



School Scrapbook 2012



Welcome to the MG Scrapbook 2012/2013



Dear Students,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the School Scrapbook 2012/2013 that brings back good memories and gives a great overview of the learning activities and events that we all enjoyed. Without the commitment and dedication of each and every member of Matija Gubec Team these diverse events would not be possible. My sincere thanks to all those who have provided these invaluable experiences and opportunities for our students this year. This is a collection of memories that you might look back on for years, to remember the good times and friendships you had at Matija Gubec Primary School.



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School Events & Activities

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European Day of Languages

Let Your Body Speak

September 26th, 2012



Let Your Body Speak

On 26th September we celebrated the European Day of Languages in order to promote rich linguistic and cultural diversity of our school and to encourage students' lifelong language learning in and out of school.

On this occasion the students with the great support of all Language teachers and Community and Service Leader organised the European Languages Fair by distributing the promotional materials made by the students themselves. The French teacher Ms Rea Lujić, the German teacher Ms Jelena Penava and the Italian teacher Ms Jelena Petrović enthusiastically organised a very interesting workshop "Let Your Body Speak" that pointed out the differences and similarities in gesture and body language in French, German and Italian.



Italian Language Week

Parla Italiano!

October 15th -16th, 2012

On the occasion of the Italian Language Week (*La Settimana della Lingua Italiana*) that the national and international programme students marked together on October 15th and 16th at our school, we had a chance to learn about the Italian language and culture in an easy, interesting, creative and funny way. The event was enthusiastically initiated and organised by our Italian teacher, Ms Jelena Petrović with the great support and cooperation of all the students taking Italian language classes.

The event was opened by the projection of charming Italian comedy "*Benvenuti al nord*" that has brought the North-South rivalry to the students' attention and opened many issues to be discussed. Under the guidance of our Food Technology teacher Ms Lana Brkić, the students investigated Italian cuisine and made the proudest Italian specialty – bruschette. The students also expanded our Geography knowledge by presenting the beautiful Italian regions. The whole event ended with an amusing quiz that tested our knowledge on a wide variety of topics related to Italy and Italian language.

We all passed the test with flying colours and keep our hopes high for this event to become a tradition at our school.



Different is Beautiful

Getting together at the International Community Evening

October 24th, 2012

Multicultural Atmosphere

On October 24th, 2012 our school celebrated the International Community Day. This day is about getting to know and appreciating a variety of different cultures and promoting the heritage and tradition of different countries. It gives a great opportunity to promote cohesiveness in our school community and sharing experiences between different nationalities.



Azerbaijan



Canada



Chile



China



France



Great Britain



Hungary



Kyrgyzstan & Kazakhstan

A record number of countries presented this year

This year we had representatives from Malaysia, Azerbaijan, France, Poland, Chile, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Hungary, USA, Montenegro, Canada, Romania, Great Britain, China and Croatia. The representatives of each country did their best to present their national specialties, souvenirs and other fascinating national items.



Malaysia



Montenegro



Romania



Turkey



Poland



USA

Different is Beautiful

Visit of our Respective Guests

Matija Gubec Primary School from Gornja Stubica



Respective Guests from Gornja Stubica and Lepo- glava

We were honoured to host the representatives of two School Cooperatives: Fruit Group of Matija Gubec Primary School from Gornja Stubica, that sells apples from their own orchards, produces apple chips and apple cider vinegar products; and Lepoglava Lace Cooperative 'Stezica' ('Path') of Primary School Ante Starčević from Lepoglava that treasures the tradition of Lepoglava lace making. We were all delighted by their visit as they excellently presented Croatian heritage and customs along with the cultural and regional identity.



Matija Gubec Primary School Zagreb



Primary School Ante Starcevic from Lepoglava



Be Kind and Help the Blind

The International Community Event has a humanitarian character. We collected 1.000 HRK for the Croatian Guide Dog and Mobility Association that enhances people with disabilities quality of life.

Thank You

The entire Matija Gubec Team would like to thank you all for your participation and contribution to our International Community Event. Your great support and enthusiasm made this event so enjoyable for all of us!

Drama performance of MYP2 students



Gathering under the Flag of Tolerance

Celebration of the International Day for Tolerance—November 21st, 2012

Wall of Tolerance

On November 21st we celebrated the Tolerance Day. We sang, recited, acted and laughed and Amir from MYP2 presented his drawing that was featured at the London Olympic Games. MYP3 students performed the sketch "Unipony teaches world leaders about tolerance". Finally, we created a Wall of Tolerance where we pasted various proverbs, quotes and songs that are connected to tolerance, peace, love and equality.

Flowers of Friendship

A group of children are gathered around a table, participating in a craft activity. They are creating 'Flowers of Friendship' by writing names on colorful paper petals. The petals are arranged in a circular pattern, and the children's hands are visible as they work. The title 'Flowers of Friendship' is written in a large, stylized font across the top of the image.





MG

presents

Angel of Music

alias

Phantom of the Opera

by

MYP students and

teacher Iva

&

Choir performance

by

E5 and MYP students

and teacher Antonia

December 10th, 2012

at 17:30

Cinema

hall



Winter Art Workshop

When? Monday, December 10th

at 18.00

Where? Art Classroom

Workshop Leader:

Teacher Ivana



We are all looking forward to seeing You!

MG Team

Regardless of the religious beliefs, Christmas is a holiday that could be celebrated by all as this is the time of being merry and cheerful and time when sharing is the common theme.

On December 10th our students, their parents and teachers gathered for the annual Christmas Spirit event at our school. We were especially glad that the representatives of the Centre for Autism and children from the Children's home "Alojzije Stepinac" also joined us for our seasonal celebrations.

The parents and our guests were welcomed with the delicious *Les truffes au chocolat* that the students made themselves with the French teacher Ms. Rea Lujčić. We launched our Christmas show with the intro video that showed our students in the process of creating their own Giving Tree that was initiated by the Croatian teacher Ms. Barbara Čičmak.

MYP2 students under the great guidance of our Drama teacher Ms. Iva Boršić performed the musical "Angel of Music" inspired by the "Phantom of the Opera". The students unleashed their impressive acting and singing talents and the musical performance enchanted the entire audience. The students and teacher Iva were rewarded with a thunderous applause by the crowded Cinema hall.

Nothing conveys the spirit and warmth of Christmas so much as the charming sound of a children's choir. The choir performance by the E5 and MYP students and the Music teacher Ms. Antonia Mimica raised the joyful Christmas atmosphere.

The festive mood and an ambiance of warmth carried on during the Winter Art Workshop. The Workshop leader, Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić had a wonderful idea to hang up our favourite clothes in a romantic cottage style, so we decorated wooden clothing hangers using the decoupage technique. The representatives of the Centre for Autism taught our students how to make different items using the felting technique. All the artefacts produced were intended to be sold at the Winter Bazaar and the money raised was donated to the animal shelters as a part of our annual project "Animals – Adopt, Rescue and Love forever".

Christmas Get-Together Musical "Angel of Music"

December 10th, 2012



Musical "Angel of Music"



Winter Art Workshop



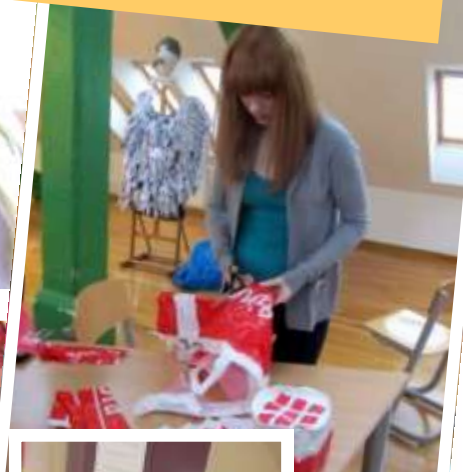
Gubec Without Borders

School Celebration Days - January 23rd - 30th, 2013

Eco-Ethno workshop

Eco-Ethno Hats

During the Visual and Graphic Art classes the national and international programme students, under the guidance of the Visual Art teacher Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić, designed and made eco-ethno hats from recycled carrier bags following green business practices.



Team building a labyrinth of friendship

MG Labyrinth of Friendship

During the Math classes, under the guidance of the Maths teacher Ms. Sijetlana Keser, the students jointly investigated labyrinths within the contexts of Greek mythology and mathematical investigation. The investigation resulted with building a MG labyrinth of friendship.



Gubec Without Borders

School Celebration Days

Drama & Music Workshop



The School Day Week in Drama Classes

For „Matija Gubec“ School Day we have made a series of re-enactments of the scenes from the rock opera Gubec beg . There was an interesting moment in MYP 2 class where the oppression of the peasants was compared to the oppression of the convicts in Les Miserables (our future project).

The MYP students explored drama legacy of the century of Matija Gubec

All the MYP students, under the guidance of the Drama teacher Ms. Iva Boršić, have explored drama legacy of the 16th century, the century of Matija Gubec. The topic of the workshop was „The lazzi of La Commedia dell' Arte“. The students have made their own *lazzi*, an improvised comic dialogue or action later used in the slapstick comedies. They have tried out the *Arlecchino* masks , too.



Traditional Croatian Dishes cooking lesson



Joint cooking lesson

Under the guidance of the Latin teacher Ms. Nikolina Katulić and the Food Technology teacher Ms. Lana Brkić, the national and international programme students prepared together a traditional Croatian dish called „beli žganci“. It was delicious!



Gubec Without Borders

School Celebration Days

Joint Debate Club



Let's Debate Together

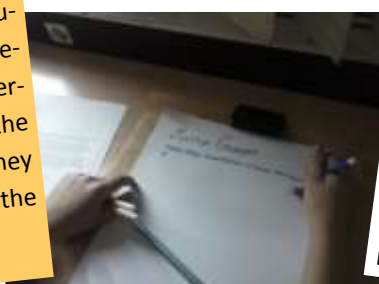
The national and international debate club had an interesting diet debate: "Should we be eating only vegetables and fruit?". Both debate teams came up with the credible arguments, although the support group was a little bit more convincing. Lively interaction between two teams under the great guidance of Debate Club Leaders Ms. Olga Arneri and Ms. Mirjana Blažičko made us believe that this was just the first in the series of joint debates.



Great Leaders- French and Latin joint class

If I were Matija Gubec in the 21st century

MYP2 students celebrated in a special way Matija Gubec days during the home-room classes. It is interesting to hear what the students would do if they were Matija Gubec in the 21st century!



What Makes A Great Leader

Within the context of the similarities and differences in Matija Gubec, Jeanne d'Arc and Spartacus leadership the national and international programme students, under the guidance of the French teacher Ms. Rea Lujić and the Latin teacher Ms. Nikolina Katulić, discussed the qualities of a charismatic leader.

Gubec Without Borders

School Celebration Days

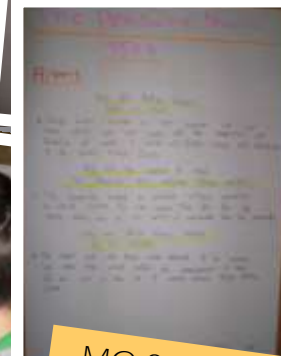
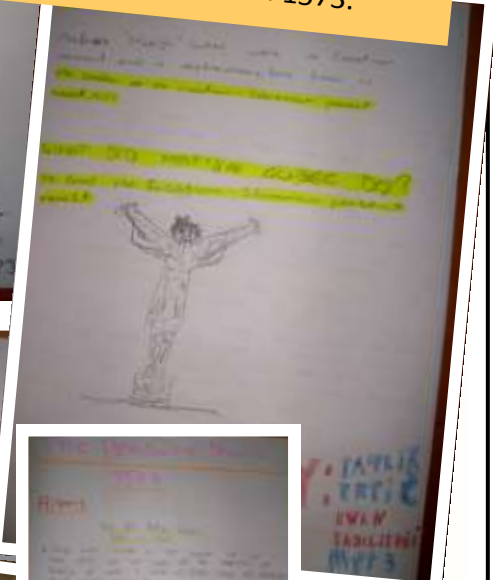
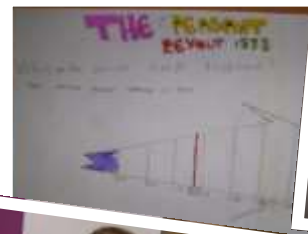
History classes

• WHERE DID MATIJA GUBEC LIVE?
It happened in Dornja Stubica, Hrvatsko Zagorje.

• WHERE DID THE RIOT HAPPEN?
It also happened in Dornja Stubica, Hrvatsko Zagorje.

What do we know about the name of our school?

During the History classes our students, under the guidance of the History teacher Ms. Indira Brajčić, explored the origin of our school's name and learnt about the peasant revolt in 1573.



MG Schools in Croatia

During the Geography classes our students, under the guidance of the Geography teacher Mr. Hrvoje Kuveždić, had an opportunity to get to know all schools in Croatia carrying Matija Gubec name.

Geography - MG Schools in Croatia



International Mother Language Day

Let Your Language Speak

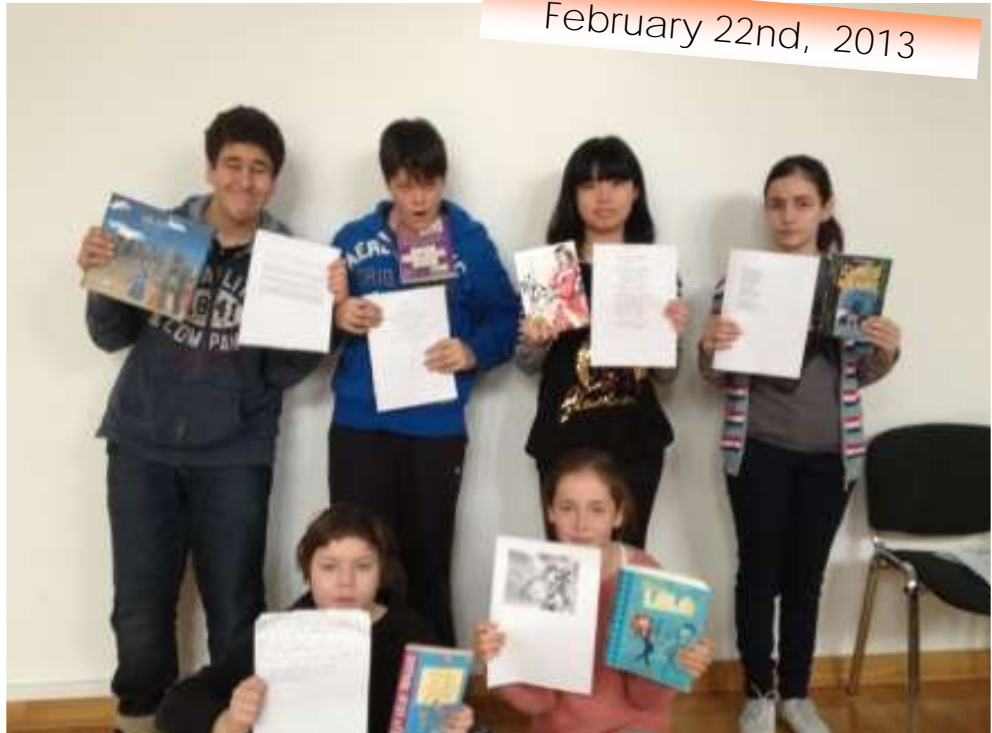
Let Your Language Speak

February 22nd, 2013

It is through language that we develop our thoughts, shape our experience, explore our customs, articulate our values and give expression to our hopes and ideas. We traditionally marked the International Mother Language Day in order to encourage and cherish linguistic diversity and multilingual education.

In our Croatian class the international programme students chose their favourite song and presented it to the national programme students in order to inspire them to take up learning a new language.

In our Italian class the students compared Italian to other Romance languages, such as French, Spanish and Romanian in order to realise how similar the languages from the same language family are. This activity resulted with the Multilingual Illustrated Animal Dictionary.



Theatre Visits

Enchanting Opera Night February 26th, 2013



Opera Night at the Croatian National Theatre

MYP3 students accompanied by their Music teacher Ms. Antonia Mimica and Croatian teacher Ms. Ina Tomić went to the Croatian National Theatre to watch "The Barber of Seville" by Gioachino Rossini.

During the Music classes the students, under the guidance of their Music teacher Ms. Antonia Mimica, expanded their knowledge of opera. On other hand the study of an opera is not just an integral part of the Music curriculum but it can occur through multiple academic disciplines. Since the Italian language gives us almost all the opera terminology in current use, the students made a glossary of Italian opera terms during the Italian language classes. During the Croatian classes the students revised about the Croatian National Theatre. After the opera show the students had a chance to decompress what they experienced in order to write a compiled review of theatre, music, dance, act and scenography. The students' reflections show that this was not just an entertaining get-together event but also a fantastic complement to their education that expanded their musical horizons. The students' reflections show that this was not just an entertaining get-together event but also a fantastic complement to their education that expanded their musical horizons.



"The Animals - Vocal & Instrumental Ensemble" at the City Theatre Trešnja

MYP1 and MYP2 students along with the national programme students watched the play "The Animals - Vocal & Instrumental Ensemble" at the City Theatre Trešnja on October 12th. The play was a great acting and singing performance focused on a specific acting technique, based on studies of the anatomy and the movements of animals, which enabled the students to realise how theatre conveyed messages through movement as well as words. The tasks assigned by the Croatian teacher Ms Barbara Čičmak encourage the students to become involved learners rather than "passive" audience members, and to step into the role of theatre critics, reviewers and photographers.

The students and teachers were especially overwhelmed with the powerful and memorable message conveyed to the audience that cooperation and imagination can help us make our dreams come true.



City Theatre "Tresnja" October 12th, 2012

LIK 2013 - Visual Art and Design Exhibition

We opened Fashion Wardrobe at our school — March 2013



LIK 2013

Our school had the pleasure of hosting a Visual Art and Design Exhibition - Contest of the primary and secondary school students of the City of Zagreb. This exhibition is a joyful celebration of students' creativity as an important outcome of schooling and provides an opportunity to enhance and acknowledge students' art work. Our students, under the guidance of the Visual Art teacher Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić, designed beautiful eco-ethno costumes and accomplished great results.



Non-Gadget Week

March 4th—8th, 2013



Taking into consideration that the abundance of gadgets in our students' lives harm their social and emotional well-being and academic performance we have decided to introduce a "Non Gadget Week Policy" from 4th - 8th March. Non-Gadget Week aimed at helping our students achieve a healthy academic balance, breaking excessive online and video game habits, and creating an environment for informal verbal communication among the students during their breaks.

MYP3 students, under the guidance of our Drama teacher Ms. Iva Boršić, prepared the performance to satirically show the excessive usage of gadgets of tech generation. The performance was presented to the students of the international and national programme on Tuesday, March 5th in the Cinema hall.

We sincerely believe that the whole initiative helped our students replace technology with more personal interactions.



A Voyage Of Discovery

Through the French Speaking World - March 13th, 2013

Geography workshop



Rhapsody of Francophonie
During the Geography workshop under the guidance of their Geography teacher Mr Hrvoje Kuveždić, the students investigated natural, geographical, historical, and cultural features of five former French colonies—Martinique, Haiti, New Caledonia, Guadeloupe and Reunion. The students made travel sites and lead us on a fun tour.



Tour de Francophonie



A Voyage Of Discovery

Through the French Speaking World

Dancez la francophonie



Dancez la francophonie

During the Music and Drama joint lessons under the guidance of the Drama teacher Ms Iva Boršić and Music teacher Ms Antonia Mimica, the students learned traditional dances.



French Fine Arts

During the French and Visual Art joint lessons under the guidance of the French teacher Ms Rea Lujčić, the students visually expressed the meaning of some French words originated from other languages.

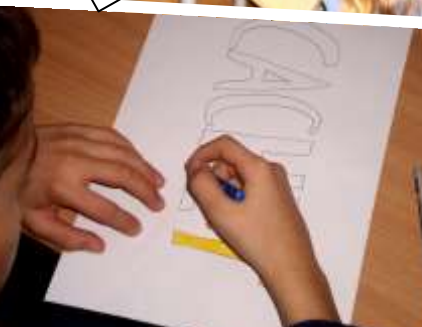


French Fine Arts



Sweet Francophonie

Under the guidance of the Science teacher Ms Lana Brkić, the students prepared a traditional French lemon pie "tarte du citron", that we all had the opportunity to enjoy in our new French Café.



Sweet Francophonie



Setting up our own French Café

MG French Café

MG French Café

During the Design Technology workshop, under the guidance of the Technology teacher Ms. Linda Zelić, the students used their imagination and problem solving skills to plan, design and create a French Café in our school by experiencing the setting up and running of a business, and using a range of media to advertise and promote their business. The students set up their own French Café, considering the job roles – application forms and interviews, financial budget, menu in French/English, advertising and restaurant layout – decorations and layout of the furniture.



Technology workshop



We were delighted to welcome the Chinese delegation at our school

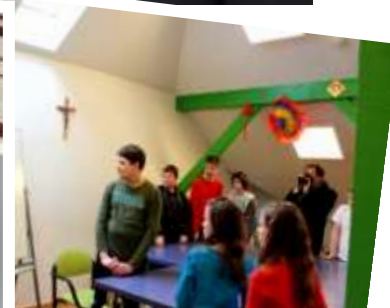
March 15th, 2013



We were delighted to welcome the Chinese delegation at our school

On 15th March 2013, we had the honour to welcome at our school a Chinese delegation led by the Deputy Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Ambassador to Croatia and the Head of the Confucius Institute in Zagreb.

The Chinese delegation was greeted and welcomed by the school Principal as well as our students, attending Chinese Culture and Language classes, who took this opportunity not only to show the distinguished guests our school, but also to show, other than to their Chinese teachers, what they have learnt so far.



Open Days at the Ruder Bošković Institute

April 18th, 2013



Embarking on a voyage of scientific discovery

On April 18th we visited the Open Days at the Ruder Bošković Institute. We participated in a 90-minute programme that included scientific experiment demonstrations, organized laboratory tours and scientific research presentations about crystals, atoms, bacteria and nanoparticles. Our students got an insight into how to become a scientist, how to approach science courageously and with a large dose of curiosity, and how science can be exciting. Our students and teachers were delighted with the programme and came back to school full of impressions after experiencing this scientific journey. This visit certainly popularised scientific careers among our students. Hopefully some of our students have realised what they would like to do when they grow up!



MG Science Fair 2013

the sky is the limit!

Embark on an imaginative and creative scientific adventure and recognize the scientific spark within yourself!

April 23rd, MG Lab at 5:30 pm

Our students will display and share their newfound knowledge with their parents, family, friends and teachers at the MG Lab located in the Cinema hall.



It is 60 years since the discovery of the structure of DNA, and what better way to mark the occasion than to showcase and celebrate the accomplishments of our young scientists!



A Stroll Down Memory Lane: Science Fair 2012 Photo Gallery

Doing Science is a key to understanding Science!

<i>Schedule of Science Fair Experiments</i>	
17:30	Science Fair Opening – Computer Animation Design <i>Scientist Team: E5 students; Mentor: Ivana Devernay Cimić</i>
17:35	Breaking the laws of Physics <i>Scientist Team: Sara R., Greta, Tony, Eva</i> <i>Mentor: Inja Kovačić</i>
17:40	Ballistics <i>Scientist Team: Patrik & Ivan</i> <i>Mentor: Inja Kovačić</i>
17:45	Can we grow crystal trees? <i>Scientist Team: Alina, Consuelo, Ridvan</i> <i>Mentor: Lana Brkić</i>
17:48	Can we read invisible ink? <i>Scientist Team: Tasha, Lilla, Liam, Jiwa Bumi</i> <i>Mentor: Lana Brkić</i>
17:52	Can we make a colourful volcano? <i>Scientist Team: Dora, Bartol, Dina, Hamsa</i> <i>Mentor: Lana Brkić</i>
17:55	Osmosis <i>Scientist Team: E5 students; Mentor: Lana Brkić</i>
18:00	Rainbow in my measuring cylinder <i>Scientist Team: Amber, Roko, Alex, Vivien</i> <i>Mentor: Lana Brkić</i>
18:04	My Precious! <i>Scientist Team: Nina T., Yena, Fatma, Michal</i> <i>Mentor: Lana Brkić</i>
18:07	Do we have super-powers? <i>Scientist Team: Nina S., Saeed, Jeanne, Alan</i> <i>Mentor: Lana Brkić</i>
18:09	Potato battery <i>Scientist Team: Milijan & Călin</i> <i>Mentor: Inja Kovačić</i>
18:12	Light show <i>Scientist Team: Amal, Petra, Dariel</i> <i>Mentor: Inja Kovačić</i>
18:16	What do we eat? <i>Scientist Team: Clea & Aldar</i> <i>Mentor: Lana Brkić</i>
18:19	AbraKadabra! <i>Scientist Team: Ružica, Nora, Laura, Camilo</i> <i>Mentor: Lana Brkić</i>
18:25	Eclipse <i>Scientist Team: Xiaojing, Sara S., Leonarda, Ines</i> <i>Mentor: Inja Kovačić</i>
18:27	Reaching for the sky <i>Scientist Team: Teo, James, Mark</i> <i>Mentor: Inja Kovačić</i>
MG Experimental Garden, DIY Team; Mentor: Ratko Johan	

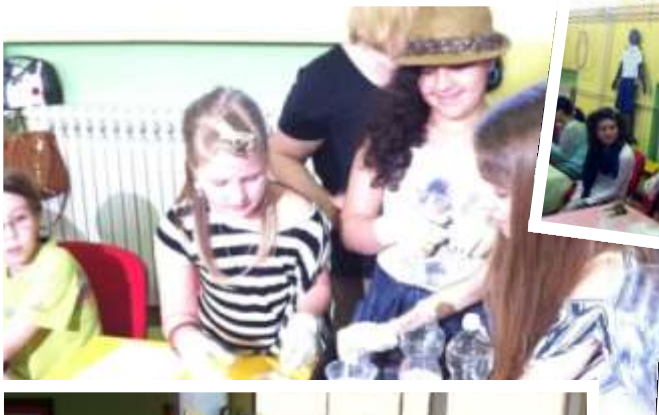
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Fair 2013

Scientific experiments

Under the guidance of our Science teachers, Ms Lana Brkić and Ms Inja Kovacic, the students enthusiastically engaged themselves in the process of scientific creativity and discovery performing a variety of experiments.



Spreading the scientific spark at the MG Lab



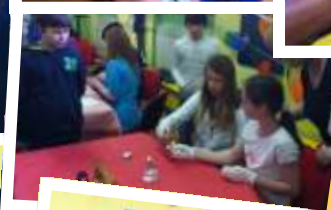
Spreading the scientific spark

Our students displayed and shared their newfound knowledge with their parents, friends, family and teachers recognizing the scientific spark within themselves.



Accomplishments of our young scientists

Science Fair was a great occasion to showcase and celebrate the accomplishments of our young scientists.



Getting together with the writer Danica Juričić Spasović

April 24th, 2013

On Wednesday, 24th of April we welcomed in our school a special guest, writer and journalist, Ms. Danica Juričić Spasović.

She presented to us her first children's novel "I Love Judo, Love Sandra", a beautiful story about childhood and unbreakable friendship. We would like to thank Ms. Danica Juričić Spasović for her visit and look forward to our next meeting and her new book.

MYP2 students had the opportunity to interview Ms. Danica Juričić Spasović and find out more about her work. Here is the record of their impressions:

I really enjoyed taking part of the book presentation. The book "I Love Judo, I Love Sandra" is really directed to us and she presented the book by answering our questions and telling us little anecdotes from her life.

Greta, MYP2

It was very interesting and she gave advice, concerning life and writing stories.

Laura, MYP2

I really liked meeting with Ms. Danica Juričić Spasović, the author of "I Love Judo, I Love Sandra". It was very inspiring and fun. She told us some advice and tips about life.

Nora, MYP2

I found the whole event to be a real delight and it is surely something we won't forget any time soon. It was fascinating how not only she talked about her story "I Love Judo, I Love Sandra", but also her life story.

Ružica, MYP2



Celebrating the European Union Day

Welcome Croatia

May 9th, 2013

Welcome Croatia!

As our journey towards European Union is going to be finalized this July by joining the Union, on May 9th our E5 and MYP students marked the annual Day of Europe by participating in workshops initiated and organized by their enthusiastic language teachers: Ms Nikolina Katulić (Latin teacher), Ms Rea Lujić (French teacher), Ms Jelena Petrović (Italian teacher) and Ms Jelena Penava (German teacher). As a result we beautifully decorated our main school hall with 28 stars and welcome messages in 28 languages of the European Union.

In addition to the language workshops, the students made during Geography classes the CD promoting the natural and intangible cultural heritage of the Republic of Croatia.



Chinese Cultural Journey

Cooperation with the Confucius Institute

May 13th - 14th, 2013

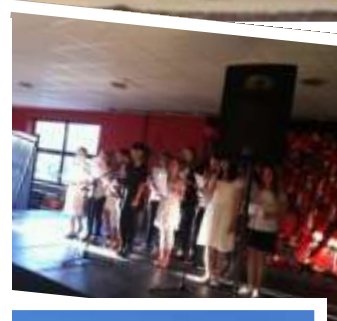


Chinese culture has greatly inspired our students

At the Chinese Culture Week opening ceremony held on May 13th at the Confucius Institute, the MG international choir under the guidance of our Music teacher Ms Antonia Mimica sang the song *Ribuluo*. The choir performance enchanted the entire audience and our students and teacher Antonia were rewarded with a loud applause.

On May 14th E5 students attended the workshops at the Chinese Culture Week organized by the Confucius Institute in Zagreb. The students had first-hand experience of basic Chinese language, Chinese calligraphy and painting and Tai Chi.

The workshops were an opportunity for the students to get a taste of rich Chinese culture and an incentive to take up learning Chinese language and culture in the years to come.



Experimental Urban Garden

Reconnecting Students to Nature

Under the guidance of the English teacher Mr. Ratko Johan, the importance of encouraging our children in outdoor work with living plants has been recognized at our school. School gardens are a wonderful way to use the schoolyard as a classroom, reconnect students with the natural world and the true source of their food, and teach them valuable gardening and agriculture concepts and skills that integrate several subjects, as well as several educational goals, including personal and social responsibility. It benefits the health, broadens the education, and gives a valuable training in cooperation, teamwork and social skills. The students gain self-confidence and a sense of "capableness" along with new skills and knowledge in food growing — soon-to-be-vital for the 21st century.

In addition, the students become more fit and healthy as they spend more time active in the outdoors and start choosing healthy foods over junk food.



Radio Gubec



School radio can be a powerful medium in education that contributes to many curriculum areas, takes the students away from the conventional methods of learning and enhances the students' learning through a series of fun, hands-on and highly stimulating activities that the students enjoy and can relate to.

Setting up a brand new school radio station gave our students an opportunity to participate at the School Radio Group Extracurricular Activity. Under the guidance of Ms Silvija Novak, the students learned how to edit the radio news, how to be a broadcaster, how to sharpen public speaking skills and how to run talk shows. They also learned how to initiate story ideas, conduct interviews, record field audio, write, fact-check, voice their own stories and work on radio stories from concept to completion.

The school radio has been proven to be a fun activity for the students who like to be trendy and up to date with the latest happenings.

Radio Gubec Team: Vivien (MYP1), Camilo (MYP2), Eva (MYP2), Greta (MYP2), Nora (MYP2) and teacher Silvija Novak kept us updated with the school news, informed us about the school events and cheered us up with great music.

Radio Gubec Team



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Community & Service

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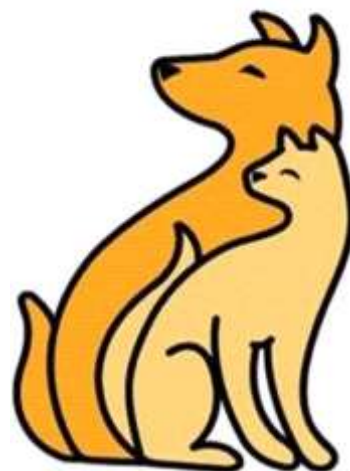


MG
Annual
Project

Annual Project through Community & Service



Animals —
Adopt,
Rescue,
Love Forever

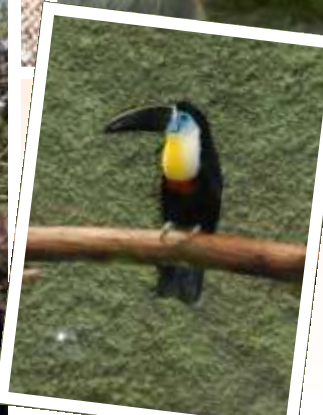


World Animal Day

Learning adventure at the ZOO — October 1st, 2012



On the occasion of World Animal Day and as an integral part of our annual project *Animals*, we visited the Zagreb ZOO on October 1st. The students and the teachers vividly experienced the sights, sounds and thrills of the ZOO, and raised their awareness of the importance of animals and nature conservation, which definitely complemented our curriculum. The students took cool photos and enriched their knowledge by learning fun facts about each animal, especially about rare and endangered species.



Raising money for the guide dogs

Be Kind and Help the Blind!



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"Be Kind and Help the Blind" is the slogan that our students inventively devised when preparing themselves for the humanitarian action introduced at the International Community Event held on October 24th and being continued on November 5th with an educational lecture by the Croatian Guide Dog and Mobility Association Representatives.

Lucija and Kristina, the Association Representatives, emphasised the humanitarian role of the dog in the life of a disabled person, in which the dog is not only a means or an aid, but a travel mate and a witness to somebody's life and path to an independent life of equal rights. We have learned a lot about the lives of people with disabilities and the ways guide dogs help blind people to gain their rights to mobility and independence. We have raised our awareness about the need of exercising basic human rights – rights to self-reliance and independence of blind and other persons with disabilities.

At the International Community Event we collected 1.000 HRK and the international class representatives went to the post office to deposit the money into the Croatian Guide Dog and Mobility Association bank account for the *Guide Dog Raising and Training Programme*. This noble action was rewarded with the Certificate of Appreciation that was presented to our Principal. On behalf of all the students and teachers Amal, the MYP3 student, presented the Certificate of Appreciation to the guest speakers expressing our sincere thanks for their visit and interesting lecture.

After the lecture the students and teachers couldn't wait to meet Moris, the guide dog that patiently withstood all the cuddling knowing he had more important job to do. It was so great to meet a real animal hero because that is what the guide dogs are.



Animals—Adopt, Rescue, Love forever

We filled December's school days to the brim!

Winter Birds Feeding



Winter Birds Feeding

Feeding birds is a great way to brighten a dreary winter day. It is also a never-ending source of entertainment and enjoyment. Not only is bird feeding fun, it also helps birds through harsh winter conditions when food may be hard to find or buried under the deep snow. Our students put the bird feeders in the schoolyard showing their care for animals and the environment.



Winter Workshop & Bazaar

Thanks to the engagement and efforts of all the students, their parents and teachers, our annual Winter Charity Bazaar, was once again a great success. A success that can not only be measured by the joy that it brought to our many visitors, but also by the money raised for our annual project "Animals - Adopt, Rescue and Love forever". The Bazaar had lots of Christmas themed gifts for sale, perfect Christmas presents, including many of which have been lovingly hand-made by the students, their parents and teachers at the Winter Art Workshop held a week prior to the Bazaar. Ms Ivana Devernay Cimić, the Visual Art teacher, had a wonderful and a really successful idea to hang up our favourite clothes in a romantic cottage style. The wooden clothing hangers decorated by the decoupage technique were the top gifts. Our students have once again proven their outstanding design skills along with the commitment to our community.

Winter Workshop & Bazaar



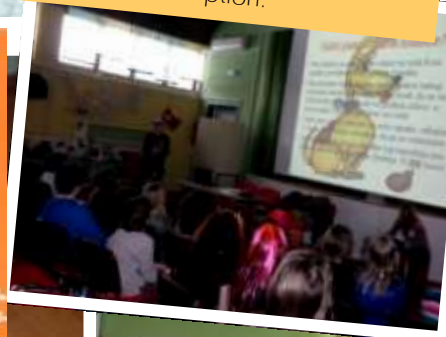
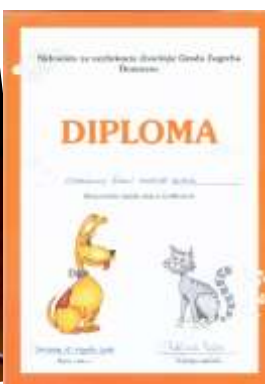
Helping abandoned animals

Charity Tombola — Every Child Is a Winner

February 12th, 2013



The Fat Tuesday Event on February 12th started with an educational workshop, aimed at enhancing our sensitivity towards all animals and led by the representatives of the Shelter for Abandoned Animals of the City of Zagreb in Dumovec. The tombola was being run in a friendly and fun atmosphere with the prizes that had been kindly donated in advance by the students, their parents and teachers. The tradition of every child winning a prize at MG tombola has been continued this year as well since we had such an enthusiastic response from all participants. We collected 1.500 HRK for the Shelter for Abandoned Animals of the City of Zagreb in Dumovec and the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter in order to provide top-quality veterinary care and to prepare the animals for adoption.



Helping abandoned animals

Visit to the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter

May 15th, 2013

The class representatives accompanied by their teachers visited the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter carrying the useful items donated by the students, parents and teachers of our school. During the humanitarian action within the Be Kind to Animals Week we also collected 2.200 HRK for the animals.



Animal Project Showcase

June 5th, 2013

June 5th, marked as World Environment Day, was a great opportunity to show what our students have worked interdisciplinary throughout the year in our annual project *Animals – Adopt, Rescue and Love forever* showing a wide range of their talents and interests.

The students presented the Animal Project Video Overview; performed a modern Chinese song; discussed controversial animal topics, one of them being Banning Animal Testing, at debates and through the Animal Abuse video directed by themselves; showed animal animations and presented animal kingdom transmitting human behaviour to the animal world through both animal haiku poetry and the “Animal Farm” performance that was based on the Cobb’s acting method. The students’ projects, presentations, videos, poetry, animations, creativity and impressive acting and singing talents delighted the whole audience. All of our reflections show that this was not just an educational get-together event but also a fantastic horizon-expanding complement to our annual project at the end of the school year.



Animal farm performance



Animal Project Showcase

June 5th, 2013

Animal Farm Actors



Animal haiku poetry



choir performance



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C & S Cooperation with our partners

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A Good Heart for a Happy Home

Cooperation with our local community

Food drive in November and December, 2012



This school year, with the cooperation of the Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Helper in Knežija, we organized a food collection for our fellow citizens under the slogan "Help others because that is the path to personal happiness". During November and December our students have altruistically brought food in order to ensure a richer Christmas Eve table for about 15 families.



Heart-warming day with our friends from the Children's home

Cooperation with the Children's home "Alojzije Stepinac" in Brezovica

December 5th, 2012



As a part of our intensive Community & Service activities, the E5 and MYP class representatives visited children with special needs at the Children's Home "Alojzije Stepinac" in Brezovica. We carried the Christmas gifts donated by the students, parents and teachers of our school.

We were kindly welcomed and had a lovely tour during which we were able to see their classrooms, gym, pool, arts and craft rooms. There are 75 children in the Children's home and they are divided into different groups based on their abilities. We had a great time meeting all of them and getting to know their stories. We made lots of new, unforgettable friends and we are thankful for experiencing such a heart-warming day.



SNOW CLEANING

Snow Enthusiasts—January 2013

Our students are aware that we are all responsible for keeping our sidewalks safe and comfortable for winter walking. They diligently and enthusiastically assisted in shovelling snow on the sidewalks and trails within "school walkers" radius. It was a great exercise for the students and an opportunity to reach out and lend a helping hand in our community.



World Storytelling Day

Share a Story - Change the World

March 19th, 2013

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On 19th March, MYP2 and MYP3 students marked the World Storytelling Day. The students shared their favourite childhood memories by telling young E2 and E3 students stories that they heard when they were their age. Not only that this day was a traditional and exciting event, it was also a part of our Community and Service Program which encourages the students to contribute in making our local community a better place. The entire event was eagerly put together by our Community and service leader Ms. Ina Tomić.

It was a joyful experience for everyone, yet the best part was to see the look on the young children's faces while they were carefully listening to the stories.

We would like to continue to spread the joy of reading and keep alive the tradition of story-telling at our school. service!



Volunteering at the Green Cleanup Action

Cooperation with our partner "Nature Park Medvednica"



Our students with their parents and teachers took part in the Green Cleanup Action organised on April 20th within the World Cleanup Action 2013 that gathered a large number of volunteers in a joint effort to clean up the environment.

We collected trash and improperly disposed waste alongside the Zelena magistrala, Ponikve meadow and path to the mountain house "Glavica".

Through the power of this positive action we sent a clear message how important the environment and nature was, and what we could and were prepared to do together in a single day. This was also an ideal opportunity for our students to perform their community service hours in close cooperation with the Public institution "Nature Park Medvednica" that our school made an Agreement on Cooperation with.

April 20th, 2013



Autism Awareness Education Session

Cooperation with the Centre for Autism

May 23rd, 2013

The Centre for Autism is one of the institutions that our school made an *Agreement on Cooperation* with, in order to establish a *Community and Service Volunteer Program* for the MYP students.

On May 23rd the children from the Centre for Autism visited our school. Our students wished them a warm welcome and they together spent a quality time with each other in joint activities. They all were so happy to find new friends and promised each other to cherish this newborn friendship.

MYP1 students under the guidance of the Community & Service leader Ms. Ina Tomić and the English teacher Mr. Ratko Johan prepared an *Autism Awareness Education Session*. The students combined their knowledge and impressions from the movie "Rain man" and the book "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" and turned this session into an extremely educational and interesting event for both students and teachers.



Community Day, Everyday

Things get solved if you get involved!

June 13th, 2013



On 13th June we organised the "Community Day, Everyday" Event where the MYP students shared their valuable experiences gathered in their various self initiated Community and Service activities throughout the school year. The event was enthusiastically initiated and organised by our Community & Service Leader Ms. Ina Tomić and aimed at evaluating and encouraging volunteer work among the students. The students presented their community and service work in the Centre for Autism, Nature Park Medvednica and Children's home "Alojzije Stepinac". Community work of our students grew out into other countries as well, so we had a chance to hear about community work on the other side of world, in Nicaragua.



Field Trips

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Field Trip to Deep Prehistory



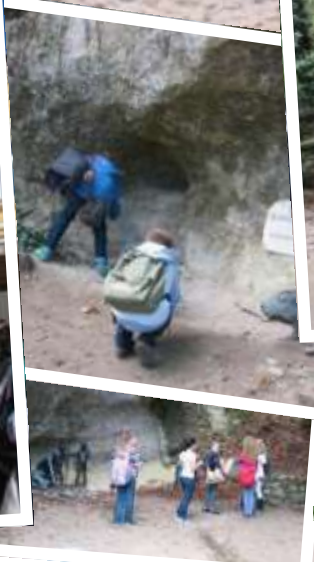
We were so close to deep prehistory

On 25th September the E5 students accompanied by their homeroom teacher Ms Ivana Devernay Cimić, joined the fifth grade students of the national programme on the field trip to Krapina. The history of humanity in Krapina stretches into deep prehistory, for which fossilized Neanderthal remains on the Hušnjakovo hill dating back 130000 years witness.

At the Krapina Neanderthal Museum the students were propelled back in time and watched history come to life with interactive displays, informative guides and live demonstrations. The sculptures of Neanderthal families look so realistic that the students had a sense that they are about to move at any moment, which has been a real eye-opener, revealing how close to our own kind the Neanderthals truly were.

But this learning experience has been not just an eye-opener but a joy, especially while the students were taking photos of themselves with human ancestors found on Hušnjakovo hill.

Krapina Neanderthal Museum, September 25th, 2012



Cave Explorers Field Trip

Veternica Cave

October 18th, 2012

What have we
learnt about
Veternica?



- the fourth longest cave in Croatia and the longest in northern Croatia
- located in the south-west part of Medvednica
- its distance from the centre of Zagreb is less than 9 km
- it was named after the wind flow that appears at the entrance as a result of the temperature difference
- protected as a geomorphologic monument of nature since 1979
- it is also called the **"Underground beauty from Medvednica"** and it is famous for "European Bat night" - an annual event to draw public awareness to bat populations in Europe
- an important archaeological and paleontological site, and an enlightening example of karst phenomenon
- from autumn to spring Veternica is home to bats, therefore the cave is closed for visitors at that period of the year



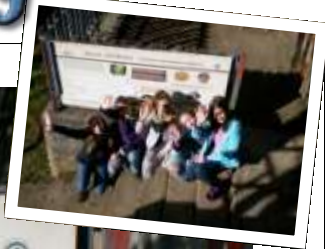
What else have we learnt about Vaternica?

Field Adventures in Paleontology



We observed through eyes of paleontologists

- the cave arise 1,8 millions years ago
- in 1889 Dragutin Gorjanović-Kramberger attracted public attention to this cave due to its rich prehistoric and historic findings and speleological challenges
- on today's western slopes of Medvednica many fossil fishes and plants were found along with the whale skeleton remains since 12-15 millions years ago the Pannonian sea was placed on wider area of present Zagreb and on the edge of Medvednica mountain
- we could see the cave bear findings but there are also residual findings of cave lions, wolves, various deer, rhinoceroses, rodents, and many other animals
- traces of burning fire and burned animals along with human bones and different tools of Neanderthals (*Homo sapiens neanderthalensis*) were found as well, which prove that 30-40 thousand years ago the cave was used by the Early Stone Age hunters as a shelter and home
- most findings from Vaternica cave are currently held at the Croatian Academy of Science and Art



REVIEWING OUR EXPERIENCE AT THE "GLAYICA" MOUNTAIN HOUSE



Geology

Why was Veternica cave formed exactly in this part of Medvednica?

- the south-western part of Medvednica is a karst area, and in that way it resembles the southern Dinaric region of Croatia
- it is built of limestone and limestone similar rock called dolomites
- water easily dissolves these rocks and causes the formation of different surface and underground karst shapes

Cave ornaments

- underground water on karst locations is "hard" because of the dissolved limestone—by extracting the dissolved limestone through evaporation, and other reasons, "cave ornaments" form
- we can find stalagmites, stalactites, curtains, helictites, spaghetti (numerous thin stalactites which represent the beginning stage of stalactites)

We observed through eyes of bio-cavers

- at first glance we might think life in these conditions is not possible
- besides 14 species of bats we can find many different organisms and endemic species adapted to underground life
- adaptations are loss of pigment, wings, eyes, decreased metabolism and the need for food, and development of touch and smell

We enjoyed our free time





Our Field Trip Adventure to Istria

Inland Istrian Towns

March 20 - 22, 2013

What have we learnt about Istria and its inland?



- Istria is the largest peninsula in the Adriatic sea
- a place where Slav-ic, Romanic and Ger-manic cultures touch each other, from the times they first 'met', (the late antique pe-riod and the begin-nig of the middle ages)
- Istria is known for its gently rolling scenery, pleasant climate, coastal tourist resorts and beautiful beach-es

Hum



- with its population of only 17 people but officially a town, Hum is the Guinness World Record holder for the smallest town in the world

Glagolitic Alley

- a monumental 7-km-long Glagolitic road that leads from Roc to Hum, with 10 mon-uments dedicated to the Glagolitic alpha-bet



Hum



Glagolitic Alley

What have we
learnt about
Pula?

Wonder of the Ancient World



Pula

- it dates back from the Roman times, as testified by its beautiful and very well preserved Amphitheatre, the sixth-largest in the world



- we enjoyed exploring the remains of ancient Roman times, the early Christianity, the times of Venice, Napoleon, Austria, Italy
- we visited the Amphitheatre, Arch of Sergii, Hercules Gate, Augustus Temple
- the Pula's Amphitheatre is in use today during summer film festivals

Pula



MG Greetings from Arena



Višnjani Observatory



Višnjani Observatory

- one of the world's most successful observatory and discovery sites for the small bodies in the Solar System
- more than 1400 minor planets have been discovered here
- home of several summer programs for youth in astronomy, archaeology, marine biology and other disciplines: Summer School of Science, Višnjani School of Astronomy, Youth Science Camp

Rovinj

- limited space led to the construction of narrow buildings, streets and small town squares
- the Balbi Arch is located at the place which was once the entrance to Rovinj
- the town walls and gates - the old town had seven gates, while three still exist today: the Saint Benedict Gate, the Portico and the Holy Cross Gate
- St. Euphemia Cathedral is the largest Baroque building and the highest church tower in Istria (at 61 metres high) built in 1736
- inside the basilica there is the sarcophagus of Saint Euphemia, the city's patron saint, which according to legend floated from the Bosphorus in the 8th century

Astronomy is much more fun when you are not an astronomer!



Reaching for the sky at the Stonehenge



Rovinj



National Park Brijuni



National Park Brijuni Half-day Excursion

An excursion included a tour
by tourist train, that took us
through:

- the natural beauties: the oldest Istrian olive tree from IV A.D., pine ally from 1905
- cultural heritage: the Byzantine Castrum; Roman residential villa in the Verige Bay; the Archaeological Museum; the Church of St. German from the 15th century with an exhibition of Istrian frescoes and copies of Glagolitic monuments
- the safari park, which is home to a variety of exotic animals, such as zebra, giraffes, bison, camels, deer, Somali sheep, zebu, llama and elephant
- within the safari park there is an ethno park presenting Istrian home-stead with its autochthonous animal species, such as Istrian ox, Istrian sheep, donkeys and goats
- the white 52-year-old Koki was at the centre of our attention as the incarnation of a good tourist worker who knew exactly how to animate us



Boat ride



Feeling down? Saddle up!

Sammy's Ranch



- When we arrived at the Sammy's ranch the horses greeted us in a friendly manner with a nicker and regarded us with their large and liquid eyes.
- We were impressed how strong, powerful, beautiful, gentle and loyal animals they are.
- We have learnt that a true horseman does not look at the horse with his eyes, he looks at his horse with his heart.

Here are some inspirational horse quotes and sayings:

- A horse doesn't care how much you know until he knows how much you care.
- In riding a horse we borrow freedom.
- A horse is poetry in motion.



We love horses for what they embody: freedom, spirit and adventure. No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.



We found new travel companions...



Horses lend us the wings we lack!



Marine Turtle Rescue Centre

We met Erika, Rošpo and Altion - the sea turtles!



- Aquarium Pula is located in the Austro-Hungarian fortress Verudela

Marine Turtle Rescue Centre

- was founded in 2006
- conducts care and treatment of sea turtles, turtle tagging in the field and informing the local population, especially fishermen



THURSDAY NIGHT FEVER



The dance floor was always packed!

"Aruba"

Disco Club in Pula

- On the second night we went to the "Aruba" disco club located in Pula.
- Dance-oriented music and powerful light show added that extra special atmosphere.
- We all had a fantastic time there and the dance floor was always packed!
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Visit to Danila Kumar International School in Ljubljana

May 22nd, 2013



On May 22nd we went on a field trip to the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana in order to visit Danila Kumar International School.

They welcomed us very nicely at Danila Kumar International School and set up workshops for us. We sang Slovenian songs, danced Slovenian dances, and made bracelets of friendships. It was all very fun, and after the workshops we had lunch at their cafeteria.

After lunch, the students showed us the sights of Ljubljana old town – Preseren Square, Cobblers' Bridge, love padlocks on the Butchers' Bridge and Cathedral of St. Nicholas. We finished the sightseeing with ice cream treat.

It was a very fun and engaging field trip and we hope to visit Ljubljana soon.



First Hand History Lesson in Andautonia

June 6th, 2013

"History is life's teacher", the old Romans would say if they were still alive. In order to know something about life, we have to look into the past. An excellent opportunity for such a trip into the past and a whiff of ancient culture is situated not far from Zagreb – in the antic city of Andautonia.

On June 6th the E5 students accompanied by their homeroom teacher Ms Ivana Devernay Cimić, joined the fifth grade students of the national programme on the field trip to Andautonia. During the educational and interesting tour of the Archaeological Park Andautonia the students took a walk in the past exploring the habits and lifestyle of ancient civilisation. They also visited the ZOO park at the Excursion site Kljucic Hill and saw wild pigs, horses, mouflon, roe deer, pheasants, wild duck and some domestic animals.

The students came back to school with vivid impressions saying that this was the best field trip ever.



Picasso Exhibition Visit & Zagreb City Tour

June 14th, 2013 — Last day of school



On June 14th E5 and MYP students accompanied by their teachers visited the exhibition *Picasso: Masterpieces of the Musée National Picasso in Paris* at the Klovcevi Dvori Gallery. After the exhibition we had a fun walking tour visiting the Zagreb Solar System locations and the most important cultural and historical monuments in the Upper Town. At the end we rewarded ourselves with an ice cream treat.

Besides an educational character that this field trip certainly had for all E5 and MYP students, the field trip to Zagreb's centre was also a gathering that gave our MYP3 students a chance to say farewell to MG School and for the teachers to give them a warm send-off.



Students' Ingenuity

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Evolving from a consumer to a producer



Technology

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Creative learning methods

Koko in Paris



French journey from a book
After reading "Koko in Paris" E5 students, under the guidance of the Croatian teacher Ms. Barbara Čičmak, made passports, researched Paris, explored the French cuisine and prepared a Pocket Croatian - French Dictionary, dressed the French style and enjoyed a sightseeing tour of Paris organized by the French teacher Ms. Rea Lujčić. This experience of reading has been very entertaining and inspiring.



Happy Hour Cocktail Party vs. Math Anxiety



Happy Hour Cocktail Party vs. Math Anxiety

MYP2 students learnt about the ratios and proportions by making the cocktails, which provided the real-world activities and engaged all the students to participate.

After cocktail making tuition, under the guidance of the Math teacher Ms. Sijetlana Keser, MYP2 students set up a bar and threw a Happy Hour Cocktail Party for the students and teachers. The students' reflections applauded the effort to address different learning styles and methodologies indicating that this was not just an entertaining get-together event but also a cool way to learn Math.



Students' Ingenuity

Picasso Student Work





It is good to have an end
to a journey toward,
but it is the journey
that matters in the end!



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