It is about five girls who were abandoned by their parents and now they struggle through life.

Why do you like it? Well, I find it interesting and I would definitely recommed it to everyone.

Danijela Milošević, 7th class



My favourite TV series is *Girl Meets World*. *Girl Meets World* is a teenage series. It is on in the evenings from Monday to Friday on the Disney Channel. It is a series about friendship, teenage problems and love. I like it a lot because it's very interesting. The series should be seen by everyone because it is very interesting and in many ways educational as well.

Roberta Vučinić, 7th class



1 What is your favourite TV series? It's Violetta.

2 What type is it? It's a romance musical.

3 When is it on? Every day at 6 pm.

4 What is the series about? It's about a group of teenagers dancing and singing with all the love drama one needs.

5 Why do you like it? Because of the large amount of music which is a main part of the series.

6 Would you recommend it? Yesmost definitely.

Samanta Trbović, 7th class



1 What is your favourite TV series?

Obitelj mog oca.

2 What type is it?

It's a Turkish soap opera.

3 When is it on? From Monday to Friday.

4 What is the series about? It's about two families who have problems.

5 Why do you like it? It is interesting.

6 Would you recommend it?

Yes, I would.

Vanja Vučinić, 7th class



## My project: Disneyland dream

This is my haunted house. It's made of cardboard boxes and cartons, paper collage, sewing threads and cotton pad. It was made by using a paper glue, scissors, and scalpels. In the house, there are two thrown chairs, a table, and a closet. All we can do is to look through the broken windows and doors. In front of the house, there is a tree covered with cobwebs and a path leading to the tomb of the owner of the house who died twenty years ago. It is believed that his spirit possessed the house because occur strange actions have been occuring ever since that day like things moving in the house and bright light from time to time.



This is my fairytale castle. It is completely made of wood. There are 3 floors. There are so many rooms within the castle that one can't even count them. It's a home to many princesses who live together in peace and happiness.

There are four towers on each corner f the castle that help defend it if needed. Since making the castle took too much time, I didn't manage to color it...but I'll do it as soon as possible. I swear on my princess' honour.



I got an asignment to make a fairytale castle, so I did just that. Walls are pink and purple while the interior is like a rainbow. On the front wall, there are glittering stickers. There are also yellow and orange towers with flags. Inside of the castle, there is a red carpet. There are also a desk, a mirror, and a bed. Garden is covered with flowers and bushes.

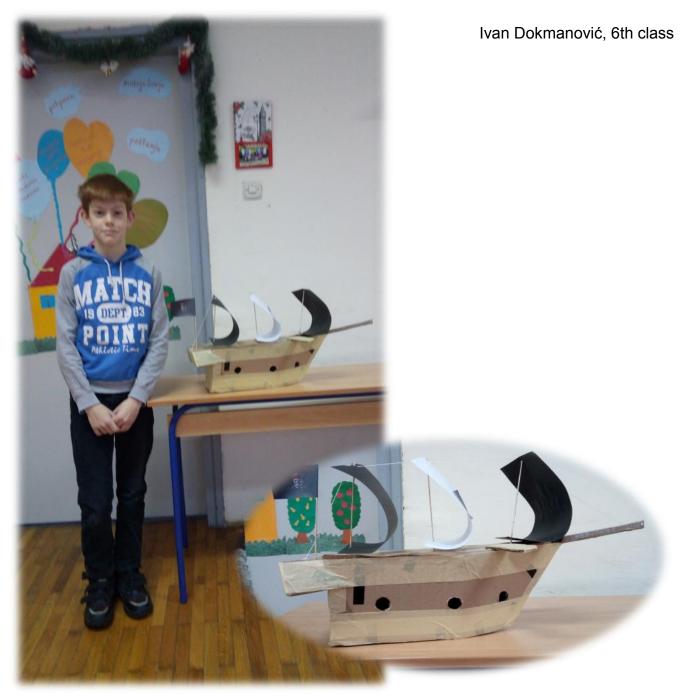
I used a different material such as collage paper, carton, stickers, plastic, toothpicks, etc. to make my castle.

Hope you like my castle.



This is a pirate ship I had to make. I used carton for making her. Yes, her. She has three sails and one flag that symbolizes pirates. There are six cannons on the ship which are very heavy and powerful. Those cannons make this ship greater than all the other pirate ship together. There is also a board on which the enemies have to walk before they face their destiny.

I hoe you'll like her as much as I do. The ship, I mean.



This is my hounted house. It is made out of wood. There are has 3 floors. On the first floor, there are a Ghost, some cobwebs, and several bats. On the second floor, there is a blood trail that leads to a chest. In the other corner of the house, there is a window and if you take a closer look, you" see there's is a ghost looking right at you. And on the third floor, there are many cobwebs and bats.

Looks quite scary, doesn't it?



My asignment was to make a pirate ship. I used wood to make it. There are two decks. The lower one is smaller than the upper one. There are two sails as well. There are two cabins – one for the Captain and one for the crew. There are two flags and two symbols you can see on my ship. Ther are two ship's masts on wich there are flags. Both flags have pirate's symbol – a skull.

I named my ship *Black Pearl* as a tribute to Captain Jack Sparrow, my favourite film pirate.



## Our project: The house

*Hi, people! We had a project which included making a house with all rooms and furniture inluded. Our teacher divided us into two groups of three students. We had to come up with an idea of how to make a house and of course, the design was completely ours.* 

Our house is made of wood which Morana's dad helped us put together. There are four rooms, plus the attic and the basement. The basement is almost completely empty while there are toys in the attic. There are also, from the bottom of the house to the top: the living room, the kitchen, the bathroom and the bedroom. Each room was got its own furniture. So, there's a sofa, a little table and TV in the living room while there are chairs and a dining table in the kitchen together with a cooker, a fridge and some cupboards. In the bathroom there is a washing mashine, a toilet and a shower while there's a big bed in the bedroom, a bedside cabinet and a big wardrobe. We used different material to make our house – wood, paper tissues, plastic, carton and styrofoam.



Rahaela Golik, Morana Konjević & Maja Milošević, 5th class



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Our house is made of carton. There is the attic, the basement, the garage and just one floor. In the basement there is the central heating system and it's a great place to store woods, wine, potatoes, and so on. On the first floor there is the kitchen with cabinets, a dining table and two chairs, a cooker and a fridge. Next to the kitchen there is the living room with a big sofa and lots of cushions on it, and a beautiful amchair. Next to the living room there is the bathroom with a toilet, a bath, a cabinet and a mirror on the wall. The attic is turned into the bedroom with a big bed, a bedside cabinet, a bookshelf, a chest-of-drawers and a nicelooking lamp which is actually a shell. Joined to the house there is a garage with a brand new car parked in it. We used carton, paper, paper tissues, paper boxes, shells, plastic and so on.

Sanjin Klaić, Barbara Severinski & Vedrana Vučković, 5th class





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## Famous Croats

Nikola Tesla is my hero because he discovered the electricity. He was born in Lika, in a small place called Smiljan in 1856. He lived with his mom, his dad, his youngest brother and two sisters. His mum didn't go to school but she was a very wise woman. His dad was an Orthodox clergyman. He finished schools in all around Europe. He also lived in the USA. He wasn't married and didn't have any children.

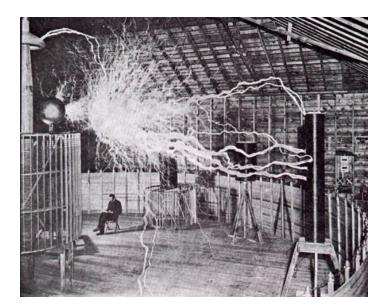
Nikola Tesla is famous all over the world because of not only electricity discovery but also all his many inventions.

From Nikola Tesla onward technology seems to have no end.



Damian Vučković, 6th class

Nikola Tesla was born on July 10th, 1856 in a little village of Smiljan, in the region called Lika. He died on January 7th, 1943 in New York, USA. He was the Croatian-American scientist of Serbian origin. He is known for his many discoveries and inventions such as the changeover electric current, the induction electric motor, the rotating magnetic field, the Tesla transformer, the Tesla currents, the wireless power transmission, the radio communication, the Tesla Turbine and many more. He was a genius in so many ways and the world will be forever indebted to him.



David Ćelam, 6th class

Luka Modrić is a professional Croatian football player. He was born on September 9th,1985. He started his career in FC Zadar after which he singed for Dinamo Zagreb in 2002. He made his debut for Dinamo in 2005. In 2008 he moved to the Premier League club Tottenham Hotspur. He reached the quarter-finals in 2010 with Tottenham. After the 2011 -2012 season, he signed for FC Real Madrid. I chose him because I really love football and he is my favourite midfielder. He's also very famous world-wide and because of him many people have heard for my homeland.



Ema Konjević, 6th class

Every year my parents take me to *Ivana Brlić-Mažuranić fairy tale days*. I also like her stories so I decided to write about her. She is one of the most important children's writers in Croatia and the whole world. I like her because she had a hard life, yet she wrote happy stories for children. She was born in Ogulin on 18th April, 1874 and died in Zagreb on 21st September, 1938. Her grandfather Ivan Mažuranić was the first Croatian ban and her father Vladimir Mažuranić was a poet, a lawyer and a historian. She attended two years at public schools and then she studied at home because her family had money. She spoke many languages (Russian, English, German, French, Italian). She was well educated. From Ogulin, she moved to Karlovac and Jastrebarsko in 1889. She married Vatroslav Brlić and together they moved to Slavonski Brod. She had seven children to whom she read her fairy tales. She wrote poetry, diaries and essays which many people like: *Cudnovate zgode Segrta Hlapića* and Priče iz davnine. She was a member of the Academy and she was very successful because she managed her family obligations and her carreer. In the beginning she wrote about everything like menus, advices on raising children, etc. The first book she wrote was for her four children. She was nominated for the Nobel price four times and she is called the Croatian Andersen. She was of poor health and had sensitive nerves. Due to her bad mental health, she commited a suicide.



Ema Lješnjaković, 6th class

I opted for Josip Broz Tito because he was a main commander and the President of Yugoslavia. More precisely, he was the President of the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia. He was born on 7th May, 1892 in Kumrovec. He fought against the Russians. Josip Broz Tito wrote his biography between 1913 and 1920. Tito's wife (one of the wives actually) was called Jovanka. He was a locksmith. That he was greatly appreciated proves the fact that in the past Podgorica in Montenegro was called Titograd in his honour. Josip Broz Tito spent some time in the Ogulin prison. Some cities named the squares and streets in his honour (in Belgrade, Zagreb, Skoplje, Sarajevo, Ljubljana and Titograd itself). Josip Broz Tito was an important historical figure because he was the leader of a great nation. Josip Broz Tito did not want access to the Earth nor to the West. He was elected the eternal President of *SFRJ*. He never wanted other people's land but also he refused to give away what was ours.



Ivan Dokmanović, 6th class

Ivan Goran Kovačić was born on March 21st, 1913 in Lukovdol, in the region of Gorski kotar and died on July 12th, 1943. He was a famous writer. He wrote many poems. His father was Croatian while his mother was Jewish. He started writing his first poems when he was still in the middle school. He published his first poems in a school magazine. His most famous work is a poem called *Jama*. And in his honour every year there is an event which is called *Goranovo proljeće* in his beloved Lukovdol.



Luka Majetić, 6th class

## Holiday traditions in Croatia

I had to think about my favourite holiday. And I realized that my favourite holiday is Christmas. I definitely prefer Christmas over any other holiday. Of all the feasts my family celebrates it seens to me that this one is the most solemn one and it has the most beautiful customs. In my home we get up very early on Christmas. On the Christmas morning, while it is still dark outside, we wake up and dress our festive clothes. The house is warm and the mother prepares the most delicious feast for that special event. On the table there is a bread in which she puts a coin which someone will find and have a successful year. We congratulate each other the most beautiful Christmas day and eat our Christmas meal. You will not believe but this is the only meal in my home which we eat together. The whole family laughs and we had the most wonderful Christmastime.



Ella Musulin, 8th class

For each holiday here in Croatia we have something different. Like every one in the world, we, too, celebrate Easter, Christmas, New Year and so on. My favourite holiday is Christmas. During Christmas period the most important day is "Badnja večer"- Christmas Eve. Some people go to church on Christmas Eve and wait till midnight for Christmas to arrive. Also, people put seeds into the water and the wheat grows until Christmas. It's used as a decoration on the table. Some people put a candle in the middle and light it every time they eat. Of course, we decorade the Christmas tree with beautiful ornaments, fairy lights and a star or an angel on the top. The inside and the outside of the house is decorated with fairy lights, mini Santas, mini Christmas trees. In our capital city Zagreb there is a festival and the city really comes alive; the streets are full of lights and there is a big Christmas tree on the main square. On Christmas the lunch usually consits of *sarma* which is a cabbage leaf stuffed with meat and rice, *slanina* which is actually bacon, and much more delicious food. The night before Christmas Santa Claus comes and brings presents for everyone. In the morning kids wake up and open the presents and for the rest of the day they play with their toys and things they got.

Lana Uzelac, 8th class



That holiday is related to the family. They are all together then. Throughout the year families rarely get together around the table. Christmas is the holiday that brings us together. On that day everyone is happy; the youngest ones are happy receiving presents while adults are joined in a prayer, a sense of peace, tranquility and joy. Christmas is the most beautiful family tale of the year.

Marillena Golik, 8th class



Croats have always valued the Christmas season. They developed a large number of customs and traditions in the Christmastime. The Christmas wheat is usually put under the Christmas tree where it serves as a decoration. The wheat is usually tied with a red, white and blue ribbon. It is believed that the lenght of the wheat increases succes and luck in the upcoming year. People also light a candle in the middle. People say that the light which we see through the wheat represents the soul of every person. In the past Croats went in the forest in a pursuit of a large log. That piece of wood was brought home, cleaned, dried and decorated with flowers and ribbons. It was called "Badnjak" and it is the same word Croats use for Christmas Eve. "Badnjak" would then be put on the fire on Christmas Eve, usually in the fireplace. It was supposed to be in flames as long as it was cold, so that family members would periodically take turns during the night taking care of the fire. Most people in the cities don't have a fireplace, so the tradition is not widely spread anymore. After Christmastime is over they give the wheat to the birds. They believe that when the wheat grows green and strong they will have a prosperous year.

Suzana Petrović, 8th class

# Monuments in danger

Abandoned medieval city of Ani, Turkey



Ani was a home to technically advanced structures of the Armenian kingdom which is now part of Turkey (the Province of Kars). Those structures are also artistically advanced. Today it is in ruins. There are no people there and it is completely abandoned and forgotten. In Ani 100 000 people used t live and today it like a city of ghosts. Ani is endangered because of many earthquakes as well as neglect of the local authorities. I chose Ani because it seemed interesting. And I wasn't wrong.

Ema Konjević, 6th class



### Ngada-getty

Ngada villages are in Indonesia. The Ngada villages are actually Desa Gura Sina, Desa Longa, Desa Bela and Desa Lina. Behind the villages, there are two volcanoes -twins: Gunung Inerie and Gunung Deru. Those two volcanoes aren't active. The reasons why the villages are endangered are the climate change and its age. I chose them because they survived in all their beuty despite the modernization of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Luka Majetić, 6th class



#### Ancient city of Bosra

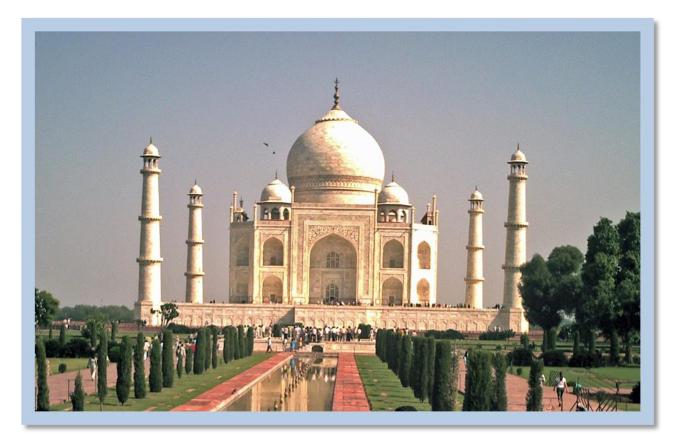
I chose Bosra because it is on the UNESCO list of the endangered sights. It is located in Syrian Arab Republic and today it is mostly inhabited by the Arabs. It is made of sandstone in the 2nd century BC. Now, Bosra is a great archaeological site and it contains ruins from Roman, Byzantine, and Muslim times. It is endangered because of too many tourists (the most visited is the theatre in the city centre).



Ivan Dokmanović, 6th class



#### Taj Mahal



As a topic, I've chosen a magnificient building from the title because of its interesting history. The white marble mausoleumwas built by shah Jahan in the 7th century for his beloved wife. The shah was an evil men and killed all family members so that he can be the sole rule. Despite his obvious cruelty, he loved his wife Mumtaz-Mahal very much. Unfortunately, his wife died after she gave birth to their 8th child. So he decided to build the Garden of Eden near the City of Agra, on the coast of the Yamuna river. The mausoleum was built by 20 000 people and the construction cost several billions of US dollars. The construction started with the earthmowing and then the ground was sprinkled with stones and pebbles. A group of 30 oxen dragged the stone blocks. Over 1000 elephants were used for transporting materials. The shining white marble arrived from Radjastan, the crystal from China and the saphyr from Sri Lanka. Taj Mahal combines the elements of Persian, Indian and Islamic styles, and is was built according to the very strict symmetry. The history of the mausoleum is very interesting. At the time of the Indian rebellion in 1883, Taj Mahal was devastated by the British soldiers who took away all the gems from walls of the mausoleum.

In 1983 the mausoleum was listed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today, the marble mausoleum is surrounded by the poor people of India whom authorities are trying to repel from the tourist route. Also, the number of tourists ( 4 million per year), threatens the mausoleum. However, the biggest threat is the polluted Yamuna river as well as the acid rain and the oil rafinery due to its proximity. The air pollution, on the other hand, turns white marble into the yellow one.

What can we do?

Firstly, the government can increase the price of the tickets. Then the Indians can close the oil rafinery and find another source of energy. Also, we can deny acces to a cars.

Can you think of anything else we can do to save Taj Mahal?



Ema Lešnjaković, 6th class

## Superstitions

What is a superstition? A superstition in a belief in something that is irrational. For example, Croats believe that if a black cat runs across the street in front of you, it's a sign of bad luck, so you're supposed to spit three times to prevent it. There are many more examples of superstitions but they are not worth mentioning because I'm not a superstitious person. I prefer religion over any superstition.



Aleksandra Trbović, 8th class

In Europe, most of us share common superstitions: walking under a ladder is a sign of bad luck as well as seeing a black cat crossing the street in front of you. Breaking a mirror as well as opening an umbrella indoors is also considered to be a sign of bad luck. All those widespread superstitions are believed to bring bad luck while there are some which are believed to bring good luck, for example the four-leaf clover or a horseshoe.

Believing in superstitions is all up to you! So, believe it! Or don't!

Ella Musulin, 8th class



People in Croatia believe in many superstitions. There are lots of them. Really, there are! Opening an umbrella in a closed room means bad luck. A broken mirror is believed to mean seven years of bad luck. When a black cat walks in front of you, it brings bad luck...or so people say. Number 13 is considered to be unlucky. Finding a clover with four leaves is considered a sign of good luck. So, as you can see, it turns out Croats are very superstitious people. Or there are simply too many superstitions in Croatia. Choose to believe whatever you want!



Lana Uzelac, 8th class

There are many superstitions in the world. For example, opening an umbrella indoors brings bad luck. Or so people believe. In the past umbrellas were much more complex than these today. So, it was quite possible to really injure someone. A logical explanation instead of a superstitius belief. The second superstition that I know of is a broken mirror which is believed to bring seven years of bad luck. According to stories from the past, mirrors were very expensive and the one who broke it had seven years to serve the broken mirror's owner to repay the damage. Again, the logical explanation. Another one of many superstitions refers to a black cat crossing your way. See, if a black cat crosses your way it means bad luck. In the western cultures black cats are considered to be a bad sign. It's associated with the witches. Of course, what makes more sense than a witch and her black cat. While an itchy left palm means money, there is also a belief that if you scratch your left palm on a wooden object, it will bring you money, too. For a superstition, the fear of Friday the 13th seems fairly new, dating back to the late 1800s. Friday has long been considered an unlucky day (according to the Christian tradition, Jesus died on Friday), and 13 has a long history as an unlucky number. And of course that Friday 13th is double unlucky then.



Suzana Petrović, 8th class

Horseshoe brings good luck. Getting up on your left foot means an accident is likely to occur. Opening umbrellas indoors is also believed to be a sign of bad luck. An itchy left palm means you are about to receive some money. On the other hand, if we scratch it, it's commonly believed that we will make money. Most of you know that you knock on the wood for good luck which is just another of many superstitions. That one originates from the pagan belief that trees have souls. Pagans believed that when a tree is cut down, the good spirits of the trees turn evil and bring bad luck.

Those are just some of many superstitions people in my homeland believe in.

Vedran Višnić, 8th class



# Yet another project...

# My recycled piece of art

I decided to make a house out of recycled material so I used cardboard to make it. I coloured it with a coloured sprey. I used some kind of plastic to make windows and a piece of cloth as curtains.



Aleksandra Trbović, 8th class

I had an assignment to make my own recycled piece of art. At first, I thought 'No way!'. What will I make? What will I use? But then they idea popped into my mind. And the rest seemed easy. I decided to make the Union Jack out of pasta. Yes, you heard it correctly. So take a look at my pasta UK flag. I used a cardboard to which I glued the pasta which I coloured in blue and red while parts which are white on the flag left uncloured.

I think I did a great job. Don't you?



Ella Musulin, 8th class

As far as my recycled piece of art, I decided to make something very English. I made Big Ben. I used cardboard for the base onto which I glued toothpicks and larger wooden sticks. I used wood to put my Ben Ben on and make it stable. I quite proud of my environmentally good creation. Hope you like it, too!



Lana Uzelac, 8th class

As my recycled piece of art, I decided to make a robot. I made a head and his body from carton boxes which I wrapped with aluminuim foil. I used wires for his antennae and a wire for washing the dishes for its hair and the tops of its antennae. I used pencils which I also wrapped with the aluminium foil for his arms and legs.

My robot hasn't got any eyes because he doesn't need them. He works like a scanner and scans his surroundings throughly.



Marillena Golik, 8th class

I made a recycled house. I used a cardboard to amke my house as well as collage paper. I coloured the windows with white colour and used little branches to make window frames and the door. In front of the house, there are flowers which I made out of suger and water. Yes, you may eat them. But, please, don't! At the back of the house, there are some real bushes which make my house more authentic.



Suzana Petrović, 8th class

Oh, boy! When my English teacher told us we have to make our own recycled piece of art I thought I'd have a heart attack. Me, art and not just any art. But the recycled one. Oh, boy! But since I'm writing this you can presume I made it through. Successfully if I may say so. I decided to make my own recycled rocket. I used cardboard, plastic, collage paper and a print out US flag. The plastic bottle was a base around which I wrapped collage paper. I used cardboard to make rocket wings. And now when it's all done, it ca fly me to the moon.



Vedran Višnić, 8th class

# A SNEAK PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM

Written by Davorka Nekić, prof.

#### Winter Wonderland

We at Nikola Tesla Primary school in Moravice are true Christmas fans. This can be proved the fact we did several Christmas workshops, each one better than the other. But they all had something in common (besides being connected to that time of the year): it was a great fun to be a part of each and every one of them!

The lower classes made their own Rudolph. You have all heard of Rudolph, the most famous reindeer of all? Well, they created their own Rudolph out of collage paper. All they needed was paper, pencils and erasers, scissors and glue. Rudolph's face was actually their feet while his antlers were their hands. It was a rather chaotic activity in a positive way, of course. They screamed, laughed and helped each other. When they nished cutting the faces and antlers, they glued them together and got the base for their Rudolph. The rest was their choice. Some of them used pompoms while others used gems to





decorate their reindeer. However, most of them used glitter to make their creations even more beautiful. Yes, the boys used the glitter, too. In the end, the English classroom was covered with a bunch of hand-made Rudolphs.

The Christmas activities continued throughout the week during which the upper classes made their own Christmas cards which they decorated with a hot glue gun, gems, little stars (they used Sizzix to make them) and glitter. Each card expressed their best wishes for the upcoming holidays.

Christmas spirits were up while making Christmas people out of toilet rolls. All you need are toilet rolls, collage paper, glue, goggling eyes, glitter and any other decoration you fancy. All in all, you don't need much to make a toilet roll Rudolph, Santa, reindeer, polar bear or snowman.



We are all into recycling. The three Rs are highly respected in our workshops. We reduce. We re-use. We recycle. So instead of buing new Christmas baubles, we made our own by using plastic Coca-Cola bottles which we cut into three. We kept the top and the bottom of the bottle. We put a thin layer of glue in the bottom part after which we added some arti cial snow and let it dry. We decorated the top part with a wooden ornament (Santa, Christmas tree or a snowman) which we coloured and then connected to the bottle cap using a coloured wire. We also pierced a hole in the cap to pull a satin string through (you need something to hang the bauble on the tree, don't you?). The cap was sprayed with golden spray to hide the

company's logo. The last step was joining the top and the bottom part. And, voilà – the Christmas baubles were ready!

Christmas stars which were made of toilet rolls and then dipped in a pile of glitter also found their place on our Christmas tree. You don't need much to make them; just toilet rolls that you cut into equal pieces and glue together in a oral shape using a hot glue gun and, of course, glitter!

The biggest and the most demanding project was our winter village which was done in several stages. We used cartons (juice, milk) as a base for the houses. First, we cut the top and then put it together with a hot glue gun in a shape of a roof. We also removed the plastic caps leaving a hole in the roofs. We applied a decoupage glue onto the cartons and put paper napkins on it covering the whole carton. After it was glued we coloured the cartons brown and let them dry for a day. The next day we put another layer of brown on them and let them dry again. While they were drying, we made roofs out of carton boxes such as that of Čokolino or any kind of biscuits. We glued them on the top of the house with a hot glue gun and coloured them white. When they dried, we applied hand-made snow. How did we do it? Well, we needed white concrete paint, a special kind of glue for wood (Drvo x) and a baking soda. We put all the ingredients into a bowl and mixed them together adding a bit of glitter. We applied the mixture to our roofs using knives for decorating cakes (not to worry, the silicone ones). As soon as we applied the snow, we decorated the roofs with colourful buttons and gems... and a little more glitter. After all, it was Christmas and everything needed to be glittering and shining! Right? The houses were decorated with candy canes (yeah, the real ones!), gems, pompoms, buttons, wooden ornaments and snow. At the same time, while making the houses, we made paper trees, polar bears, huskies, deer and reindeer, sleighs, etc. And then it was time to make our Winter Wonderland. One of the dads made a wooden foundation on which we glued our houses together with the rest of the scenery. In front of the each house, there was a Santa holding a name tag, so everyone could see who made which house. The border of the wooden foundation was decorated with little silver baubles and lights while the entire surface was covered with the arti cial snow and silver glitter.

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All the Christmas projects were presented publicly on 23rd December and all the pupils who had participated in the workshops got a special Certi cate of Niceness.

To all the children reading this:

Always be nice to each other because Santa is watching you. As you know, he's making a list of naughty and nice children. So, you better be good to your English teacher...because Santa is watching!

### Ádh na nÉireannach

Since we are huge fans of Ireland and everything Irish, we definitely celebrate Saint Patrick's Day every year. This year wasn't an exception!

We talked and talked about what to do to make this Saint Paddy's Day special. And nally, we agreed that we could make lanterns, green lanterns. They would be very green lanterns indeed!

So we began our lantern making process. What you need is a mason jar. Be careful to clean it thoroughly so that paint can be applied without any di culties. We used a glittering green spray for the mason jars and a golden one for the lids. We sprayed the jars green and later on, we added a bit of golden spray just to make them more magical. We left the jars and the lids to dry for a day. We found patterns with fairies which we cut very carefully because of the small pieces and then we glued them onto the surface of the jars (from the outside). We put little lights inside of the jars and put the lids back on. And the lanterns were done!

There was also a cake, a green cake (if you had any doubts about its colour). Roberta Vučinić and her mom Goranka made it just for us. And they promised to make another one next year! So we are already looking forward to the next Saint Patrick's Day.

Dressed in green...with green lanterns, fairies and leprechauns...enjoying the green cake...listening to Irish folk music...we felt quite Irish!

Until next year...and another green idea...











May the sun shine, all day long, everything goes right, and nothing wrong. May those you love bring love back to you, and may all the wishes you wish come true!



#### Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhaoibh!

# Putevima prijateljstva (Friendship Paths)

## A small primary school from Gorski Kotar wins the Peace Prize

'Krunoslav Sukic' 2016



PRIMARY SCHOOL IVAN GORAN KOVACIC VRBOVSKO

For eight years now, starting in 2009, the Center for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights from Osijek has been awarding the Peace Prize 'Krunoslav Sukic' which is awarded for a signi cant contribution to protecting and promoting human rights and freedom as well as the culture of nonviolence and peace. It was named after Krunoslav Sukic, an Osijek-born paci st who believed that solidarity is simply a spontaneous act towards people.

In 2015, Primary School Ivan Goran Kovacic Vrbovsko announced its candidacy for that prestigious award. That year we came second which motivated us to keep trying. The next year we gathered all our projects together and took a second chance which paid o since we won the Peace Prize in the category of Peace School 2016.



Principal Anton Burić receiving the award

The first time we applied, in 2015, there were seven projects which we had carried out gathered under the name 'Rasli zajedno i naučili živjeti različitosti' (Grow Together and Learn to Live in Diversity).

To fully understand the heart and soul of our school, I need to mention that it was opened in 1785 and that today it consists of 8 schools: the central school in Vrbovsko, two schools (up to grade eight) in Severin na Kupi and Moravice, and five schools (grades one to four) in Veliki Jadrč, Lukovdol, Gomirje, Jablan and Senjsko. Visiting all eight schools requires crossing more than 100 km. There are 266 pupils in our school 85 of which are commuters. There is a similar situation with the teaching sta – there are 44 of us and 31 commute to work every day! Our diversity regarding nationality is re ected in the fact that 45% of our pupils are Serbs while 55% are Croats. It's almost the same with the teachers. All those things – dispersion of schools, pupils and teachers, commuters and diversity based on nationality – are what unites us and where our strength lies.

Please step into our time machine and let's go back to 2015 when everything started with only seven projects. These were: an optional course for the Serbian minority which has been carried out since 1991, Ćirilica i latinica jedinstvo različitosti within which pupils learn the Cyrillic script regardless of their nationality, an optional course in three Religious Educations – Orthodox, Catholic and Baptist, a basic Cap whose goal is to notice and defend oneself from violent people, then TeenCap carried out with 13 and 14-year olds as well as little creative socialization workshops which aim at creating a positive and encouraging atmosphere.

2016 was definitely our year. This time we applied 15 extra projects, excluding the seven from the previous year. All the projects were gathered under the name Putevima prijateljstva (Friendship Paths). I guess you are wondering which 15 projects were added. One of the projects was Čitanje ne poznaje granice in cooperation with Primary School Pivka from Slovenia, while another was United in Diversity which brought the English language countries' culture closer to the pupils as well as gave them a chance to meet native speakers, and there was also an optional course in Russian. Others were: the Kupa Natura (an EU project whose goal is to preserve the Kupa river and its surroundings), the song "Grlimo svijet" which rst came to the Europa u školi contest, Duhovno zajedništvo within which pupils

visited the Catholic monastery Visovac and the Orthodox monastery Krka, visiting monasteries on Fruška Gora as well as visiting our pen school OŠ Triva Vitasović Lebarnik from Laćarak (Serbia), and a quiz – Domovina: RH. We also participated in Škole za Afriku whose goal is to make pupils aware of the conditions within which African children are educated and brought up, Oboji svijet bojama tolerancije (where we participated with a number of great photographs), Step Afrika (within which pupils learnt about the connection between the spiritual songs of the African slaves and the step dance), Penpals (with schools from Serbia, Russia, Bulgaria, Italy, France, Poland and Morocco) and eTwinning projects, Sakralna baština našega kraja presented in a lea et and a 2016 calendar. Another project was Migrants: Then and Now (the base was the de nition of the very word, then pupils' family trees and our most famous migrant Nikola Tesla after whom our school in Moravice got its name) and nally, Foto oko which won us 1st prize for the best cooperation photograph. I nd it important to mention that our school mediation centre has been working for 7 years now which is one of our biggest achievements.

As the Peace School of 2016, we travelled to Osijek on April 6th where we spent 7 beautiful days thanks to our hosts from the Center for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights, Osijek as well as Msvijet and the Agency of Local Democracy, also from Osijek. Our visit to Osijek and Vukovar was nancially supported by the Ministry of demography, family, youth and social politics as well as the Evans foundation.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted by our hosts Nikolina Svalina, Iva Anić, Miljenko Turniški, Branka Turniški and Nena Arvaj who welcomed us to their beautiful city. On behalf of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, we were greeted by Professor Greg Thellman.



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While the first day was all about sightseeing the city on the Drava river, the second day was all workshop-based. We participated in a workshop From Vision to Action – not just the pupils, but also the teachers under the supervision of our hosts.



From vision to action

On the third day, we visited Vukovar where we visited all those locations which we had only seen before on television. There's no need to mention how emotional that was.



Vukovar

In the city upon the Vuka river, we also gathered around the European House Vukovar and Mladi udruženi u miru who were so kind as to share their stories with us and make us aware that there is a future in Vukovar and life is possible if all people unite in their diversities! Slađana Trbulin, Biljana Gaća, Ranka Kojčinović, Martina Uglik, Borislav Kovačević and Lazar Lemajić – thank you for showing us that Vukovar is not only for remembrance but also life and hope! You make your city proud!



Europski dom Vukovar and Mladi udruženi u miru

On the fourth day, we went to the Zlatna Greda Estate which is situated on the border of Kopački rit, our famous nature park where pupils enjoyed a day spent in nature and learnt something about sustainable development. The next day we met Marijan Gubina, the author of '260 dana', an autobiographical book in which he told his story about his journey from being a war prisoner to becoming a peace activist. That day we also visited the animal shelter in Nemetin thanks to Udruga Pobjeda where we found out about the very concept of the shelter as well as how to take good care of animals.



Zlatna Greda and Nemetin

The sixth day was very important for us since we had to present our school and all our projects within the seminar 'Mir je u našim rukama' to some of the schools from the Osijek-Baranja County and the Vukovar-Srijem County which also applied for the Peace Prize. That evening was also well spent. We went to the Croatian National Theatre in Osijek where we enjoyed the musical 'Moje pjesme, moji snovi'. On the last day of our visit, we met the Osijek mayor, Mr Ivan Vrkić who congratulated us on the Peace Prize.



Meeting the Osijek mayor, Mr Ivan Vrkic

That day, although it was the last one, didn't mean the end. It was only a farewell until we met again. And since we started an Erasmus project with the Center for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights this story is going to have its sequel. So, stay tuned!



Primary school Ivan Goran Kovacic Vrbovsko

While thinking of how to nish this article, no ending seemed powerful enough but I nally found what I was looking for. It's the motto our pupils and teachers came up with during one of the workshops in Osijek. It seems perfect, so...

# PEACE - that's us!



Special thanks to all my pupils for:

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