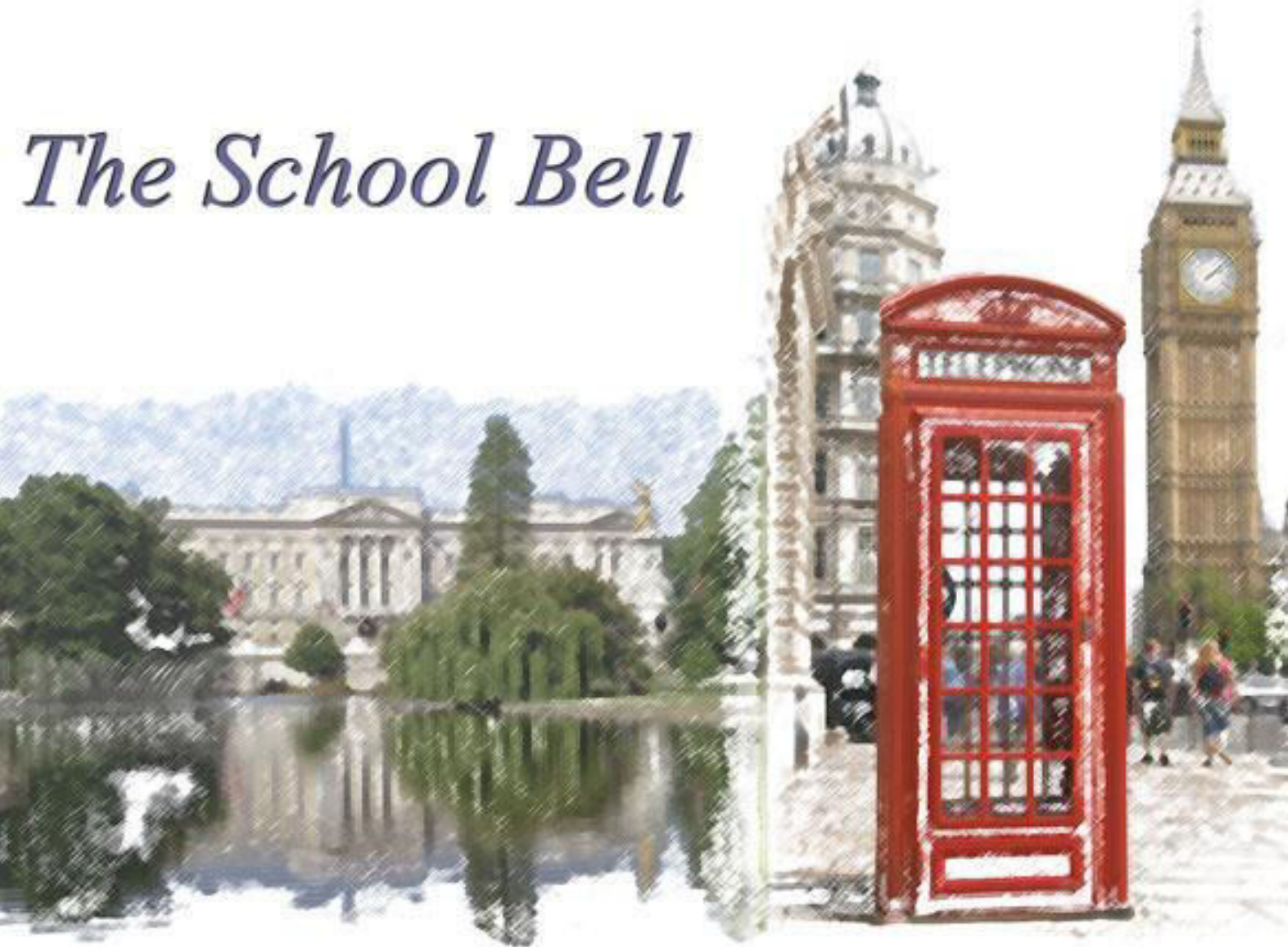


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All about me

My name's Ozren Mrvoš. I'm 11 years old and I go the 5th class of Nikola Tesla primary school in Moravice. My favourite colour is blue. My favourite school subject is English. I'm very good at it! At least teacher says so. ☺ I'm good at sports and I play football for the local football club called 'Željeznicar' (in Croatian it's a man who works on a railway). I like school and learn new things. I like learning things from history. I like to watch YouTube and ride my bike. That's all from me for now.



Ozren Mrvoš, 5th class

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My name is Nikolina Komljenović I'm 10 years old, almost 11. I'm from Moravice, Croatia. My favourite school subject is Maths. I like listening to music and my favourite singer is Shakira. I also like sports, especially tennis. My favourite food is pasta (all sorts of it). My favourite juice is a strawberry one. My favourite colour is purple. What about you?

Nikolina Komljenović, 5th class



My name is Lana Aščić. I'm 11 years old and I go to the 5th class of Nikola Tesla primary school in Moravice. My favourite colour is black. I really like school and my favourite subject is English. In my free time, I like to clean my house. Yes, that's right! My favourite sport is handball. I play handball and I'm quite good at it. My favourite food is pizza and my favourite drink is an orange juice. That's all about me!

Lana Aščić, 5th class



My name is Jelena Jakšić. I'm 11 years old. I'm from a small village called Moravice. It's in Croatia. My favourite subject is ICT. I like colours, especially pink and purple. Handball is my favourite sport. I like listening to music. I really like to listen to Ariana Grande. My favourite food is pizza and my favourite drink is an apple juice.

Jelena Jakšić, 5th class



I'm Barbara Severinski. I'm 12 and I live in Moravice. I go to school there. I'm in Class 6. Green is my favourite colour. I like sports and my favourite one is volleyball. I like dolphins. My favourite school subject is Maths. I like music and my favourite singer is Selena Gomez. I usually read everything that is on a reading list for school but I don't have a favourite book. I like spending time with Rahaela, who is my best friend. We even sit together at school.

Barbara Severinski, 6th class

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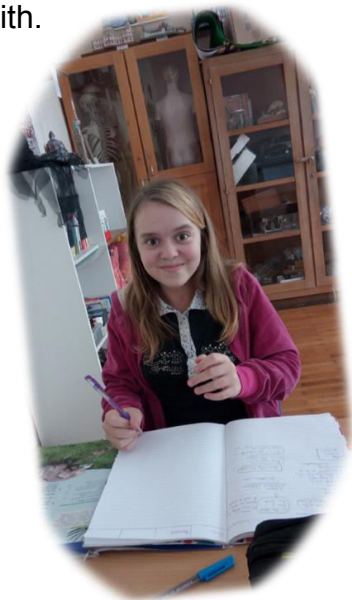
My name is Filip Šterle. But my friends call me Fico. I'm 13 years old. I live in Moravice. I like football and riding my bike. My favourite

animal is a dog. I like red and PE. I love listening to Maja Marjana. I like books. My favourite ones are *A little war diary* and *Love or death*. Both are books for children. I like hanging out with my friends. My best friend is Stefan.



Filip Šterle, 7th class

I'm Samanta Trbović and I'm 13 years old. I used to live in Vrbovsko but the last school year I moved to Moravice where I go to the 7th class. I'm more short than tall and thin. I've got half-long fair hair. I like to spend time with my family and friends. I've got two younger siblings, a sister Lorena and a brother Aleksandar. I play the clarinet and that's my hobby and my passion. I play in the brass orchestra in Vrbovsko. I love green and English. I listen to Ed Sheeran. Like my mom, I also like The Twilight Saga and the sparkling vampires. I always like to go back to my favourite book which is The Little Prince. My BBF is Lucija who I like spending time with.



Samanta Trbović, 8th class

My family

What to tell you about my family? Well, we're not the biggest family in Moravice but we're big enough. There are five members in my family: my mum Iva, my dad Miroslav, my two brothers Antonio and Mateo and me. I'm the youngest one. My mum is 40 while my dad is 41. They are always so supportive of me. My brother Antonio is 19 while Mateo is 16. They love me and I love them.

My family is my blessing.

Lana Aščić, 5th class



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I will start by saying how much I love my family. They mean the world to me. I live with my mum Ramiza, my dad Nenad and my two older sisters Evlijana and Andrea. I have also got two older brothers: Miroslav and Ervin. Miroslav is older than Ervin. So is Evlijana older than Andrea. And they are all older than me! My sisters are not that tall and they are a bit plump. But they are very beautiful to me. Both my mum and my dad have got dark hair and eyes, too. While my mum is of normal height and plump, my dad is quite tall and thin.

They love me very much. And I love them, too. They are supportive and full of understanding.

What is your family like?



Nikolina Komljenović, 5th class

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Where do I start? My family is my mother Branislava, my father Rade, my older sister and I. We are a very happy family because we love each other very much. My sister Daliborka doesn't live with us anymore because she is studying in the city of Rijeka. She misses me very much... and I miss her, too. My father is a railway worker while my mum is a primary school teacher. We love spending weekends together. We cherish our time together. At weekends I usually have a football match and my parents love to come and watch me play. Every day in my family goes very fast - we all have many things to do (school, work, homework, lunch, dinner...) and the next day all over again. When my sister comes home, which is very rare, we are the happiest family in the world.



Ozren Mrvoš, 5th class

Let me tell you something about mine. My family isn't very big. There's just my mum, my dad and me.

My mum's name is Milena. She's 44 years old. She works in a local shop as a shop assistant. Her hair is black and her eyes are brown. She's beautiful. My dad's name is Predrag. He's 44 years old, too. He works as a postman but in Germany which means I don't see him so much as I would like to. He's tall and plump with short black hair and brown eyes. I live with my grandparents – my grandma Brana is 66 and my grandpa Vojislav (but everyone calls him Vojo) is 68 years old.

What is your family like?

Jelena Jakšić, 5th class



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What can I say about my family? They are always there for me. They love me. And I love them, too. There's my mum Tatjana whose occupation is a dressmaker but she is actually a housewife who takes care of our family. She's got short black hair and green eyes. She's of normal height and stature.

My dad Tihomir is a mechanic. He's very thin and tall. He's got light brown eyes and short black hair.

I have also got a younger brother Josip who is a Class 5 pupil. He's short and thin. He's got short dark hair and brown eyes. He's very cheerful and likes to play with his friends. He likes to run a lot. He's good at Maths.

I know they are not perfect but...they are mine!

What can you tell me about your family?



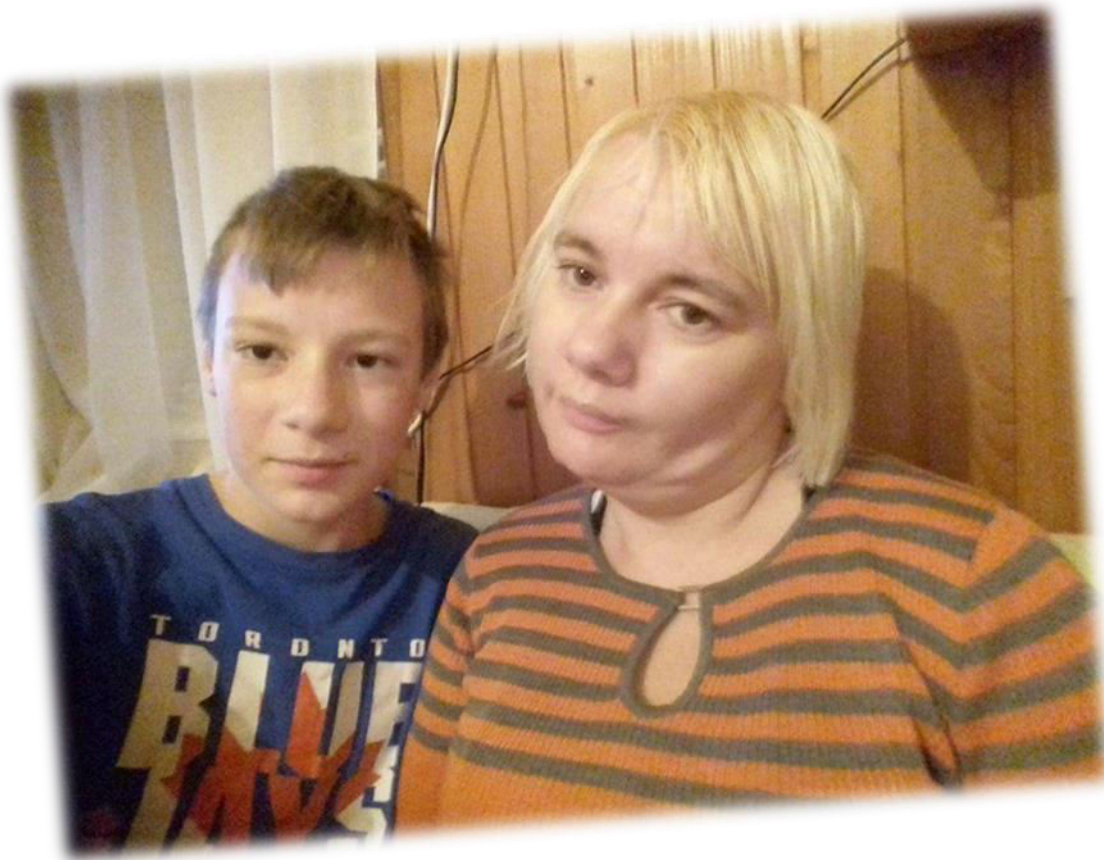
Barbara Severinski, 6th class

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I guess the best way to start writing about my family is to tell you I love my family very much. My mum is Dijana. She has got half-long fair hair and brown eyes. My dad Josip is 42 years old. He hasn't got a lot of hair. His eyes are brown. My grandmother is 62 years old and she is retired. My grandfather is 81 years old. He's got grey hair and brown eyes. My family means everything to me.

What can you tell me about your family?

Filip Šterle, 7th class



My project: Disneyland dream

I decided to make and present a fairytale castle. It's made of the box. Actually, it is the box. I simply went to the shop and asked for one. I coloured my castle using watercolours. There are 4 towers made of toilet rolls. I also made a gate and windows by simply cutting the openings in the carton box.

I like to imagine that a princess lives inside and waits for her prince to come. And then they live happily ever after.



Barbara Severinski, 6th class



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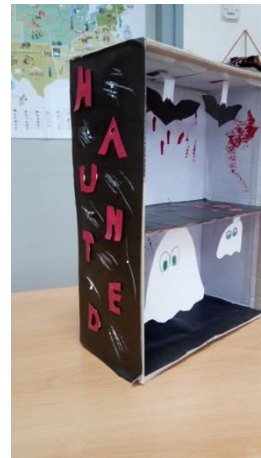
I decided to make and present a haunted house. I used a carton box which I wrapped in a black collage paper. Onto the black outer walls, I glued the red letters which say 'haunted house' as well as number 666 which is considered to be a very bad number. Inside, I hanged two black bats on the top floor and on the ground floor I hanged two white ghosts. For the better impression, I made two red dots representing blood.

Do you think it looks scary?

I do. Boo!



Maja Milošević, 6th class



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I decided to make and present a pirate ship. It's made of wood. It's black, brown and white. There are 6 cannons on each side which makes 12 cannons in total. There are several masts and the sails are made of cloth. It's small but charming.



Morana Konjević, 6th class



I decided to make and present a pirate ship. I used carton to make the ship, so my ship is eco-friendly. I made three little windows by glueing a piece of thread in a circle. I used a wooden stick as a mast on which I hang a pirate flag which is made of a piece of paper. I made a skull and then glued it to the flag. I also used glitter and golden snowflakes to make my ship more beautiful.

I hope you like my ship because I think it's beautiful



Rahaela Golik, 6th class



The School Bell

I decided to make and present a fairytale castle. It's made of the box. Actually, it is the box. Just like my friend Barbara's. I simply went to the shop and asked for one. I coloured the outer sides using watercolours. I coloured it so that it looks like a beautiful garden with a bunch of flowers while the inside is all shattered. I used paper tissues and dust I could collect in my house to make it look that way. Why? My castle is abandoned. Well, the castle owner died and after him, there was nobody to take care of the castle and its surroundings. So the garden reminds of the late owner who loved his castle and nourished his garden while the inside represents the ruins of what the castle used to be.

I imagined beautiful past and abandoned future clashing in my castle.



Vedrana Vučković, 6th class



The School Bell

A funfair as I imagine it



Aleksandra Ninković, 4th class

Endangered animals

This endangered animal I chose is called Lynx. The lynx lives in Gorski kotar, Lika and Ćićarija in Croatia. They have got pointed ears with a coat of hair on the top. Their fur is a variation – it varies from a kind of yellow to dark brown, sometimes with even darker shades. They are endangered because of too much hunting.



David Ćelam, 7th class

The Mediterranean monk seal can weight up to 320kg and be 2.40m long. They have got dark brown or grey whiskers. They have got poorly developed sight, but they have got a well-developed hearing and flair. They usually get out during the night and hunt fish. They can live up to 20 years. The Mediterranean monk seal is endangered because of poaching and fishermen who think they are a threat because they destroy fishery nets. They are also endangered because of pollution. We could see them in the Adriatic sea, the Atlantic Ocean, Maderie and on the Canary islands. Now, in the Adriatic sea, they are totally exterminated. Also, we can see them in the Aegean sea, along with the coast of the Western Sahara and Portugal. They also settled on the coast of the Black Sea, but over the time even there the number of them decreased.



Ema Konjević, 7th class

Endangered landmarks

The Cogrljevo Lake is one of the lakes in Moravice. The lake has previously been used for a mill that unfortunately no longer works. There's one waterfall which flows into the Dobra river. There's a promenade around the lake and under the bridges, there are small caves. The Cogrljevo Lake is located in one of the Moravice villages - the one called Tici. There is a thick forest around the lake.

Barbara Severinski, 6th class



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The Vukovar water tower is located in Croatia. It is about 54 years old. It's 19 feet high. The construction started in 1964 and ended in 1968. The people of Vukovar used the water tower to bring water to their homes. It is endangered because, during the Homeland war, the Serbs hit it more than 600 times, and because of the whole structure is unstable. The solution is to restore it and now, people are working on that.

Rahaela Golik, 6th class



The School Bell

The Pyramids of Giza, which are situated in Egypt, are among the most famous and oldest monuments in the world. They are located on the western edge of the Nile Valley, about 8 kilometres southwest of Giza. They are located about 15 kilometres from the city centre of Cairo. They are among the Seven World. The largest and probably the most famous one is Cheops' Pyramid. He was the Pharaoh of Egypt who ruled between 2558 BC and 2532 BC. Next, to it, there is the Great Sphinx and the Kefren's Pyramid. They are endangered because they are ancient and also because of the number of tourists who visit them.

Morana Konjević, 6th class



Festivals

Benicassim Festival is an annual festival held in the town of Benicassim, on the east coast of Spain, somewhere between Valencia and Barcelona. The festival is mainly focused on the pop, rock, rave and electronic music. The festival lasts four days and usually starts at 5 pm and ends out 8 am the very next morning.

Danijela Milošević, 8th class



The School Bell

The Carnival in Rio de Janeiro is one of the most important events in Brazil. Rio is one of the cities that can boast of the most beautiful beaches and women. The carnival festivity lasts for four days and the date is different every year. Usually, the carnival is held in February but sometimes it's in March - 40 days before Cork. This year, the festival will take place from Saturday 24th February to Tuesday 27th February. As long as the long sleeves are still dressed in the legendary Copacabana they swim in the ceremonial costumes that cover only the most intimate parts of the body and often not even that. The central event in Rio is the Samba parade where dancers from numerous Samba schools participate and end in the popular Sambodrom. The tickets for Sambodrom are sold out weeks in advance, but if you do not get them, Rio offers plenty of others fun things you will remember for the rest of your life.

Samanta Trbović, 8th class



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The International Children's Festival in Šibenik was held for the first time in 1958 as a realization of the initiative and engagement of a children art lovers. The special value of the festival is its artistic programme like the one created by the playful children's fingers, as well as the ones by the Croatian a beautiful designers... The Šibenik festival is a place of encounter between the poets and the children, there are open cinemas, too. The festival's programme is implemented not only in Šibenik but also throughout Croatia as well as throughout the world. The festivals humanitarian goals have support by the UNESCO the UNICEF and the government of a Republic of Croatia. On Saturday, 1st July 2017, the 57th International Children's Festival ended in Šibenik by issuing the festival flag. The end with all the possible artistic attractions, the festival's neighbouring cities also changed flags which were the best possible introduction to the great 60th International Children's Festival jubilee.

Anna Rajnović, 8th class



The School Bell

The Motovun film festival is a film festival which is being held in the Istrian town of Motovun. It is celebrated every year in the summer. For the first time in 1999. the festival was held. It is dedicated to films created in small and independent productions all around the world. The features of the festival aren't a red carpet and glamour. Film projections are under the open sky. The narrow streets of the city come alive during the festival. There aren't VIP areas and protocols. In the beginning, the festival was of a competitive character with the number of awards rising. The festival awards are given in the following categories: Propeller (the main festival award), Motovun short film, Fipresci (the oldest and rest respected association of film critics), 50 years (is given to people who have dedicated more than half century of work to the film), award Maverick (intended for authors who have spread the features of film expression).

Roberta Vučinić, 8th class



The School Bell

Saint Patrick's Day is a celebration in honour of Saint Patrick; it's over a thousand years old. It is celebrated on March 17, mostly in Ireland. On St Patrick's Day, which is during the Lenten, Irish families traditionally go to the church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. The carousel stops on the day and people dance, drink and eat traditional Irish dishes made of bacon and cabbage. Traditionally, the shamrocks and green colour symbolise that day. The Festival for St Patrick's Day in Dublin is usually visited by over a million people.

Vanja Vučinić, 8th class



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The carnival in Rijeka is present for more than 100 years. The carnival started in 1982. The impressive thing about that carnival is that in 2007 97 groups took part in more than 10 000 people and more than 100 000 spectators attended the carnival. The important thing is that in that groups from all Croatia carnival took part. Motifs of every group change from year to year, but one group has the same motif every year. The name of that group is Halubijanski zvončari. Well, at the end of the parade they go through the city and they hit their bells to keep away the winter and all bad things that happened in the last year. With that, the carnival of Rijeka comes to end.

Mirjam Golik, 8th class



Ultra Music Festival is an annual outdoor electronic music festival that takes place during March in the city of Miami, Florida. The festival was founded in 1999 by Russel Faibisch and Alex Omes and is named after the 1997 Depeche Mode album Ultra. It was a one-day festival from 1999 to 2006. Then it grew into a two-day Weekend event from 2007 to 2010. Since 2011, Ultra has taken place during three days (Friday through Sunday) during the month of March. Other Ultra Worldwide festival and events take place across the world in locations like Cape Town and Johannesburg - South Africa, Seoul - Korea, Singapore - Singapore, Tokyo - Japan, Hvar and Split - Croatia, Mexico City - Mexico, Rio de Janeiro - Brazil and many other destinations. Ultra became Ultra Worldwide in 2008 starting with Ultra Brazil, which took place in Sao Paulo. In July 2013, Ultra Worldwide debuted Ultra Europe, also known as Destination Ultra, which takes place across different venues across Croatia. Ultra Music Festival attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world and I would really like to attend that festival because it seems amazing.

Valentina Alinčić, 8th class



My favourite cartoon character

My favourite cartoon character is Felix. Felix is actually a cat. He's a very funny animal. He's black. His whole body is black; only his eyes are white. He's always smiling. There's a gigantic grin on his face. He's got a round nose. He's not tall. He's about 40 cm tall. And he weighs about 3 kilos. I love watching Felix.

Aleksandar Jezdić, 5th class



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My favourite cartoon character is Batman. He is very tall, about 2 metres tall and also very heavy. He's is about 90 kilos heavy. He's big and strong. He works a black cloak with a yellow belt. The cloak helps him 'fly'. He has also got a special car called Batmobile which is very fast. Batman is a hero who helps people.

Josip Severinski, 5th class



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My favourite cartoon character is Maximum. He is tall and thin and he weighs about 50 pounds. His skin is blue and he has got green eyes. He is without hair. His nose is of normal size while his ears are slightly larger. He comes from another planet. In the beginning, he was evil but in the end, he becomes a hero.



Lana Aščić, 5th class

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My favourite cartoon character is Pink Panther. He is always happy and cool. Pink Panther is plump and tall. He has got a small pink nose as well as small ears. His eyes are small, too. He's got big hands and a big head. He has got a white, pink and black body.

I love Pink Panther!

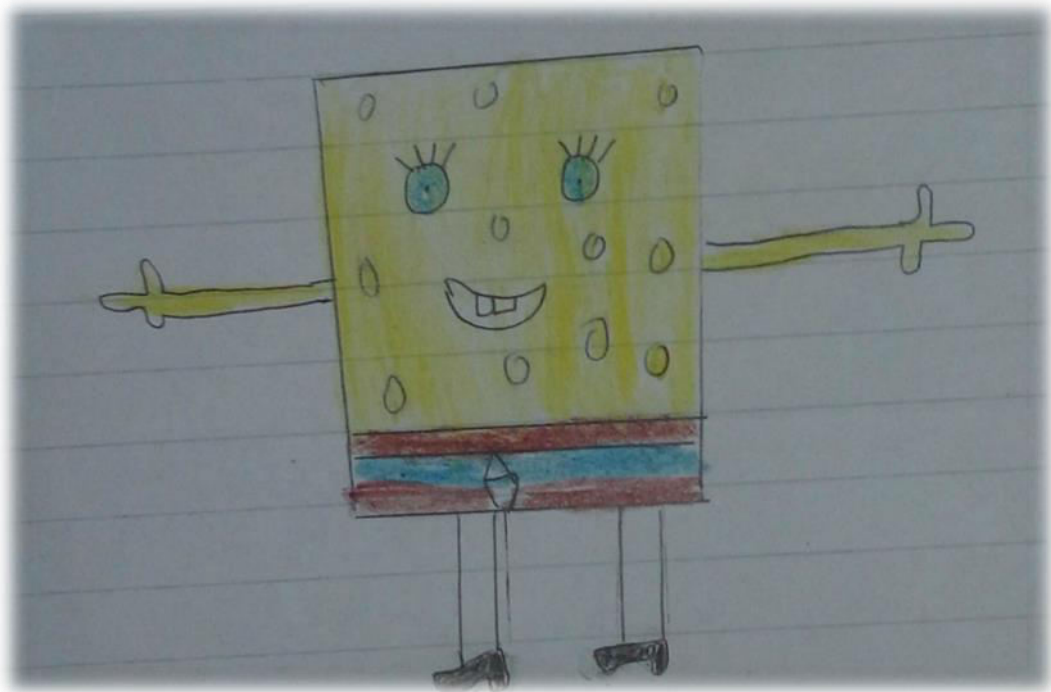


Natali Marković, 5th class

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My favourite cartoon character is Sponge Bon SquarePants. As his name says – he is a sponge. A sea sponge. He is small and short. He's got blue eyes an he hasn't got any hair. He has got a yellow nose and yellow ears, too. He is very funny and nice. He loves hamburgers and works at Krusty Crab.

Nikolina Komljenović, 5th class



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My favourite cartoon character is Deadpool. He's tall and thin. He has got a small nose and white eyes. He has got small ears. He doesn't have any hair. He's all black and red. He's got two really big swords and some guns, too. But, don't worry – he's good!

Ozren Mrvoš, 5th class



Our favourite cartoon characters



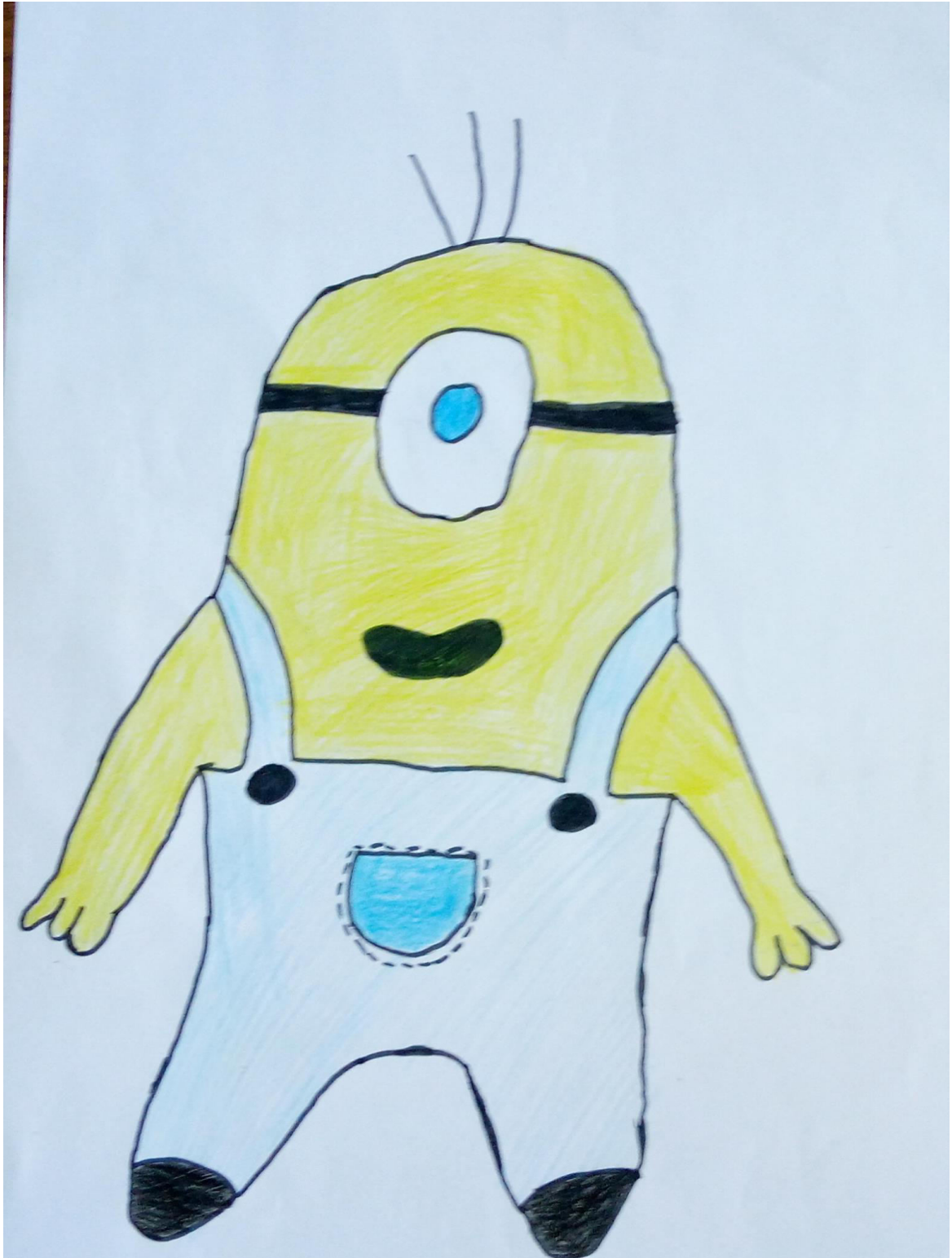
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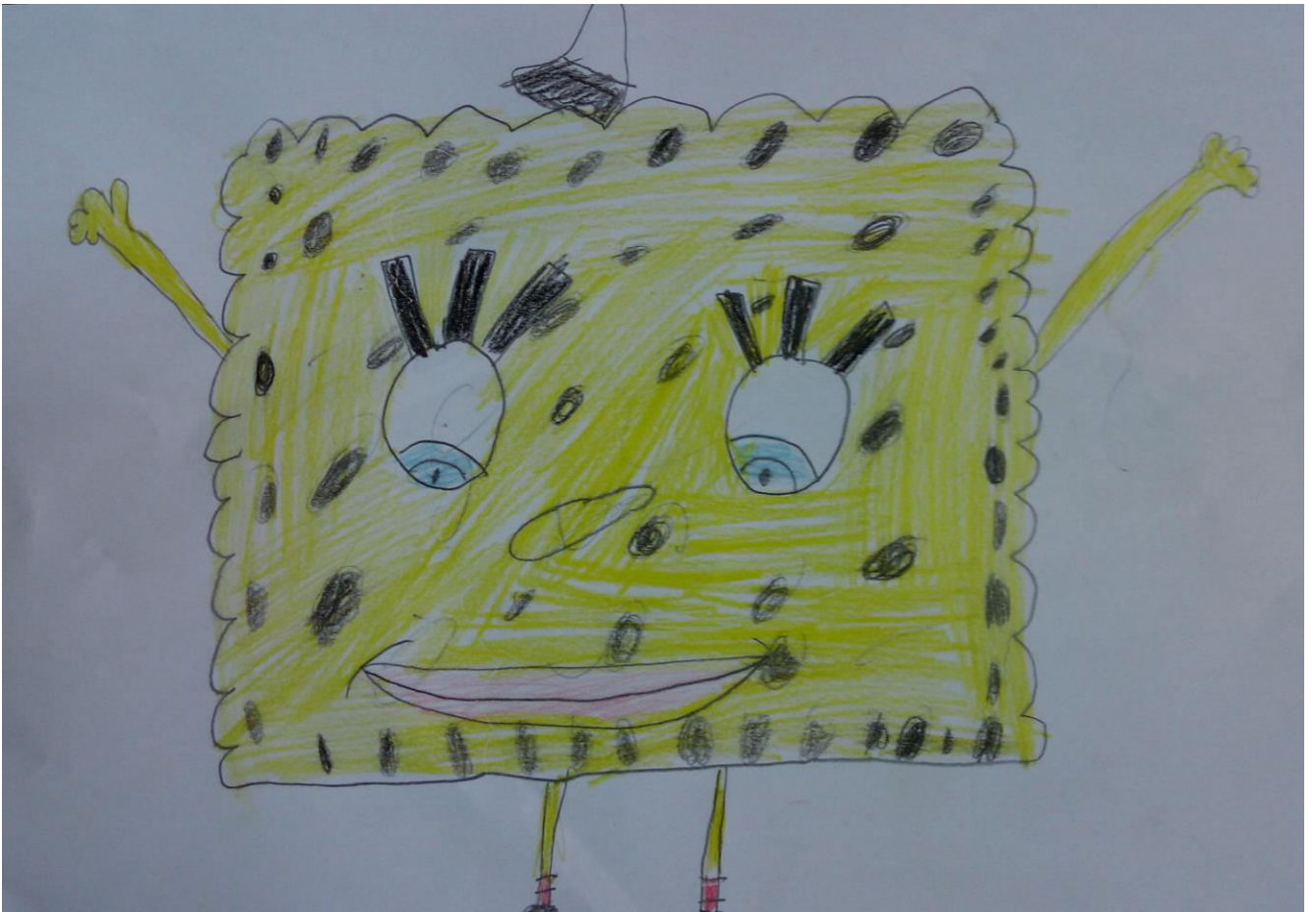
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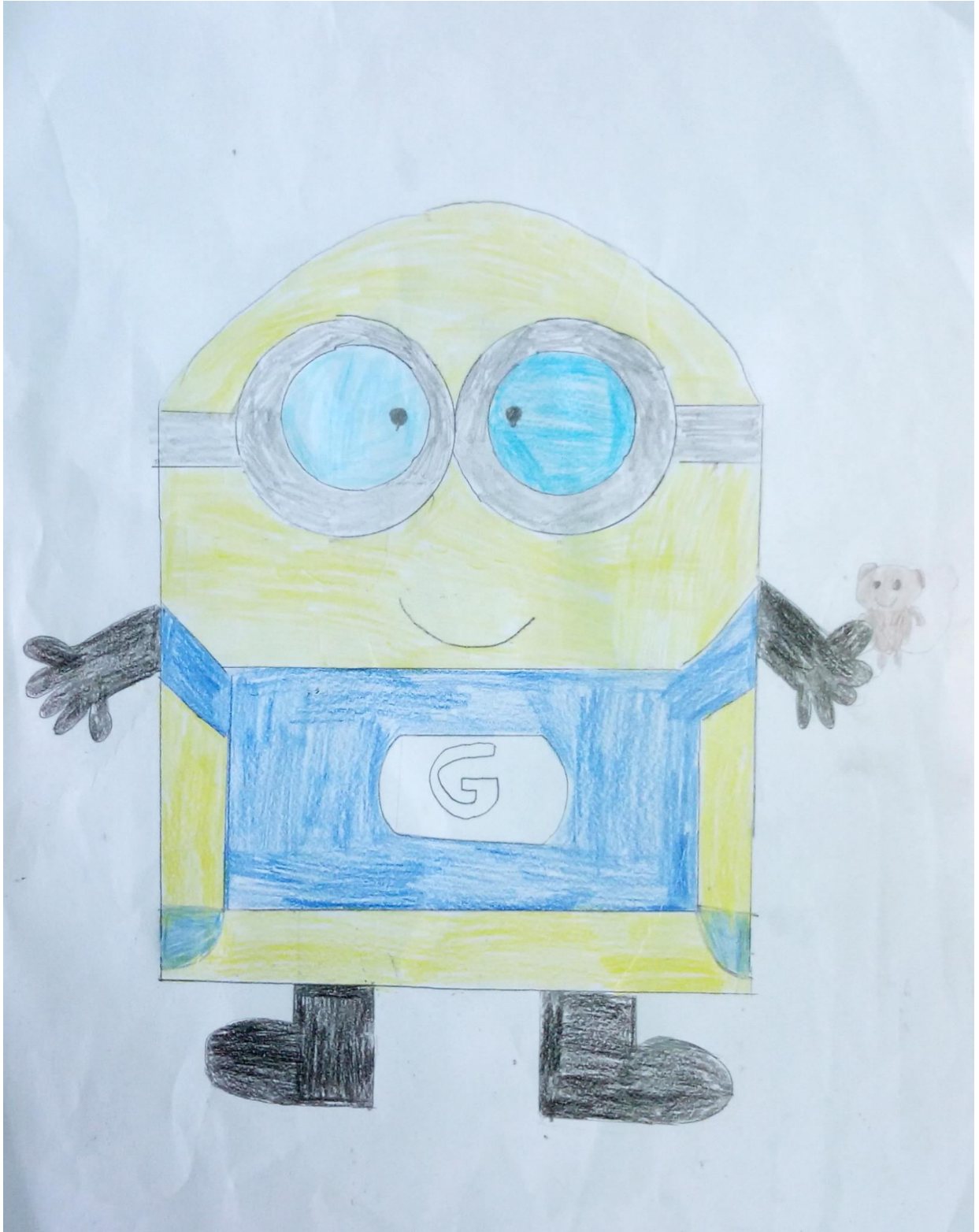
Doris Klaić, 3rd class



Petra Rebić, 2nd class



Samanta Goršić, 2nd class



Zorana Nikšić, 4th class

My favourite singer

My favourite singer is Ivan Zak. He's from Croatia. He's a Croat. He sings very well. He can play the guitar, too. My favourite song is 'Kad ti kažu'.



Nikolina Komljenović, 5th class

My favourite singer is Alan Walker. He's partly Norwegian and partly British. His mum is from Norway while his dad is from the UK. He's a record producer and a DJ. He can sing, too. He can also remix the songs. My favourite song is 'All falls down.'



Ozren Mrvoš, 5th class

Superstitions

There are many superstitions all around the world. Some people are quite superstitious while some aren't. What about you?

My favourite superstitions are the following:

1 Opening an umbrella indoors

In the 18th century, umbrellas were much worse than those of today, so it was quite possible to injure someone when they were opened indoors.

2 A broken mirror

The distorted image as a result of a broken mirror was considered to be a sign which meant that a person is likely to suffer seven years of bad luck.

3 A black cat crossing your path

The cats were deceitful creatures and it was believed that cats are disguised as witches. So the cat crossing your path was a sure sign that you are probably looking at the Devil himself.

4 Keeping your breath when passing the cemetery

In some Indian cultures, it is believed that breathing near a cemetery or a dead person is risky because you can breathe in the soul of the dead.

Creepy, right?

It's up to you to believe or not!



Anja Rajnović, 8th class

There are so many superstitions in the world that it's very difficult to name them all. Or to count them. So I opted for just three.

1 A black cat

When a black cat crosses your path, it brings bad luck.

In this superstition, it is believed that the black colour brings bad luck and in the ancient times the witches had black cats.

To prevent bad luck you should spit three times.

2 The shooting star

In the first century, Ptolemy had a theory that shooting stars are actually gods who come down to the Earth. So, people have concluded that their wishes will be fulfilled because there is hope that they will be heard by Gods at the moment. Because of it, today people make a wish when they see a shooting star.

3 A dandelion

The throwing dandelion comes from the Celtic mythology. It is believed that the dandelion can cure diseases and invoke good fairies.



Roberta Vučinić, 8th class

There are many superstitions...but not all of them are meant to bring bad luck. Some are considered to bring good luck. So, I'll stress just a few of each.

Bad luck superstitions

1 If you learn on a crack in the way, your mother will break her back.

It's a good idea to avoid cracks in the way, so you do not stumble, but still... Maybe this superstition comes from the fear of instability.

2 Put shoes on the table

Many years ago, when a miner would die, his shoes would be put on the table; today, this is a bad luck charm.

Good luck superstitions

1 Wearing a wedding ring on your left hand

This tradition started with the ancient Romans who found out that there was a nerve leading from the ring to the left.

2 Birds on the head

This stems from the idea that if you had bad luck that will change things to your advantage.

3. Put candles on a birthday cake

It is said that putting a candle on a cake is like a moon which actually represented the Arctic goddess of the graveyard.



Samanta Trbović, 8th class

Winter adventure

Janko and his friend Marko went skiing on the mount. A strong wind started the avalanche. The avalanche covered them. Janko was able to stand up under the snow but his friend Marko couldn't. He broke his leg. Janko called the help and a helicopter came for them. Marko was taken to the hospital and Janko went home because luckily, he was OK.

Ema Konjević, Sretan Vučinić & Stefan Nikšić, 7th class



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One sunny but cold winter day Jack and his friend Johnny went skiing. They loved skiing. Actually, they loved everything to do with the winter and snow. When they came to the top of a mountain, they started skiing downwards. What a rush! While they were skiing, Jack suddenly lost control and fell down. As a result of the fall, he broke his leg. Johnny immediately stopped skiing and went to help Jack. He called for help and his friend was taken to the local hospital where the doctors took care of him. He'll be out in a few days!

Ivan Dokmanović, Luka Majetić & Teodor Ninković, 7th class



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It was a cold and snowy Friday. My best friend Dino and I went skiing on a high old mountain. We started to climb on the very mount. Then we started to ski down. In the middle of a track, an avalanche started. It hit my friend and he was seriously injured. I called for help and a helicopter picked us up and took us to the hospital. The doctors helped my friend.

Ema Lešnjaković, David Čelam, Damian Vučković & Filip Šterle, 7th class



Our class project: The house

Our class got an interesting project to do. In English. Wow!

Since we learnt all about the rooms of the house as well as furniture in those rooms, we had to make our own houses with those rooms and accompanying furniture. A lot of work, yes! But it was rather creative!

The choice of material for making the house was all up to us. So we used carton, paper, plastic, toilet paper, egg boxes, aluminium foil, tissues, plastic cups...and we (if we may say so) did an amazing job! Not only in making the houses but also in presenting them in front of each other. That was the very first time we presented in front of each other and we did it in English. Yes, we were a bit nervous (well, more than a bit) but we did it!

And our houses deserved a special exhibition place just for them along our school corridors!

Lana Aščić, Aleksandar Jezdić, Nikolina Kompljenović, Natali Marković, Ozren Mrvoš, Josip Severinski & Tino Rajnović, 5th class

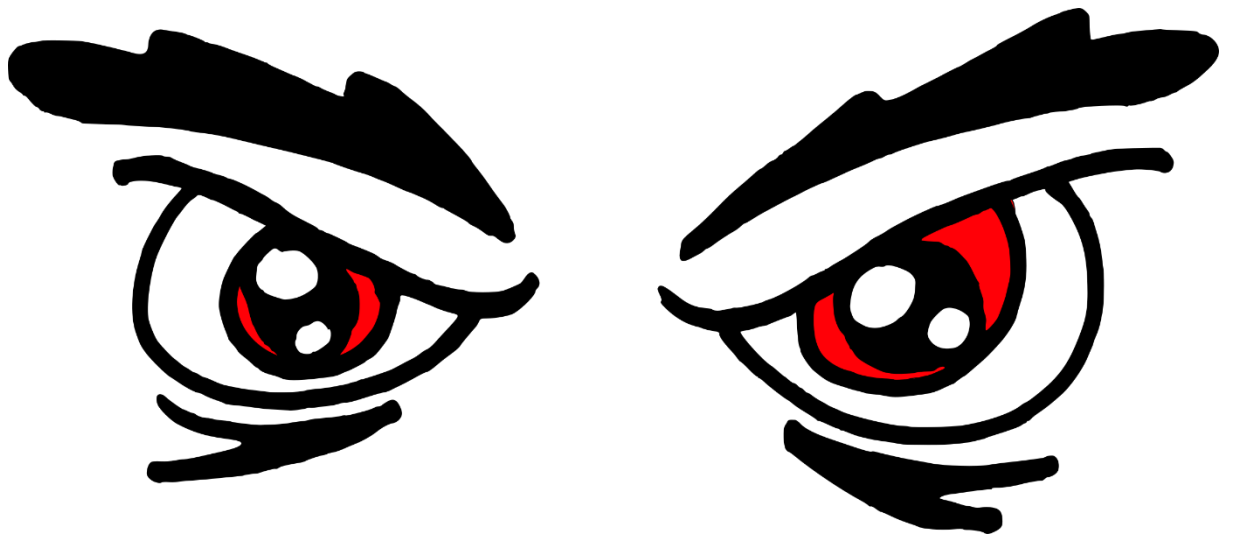


15-word based story

A mysterious house

I was running away from home, shouting and crying. Suddenly there was dark. I heard someone screaming and glass breaking into an old house with dump walls. I slowly entered. Inside it was chilly but outside it was warm and the wind was blowing. On the floor, there was a grey carpet with red blood on it. On a table, there were four empty test tubes. I looked into a corner and saw something furry with shiny eyes approaching me. It bit me and ran away.

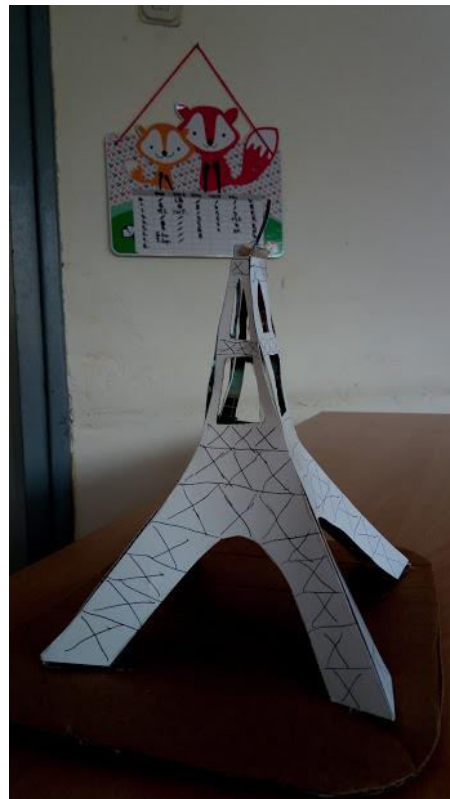
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Eco project: Together we can save the world

The 8th class pupils did a text on the recycled art represented by artists such as Strati, Dahlsen and Wilson from which they found out what things can be used to make art. Driftwood, chewing gums, nails, toothpicks, and flip-flops are just some of them. After learning about the environmentally-friendly art they had an assignment to make their own recycled piece of art. So, Mirjam made the Eiffel Tower using carton, Samanta made the Norwegian flag using toilet paper, carton and some watercolours while Danijela, Anja and Roberta used pasta to make their recycled piece of art. Danijela opted for a beautiful pasta unicorn; Anja made an amazing black pasta cat and Roberta made a cardboard poster with a motivational message on it as well as a little green pasta alien. Valentina made a fully functional pencil case by using a plastic 0,5 l bottle which we cut in half and them connected with a zipper. She made it look like a cute little panda. If you are wondering whether it works...yes, it does! And finally Vanja's piece of art. She really likes Đuro so she made an artwork dedicated to that famous seagull. She made a wooden lighthouse with actually works with a small seagull figure in front of it. Wherever you go, there's Đuro!

By doing this and creating their own eco-friendly piece of art, the 8th class pupils showed that they are really environmentally conscious and aware that our planet is ours as much as we belong to it.



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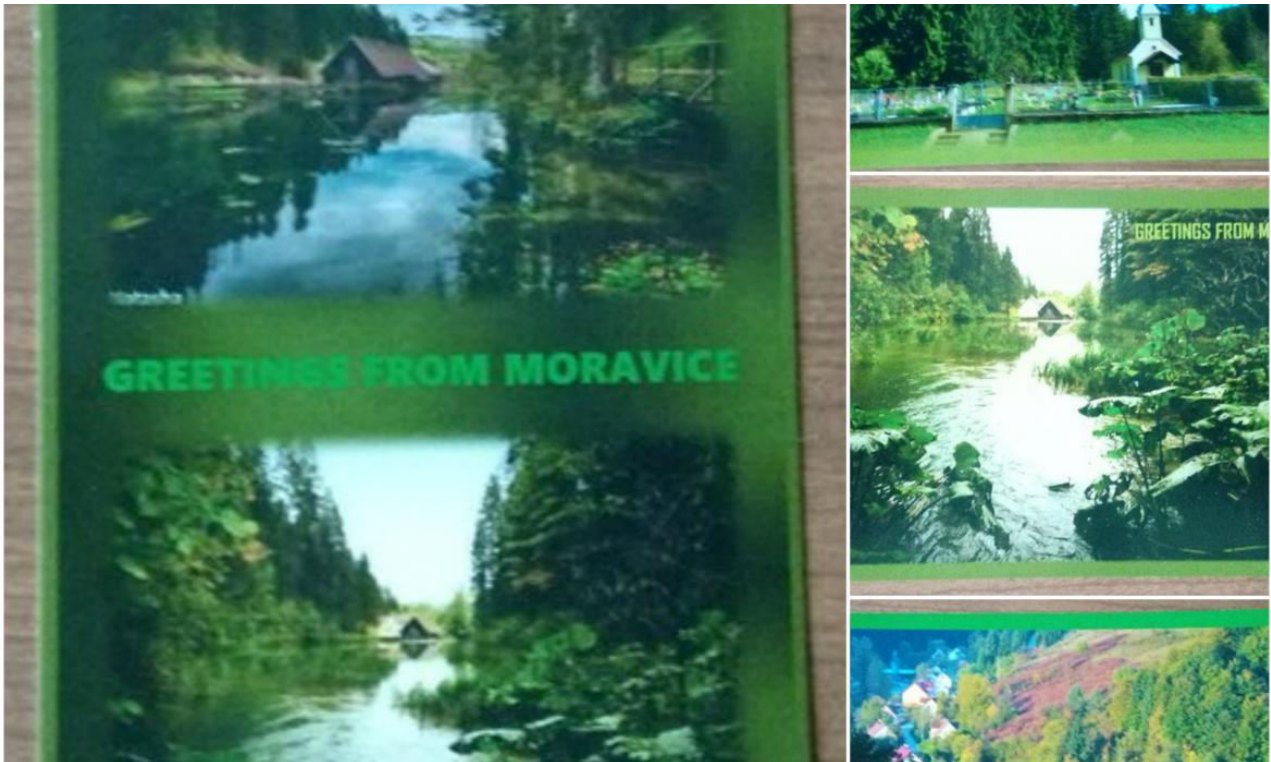
Greetings from Moravice

December 6th was a very special day for the entire Moravice. It was the day when Moravice got a set of 25 postcards for the first time in the history of the village.

How did it all start?

My students and I take part in a penpal project with students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, Portugal, Spain, Mexico and Brazil. We are mostly exchanging emails. Xmas cards, as well. But we started thinking it would be great not only to write about Moravice but also to show the natural beauty of the cluster of villages that make up Moravice. So we went to the local post office. Unfortunately for us, there was only one motive of Moravice and only two copies of it. Quite a shame! And we needed 25 different motives because there are 25 students taking part in the penpal projects...and we are doing it with 8 different countries...So, if you are good at Maths, you'll see we needed much more than 2 postcards that were available at the local post office!

So we decided to make our own postcards. First, we needed good-quality photographs of Moravice and I contacted my former student, now 17-year-old Natalija Dokmanović who loves walking around the villages of Moravice and taking breath-taking photographs. She kindly agreed to give us 25 photographs. But, a busy bee as Natalija couldn't just bring those 25...she brought approximately 300 photographs to choose from! And, believe me, it was a demanding task which I did with the help of my 8 class students. Somehow and don't ask us how...we managed to choose 25 photographs that we wanted to see on the postcards.



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When the postcards were printed, they were like a dream come true! 25 pearls! 25 breathtaking and heart-shaking postcards!

So we decided to present them to the public. And we did so on Saint Nicholas' Day and it was our present to all the people of Moravice, those who still live there as well as those who left many years ago but their hearts beat and weep for their birthplace.

The very promotion was quite poetical thanks to the teacher Željka Vrclj who gave an amazing speech about Natalija and her love for photography. How deep is that love? Imagine a teenage girl getting up at dawn so she can go around Moravice and catch the perfect sunbeam...the perfect sunrise...or to endure low temperatures to take a photograph of a frozen lake...a glittering snow cover which reminds her of the sea, the sea of Gorski kotar...



Đuro the Seagull

A storybook for children by Vanja Vučinić

On the last day of January, a long-awaited storybook *Đuro the Seagull* came to life. It was written by Vanja Vučinić, an 8th class pupil of Nikola Tesla Branch school from Moravice.

The storybook was written in both English as well as Croatian so that those who don't understand English can still enjoy in *Đuro's* story. All the illustrations within the storybook were done by Valentina Alinčić and Roberta Vučinić, also 8th class pupils. Roberta is also the author of the cover photograph. The graphic design and the prepress were done by Nebojša Petrović, an IT expert and teacher Davorka Nekić, Vanja's mentor while working on the storybook. The very idea of *Đuro* started three years ago when Vanja was just a 5th class pupil. Throughout the years the idea grew and developed more and more till it was time to make Vanja's storybook. The first of many, I hope. Vanja met *Đuro* for the first time in Šibenik. How come in Šibenik and not some other Croatian city!? Well, Vanja, together with her twin sister Roberta, used to spend her summers in her mother's birth town, under her grandma Dragica's creative influence. It was her grandma who showed her one very special seagull for the very first time. The seagull who would always come to the building opposite the one Vanja's grandma used to live. Grandma told Vanja it comes only to see her. And from that day on that seagull became hers. And she named him *Đuro*. *Đuro* came back every summer to see Vanja. And the great love between a seagull and a little girl was born. That same love was transferred into that emotionally filled storybook which shows, not only the relation between the seagull and the girl but also the unbreakable bond between Vanja and her late grandma Dragica to whom the storybook is dedicated. Till the storybook promotion, Šibenik was known as Krešimir's city. But from January 31st, it is known as *Đuro's* city. And *Đuro* became the most notorious seagull in Croatia. What is there to be said about *Đuro*? You wouldn't believe it, but *Đuro* is a doctor and medicine runs in his family as well. His father Petar, as well as his mother *Đurđica*, are both doctors. He spends part of his time working as a doctor in a hospital on Šubićevac while the rest of his time he spends with his four best pidgeon friends – Mirko, Petko, Siniša and Saša. As true Dalmatians, they founded their own

vocal band (a famous 'klapa') More and they enjoy singing to everyone, especially children whom they cherish the most and do everything they can to put smiles on their little faces. That Đuro is THE seagull among the seagulls tells his own brand of chocolate named after him. Did you try it!? No!?! Well, you should...as soon as possible. Because chocolate *Đuro* is delicious. And that's not all. Đuro is loved wherever he flies. He is loved by the young as well as the old. Photographs of Đuro (his stuffed look-alike) are there to prove it. Đuro has been everywhere – from Čakovec and Varažin to Senj and Šibenik. He's been abroad as well visiting Minimundus and the miniature landmarks. He was a distinguished guest at the annual HUPE conference in Šibenik where he met Sanja Božinović, HUPE President. The youngest among us simply adore Đuro. So they drew their versions of a seagull just for Đuro and his storybook promotion. Đuro loved their drawings! With a sound of waves, a poster announcing the promotion done by Novica Vučinić (a famous painter from Moravice), custom-made Đuro chocolates (by BOOKat Design jdo), a hand-made chair just for His Royal Seagullness done by a local craftsman Đorđe Dokmanović and photographed by Natalija Dokmanović and teacher Željka Vrcelj...Đuro flew all the way to Gorski kotar, to a beautiful cluster of villages known as Moravice and touched hearts of all those who came to the promotion. I hope the storybook and *Đuro* will also touch hearts of all of you who read it and that it will bring out the child in you. Because there's a child in every person and this storybook is likely to awaken that inner child.



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