Osnovna škola Matije Gupca

International School

Welcome to the MG Scrapbook 2016/2017

Dear Students,

Another year seems to have flown by and some memories are crystal clear with every detail remembered, while others we have to be reminded about, although they are no less special or important. As always at MG, it has been a very busy year with a whole range of events and activities that have brought us together. Looking back over the academic year of 2016/2017 we never fail to be amazed at the number of activities that took place here in addition to the formal school life. There is literally something for everyone to participate in. When you look back at this school year we hope that we have given you at least one memory that will make you smile.

With the end of the year also comes family moves. We would like to take this opportunity to wish those students and families leaving us this year all the best in their new schools and homes. We would also like to heartily congratulate our MYP3 students who successfully completed their primary school education and continue their academic pursuit. We wish them all the success in their further education and sincerely hope they will all take advantage of the opportunities ahead of them!

Wishing all of you a great summer holiday,
Matija Gubec Team

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Newsletter

Terry Fox Run

September 25th, 2016

Terry Fox Run brought us together

On September 25th the Terry Fox Run was held at the Jarun Lake. MYP2 students and their homeroom teacher Ms. Jelena Penava joined as a part of their Service as Action outside-of-school activities. The goal of this annual run is to raise funds for the fight against cancer just like Terry Fox did. In the run we jogged, ran, cycled and roller-skated. We all got the certificates of joining in the run.

We had a lot of fun and we would like to invite everyone to join next year.

Ana (MYP2) and Mia (MYP0)

European Day Of Languages

September 26th, 2016

On September 26th we marked a special day for us - European Day of Languages. In Croatian Language class the MYP0, MYP1 and MYP2 students wrote haiku poetry in their mother tongues inspired by Zagreb and its sights. Our goal was to promote and celebrate the rich linguistic and cultural diversity in our school and to prepare ourselves for our upcoming Zagreb City Tour.

In Drama class the students injected the IB terminology of the concepts and global contexts into celebrating the European Day of Languages by making the "Funny IB Acronyms". The students' task was to make up a word for each letter of the chosen concept or context and translate it later to their mother tongue.

Service work with our German colleagues

September 28th, 2016

On September 28th the students and teachers from Germany visited our school and we prepared them a warm welcome. Ema and Ea presented our school program and activities to our guests. In the afternoon hours we went to the Mama Club accompanied by our Service as Action leader Ms. Ina. In the Mama Club we had a great lecture organised by the *Centre for Peace Studies*. We met refugees and were touched by their painful experiences. One lady, a teacher from Iraq had to leave everything to get a safe life because of the war situation in her home country. She said that she kept having nightmares because of everything she had been through and because every day someone dear to her died. But after some time she started to smile here in Croatia.

After hearing these stories we participated in the workshop of making hummus organised by the *Taste of Home*, the social cooperative run by refuges, migrants and Croatian volunteers. We enjoyed learning how to make hummus and that was quite a new experience for us.

This visit of the students from Germany was a great opportunity for us to spend some quality time together with them, to share experiences, make friends and engage jointly in the service work.

Pinar & Yuxuan (MYP2)

STUDENT-LED ZAGREB TOUR

September 29th, 2016

On September 29th we had an educational walking tour through the history of Zagreb, introducing the most important cultural and historical monuments of the Zagreb Lenuci Horseshoe - the most famous urban symbol of Zagreb. We played a role of the tourist guides who prepared an interesting site-specific lecture assigned by our Host Country Studies teachers Ms. Indira Brajčić and Mr. Hrvoje Kuveždić.

The squares forming the horseshoe are Zrinjevac, Strossmayer Square, King Tomislav Square, Starčević Square, Botanical Garden, Marulić Square, Mažuranić Square and Marshal Tito Square. We learnt that these squares are home to the headquarters of many institutions and museums: Archaeological Museum, Art Pavilion, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts., Croatian State Archives, Ethnographic Museum, Museum of Arts and Crafts, Croatian National Theatre, and Academy of Music.

At the end we rewarded ourselves with an ice cream treat. The tour was a perfect mix of exploring, learning and relaxing and the perfect sunny day made the tour even more enjoyable.

Alexander, Konstantin & Tina (MYP1)

STUDENT-LED ZAGREB TOUR

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Meteorological and Hydrological Service Visit

September 29th, 2016

The city tour also included the visit to the Meteorological and Hydrological Service located in the Upper Town. During this opened-air class we learnt that meteorologists make weather forecasts by observing the sky and by using instruments. Some of the outdoor instruments that we saw are thermograph and hygrograph. Thermograph measures the temperature and records it with a pen on recording charts. Hygrograph registers humidity based on the change of length of human hair depending on the moisture contained in the air. Amazed with all these facts we forgot to ask about their long-term forecast for the upcoming fall-winter season!

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MYP3 French Classes

French biography of Coco Chanel inspired by TANGRAM puzzles

Why don't use some art in order to learn French? The tangram is one of the most popular dissection puzzles in the world and it made its way to our French language lesson. It is made of seven flat shapes, called *tans*, which our MYP 3 students learning French put together to form shapes. The objective of this inquiry-based activity was to form a specific artistic shape using all seven pieces and to create a short biography of Coco Chanel who is famous for her timeless designs. Take a look of their work!

MYP2 Visit to the Goethe Institute

MYP2 German classes - October 13th, 2016

On October 13th the MYP2 students attending German as an optional subject accompanied by their homeroom teacher Ms. Jelena Penava visited the Goethe Institute. Before entering the Institute we got an incredible chance to see a real piece of the Berlin Wall. In the Goethe Institute they prepared a lot of interesting activities that we are very thankful for. We learnt how to use the Institute Library to research about important German people. After researching we had an assignment to organise found information in a form of colourful comics named "Famous people from Germany". We were very proud while presenting our work to each other and to our teacher.

It was a great visit because we learnt in a very creative way while having a lot of fun. We are looking forward to our next visit which is already scheduled for November!

Noora (MYP2)

Oktoberfest Celebration

MYP0 German classes - October 21st, 2016

The Oktoberfest is an important part of Bavarian culture and it is held traditionally every year in Munich in October. We also dedicated a couple of German classes to Oktoberfest celebration. We learnt about a wide variety of traditional foods and decided to make an apple strudel.

We peeled and grated apples, added cinnamon and sugar in the mixture and melted some butter. Each of us rolled some dough with the apples and baked it for about 30 minutes. We could hardly wait until it was done. We all had a piece of the delicious apple strudel.

Everyone enjoyed these lessons because we learnt how to make an apple strudel and we all had a treat!

Mia (MYP0)

MYP2 Visit to the Knežija Library

October 20th, 2016

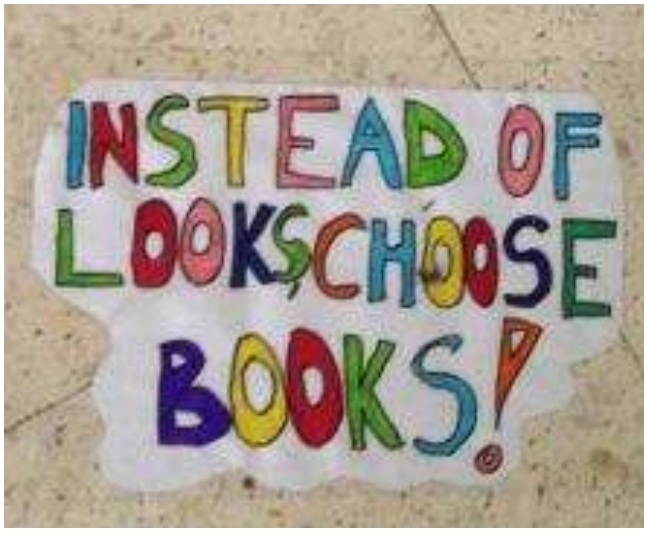
Croatian Book Month

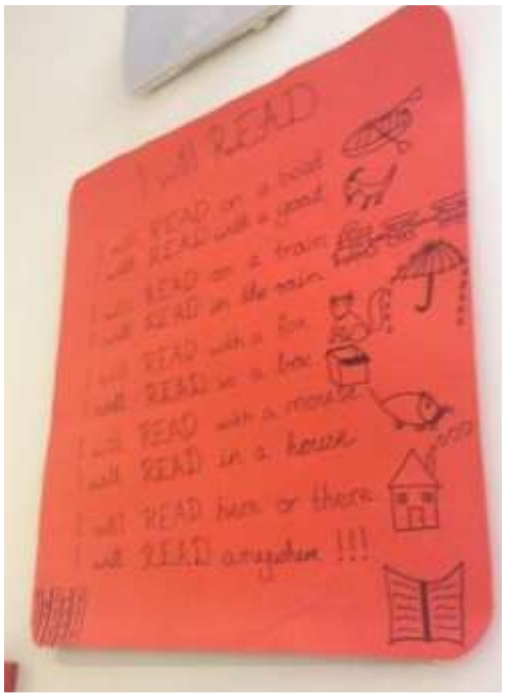
On October 20th MYP2 students attending the Croatian Language and Literature classes visited the Knežija Library. They were warmly greeted by the librarian Ms. Dražena, who introduced them to the world of reference literature. The students got acquainted with the importance of reference literature and learned the difference between a dictionary, a lexicon and an encyclopaedia.

At the end of the lecture they took a brief quiz to summarise their learning.

School Graffiti

Croatian Book Month





School Graffiti

During the month of October the school held a few workshops about the production of unusual graffiti. Students first designed the graffiti in both Croatian and English, then coloured them and displayed them in the school hallways and library. The goal of the workshops was achieved – the number of students using the library has been increased.

Croatian Book Month

International Community Day

October 20th, 2016

On October 20th our school celebrated the *International Community Day*. This long-standing tradition at MG encourages our students and their parents to express and share their cultural diversity through dress, cuisine, music, traditions, costumes and languages, and to spread information about their country, language and culture.

MYP0 students - Lucia, **Maša and Mia** dressed in Croatian national costumes opened the whole event with a warm welcome.
Our School Cooperative "That's it" joined the celebration by presenting their own products that have been lovingly hand-made by the students within the School Cooperative sections.

This year's International Community Day had a humanitarian character within the project **"***Make Them Smile"* initiated by MYP2 girls - Ema, Ea, Noora, Fiona, Ana, Mara, Katarina, and Yuxuan. Thanks to the generous donations of students and their parents and teachers, MYP2 girls collected 3.000 HRK. All the funds raised will be used for buying toys for children with cancer in the Chil**dren's Hospital Zagreb** (Klaićeva).

Thank You Note

We would like to thank all the families for their enthusiastic participation and contribution that made this event so enjoyable for all of us.

We are lucky to have such a diverse international community within our school!

DIFFERENT IS BEAUTIFUL

Australia

Canada

Croatia

China

Hungary

Czechia

DIFFERENT IS BEAUTIFUL

Indonesia

A great number of countries presented this year

This year we had representatives from Australia, Canada, China, Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine and USA.

Jamaica

Iran

Kazakhstan

Kosovo

The representatives of each country presented their national specialties, souvenirs and other fascinating national items.

DIFFERENT IS BEAUTIFUL

October 25th - 27th, 2016

Field Trip to Lika

Three-day Field Trip

October 25th - 27th, 2016

Within our annual project "Water & Life" we went on a three-day field trip to Lika from October 25th to 27th. We visited Rastoke, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Grabovača Cave Park, Gacka Valley and ended our tour in the surrounding coastal area – in Novi Vinodolski. We were accommodated at the Park Hotel in Otočac.

First day started off with the beautiful watermill village of Rastoke where we enjoyed the view of the breath-taking waterfalls. After lunch we continued our tour in the Plitvice Lakes National Park where we admired the natural beauty of waterfalls, lakes and caves during our walk combined with the boat and train ride.

Tour of the Water Pearls

Fairytale of Rastoke

Idyllic Plitvice Lakes Tour

Take Nothing but Pictures, Leave Nothing but Footprints and Use Nothing but Time!

Mother Nature's Finest

Capturing the Moment:

Class Photos

MORNING JOGGING TEAM

2nd day

Second day started with the morning jogging. The rain had just stopped and a group of enthusiasts guided by our P.H.E. teacher Marko went jogging around the hotel.

Samograd Cave

The Day We Became Cave Explorers

After breakfast we headed to the Grabovaca Cave Park to visit the Samograd Cave. Samograd Cave is the only touristic cave within the Park's area and the further we went, the more astonished we became. The cave has been lighted so that all stalactites and stalagmites became even more dramatic and we felt even smaller between these immense walls. We were amazed by the fact that the tallest stalagmite was over 20m tall and it took about 50 years for the stalagmite to grow 1 millimetre.

Grabovača Cave Park

2nd day

Field classes

Treasure Hunt & Orientation Training

2nd day

Entertainment and Activities

After the amazing cave exploring we participated in the educational-ecological workshops. MYP0 and MYP1 students hunted the lost treasure, while MYP2 and MYP3 students learnt how to orientate in the nature using a compass, map and GPS.

Gacka Springs & Mills

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2nd day

In the afternoon we visited the Gacka springs and an area known as *Majerovo vrilo* where we got to know the traditional methods of milling grains using the millstones and the force of the river.

Countryside Bike Tour

2nd day Half the Wheels, Twice the Fun!

After the field lesson in the mill we went on a bike tour along the Gacka Valley. While enjoying the magnificent view of the Gacka Valley we cycled on the traffic-free rural road and off -road through forests, across green fields and along the river.

Countryside Bike Tour

Off-road touring in the Gacka Valley

MR. RIGHT CONTEST

Creative field day ended with the *Mr. Right Contest* – the boys competed in many challenging categories and we would like to congratulate to all participants and, of course, the contest winners for making that evening so entertaining for all of us!

Peek at the Seaside

On the third day we had a sightseeing tour of Novi Vinodolski. We enjoyed the sunny weather and spending some time at the seaside after exploring the mountain region and before coming back home to Zagreb.

This field trip is one of our favourite. The best part was the bike tour, Grabovača Cave Park and Novi Vinodolski. The combination of activities, beautiful nature, scenery and exploring makes this journey a unique and unforgettable experience for all of us.

Antonio, Lucia, Masa and Mia (MYP0)

November Newsletter

Croatian Book Month

İNTERLİBER 2016

November 10th, 2016

On November 10th we went to Interliber accompanied by our librarian Ms. Ina Tomić. Interliber is the biggest Croatian fair for teaching supplies and books. It is held every year in mid-November. Representatives from book publishing and multimedia companies come to Interliber to present all of their products. I enjoyed visiting Interliber a lot and will definitely continue visiting. It was a very fun experience because I had a chance to peek at a lot of different books and even buy some.

Amber (MYP3)

Getting Together With Božidar Prosenjak

November 11th, 2016

On November 11th the Croatian Language and Literature group of MYP2 students visited the Knežija library in order to meet the famous Croatian writer, Božidar Prosenjak. At the library we watched a monodrama that was based on the writers' book "Divlji konj". After the play Mr. Prosenjak introduced himself, recited some of his poems and answered questions which were asked by the audience. At the end everyone got small gifts and returned back to school with vivid impressions.

Ana (MYP2)

Night At The Library

Creative Gathering and Sleepover

November 11h - 12th, 2016

It was a dark, cold night. Rain was dripping from the bare branches and a dim light was peeking through the thick fog. The shadow of a large building was looming through the darkness. Children were walking towards the light… Yeah, it sounds like the start of a spooky novel or horror movie, but it was far from that – it was just really bad weather on the night when our school had another, now already traditional Night at the library on November 11th. Besides huge trays of bagels, cookies and cakes, litters of warm tea, there was some work and a lot of fun. First, we had the pleasure to host the Croatian writer Bojana Meandzija, who talked about her book "Trci! Ne cekaj me…" ("Run! Don't wait for me…") which deals with her life during the Homeland war in Karlovac. After that, teacher Ina tested our imagination and literary competence by giving us a task to work in groups and make a story about an inventor who spends his time in a library researching and creating his fantastic contraption. After the hard work and presenting our stories, we had an opportunity to watch the new Ghostbusters movie.

And while tired students were falling into the sleep, something was shimmering and moving between the bookshelves in the library… were these only shadows of tree branches outside, or a library ghost like the one from Ghostbuster 1?

It is hard to tell now, but the Night at the Library was definitely magical as all the other ones before. (And yes, the pancakes for breakfast were magical too….)

We all want to thank teacher Ina, Ms. Irena and Ms. Dragica for the organization, care and a lot of love they always put into this event.

Lovro (MYP3)

"Falling" into Books

Autumn Bookmarks

On November 14th MYP0 and MYP1 students made bookmarks, but not just any kind, Autumn bookmarks. We used outside materials such as leaves, sticks... making our bookmarks look more like Autumn. We glued the dry leaves onto card or paper. We had lots of fun and enjoyed decorating plain old paper!

We thought it was a good teacher Ina's idea to make a bookmark by recycling, not using any fancy materials, and ended up getting something beautiful!

Zoe (MYP1)

Service as Action

Noble Action for Children's Hospital

On October 24th MYP2 girls - Ema, Ana, Noora, Fiona, Ea, Mara and Yuxuan visited the Children's Hospital Klaiceva. Within the project *Make Them Smile* and thanks to generous donations of students and their parents at the International Community Day we successfully raised money for the children in Klaiceva hospital. We used all the funds raised to buy toys, games and art supplies and our goal was accomplished – we make the children smile and we make their hospital stay and recovery more comfortable and fun.

Ea & Ema (MYP2)

Winter Art Workshop

November 30th, 2016

at the school library

In cooperation with the Nature Park Medvednica and as an integral part of the *Service as Action Programme* we organized the Winter Art Workshop at the school library on November 30th. MYP1 and MYP2 students participated in the workshop where they designed and created Christmas and winter season greeting cards. Prior to the workshop Nature Park employees held a brief lecture about Medvednica and environmental protection. After the lecture, the students were given the materials needed to make greeting cards, and there was no limit to their creativity...

Ina Tomić

FIELD classes

Backstage Tour

of the Croatian National Theatre

November 19th, 2016

On November 19th we visited the Croatian National Theatre. We had a special backstage tour which allowed us to peek behind the scene of the show.

We got an amazing insight into the places that are usually closed to public: dressing rooms and underground tunnels. We even had a chance to watch opera and ballet performance rehearsals.

The tour was a really unique experience for all of us as it revealed us the hidden side of theatre and we would recommend it to everyone!

Noora (MYP2)

Backstage Tour

Backstage Tour

Annual Project:

Water & Life

Water & Life Logo designed by Noora (MYP2) won at the Logo Contest and has been chosen by the students as an official logo of our annual project

Post-field trip assignment

MYP2 & MYP3 Chemistry classes

During the field trip to Lika the MYP students collected the samples of water on locations of the Plitvice Lakes, Gacka River and Novi Vinodolski (sea water). The Chemistry teacher collected the rain sample in Zagreb. The water samples were tested and compared during the Chemistry lessons in the school. The students performed the following tests on all the samples:

1. Visual testing – for transparency, colour and smell
2. pH testing – determining the pH of each sample using blue and red litmus paper and universal indicator paper
3. Testing with Aquarium water strip test – set of tests which determine the quality of aquarium water

MYP 3 student Marcus conducted the test using the digital tester to test the quality of drinking water.

The fact that the water samples were not tested immediately after being taken could have influenced the final results but that didn't stop our students from enjoying these lab lessons.

Lana Brkić

Water Chemistry Lab

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MYP3 Chemistry classes - November 11th, 2016

MYP2 Visit to the Goethe Institute

MYP2 German classes connected with the "Water & Life" project

On November 24th we visited the Goethe Institute accompanied by our German and homeroom teacher Ms. Jelena Penava.

Divided in three groups we participated in three workshops, all connected with **our annual project "Water & Life".** The first one was the Geography workshop where we had to research and write about river names and locations in Germany. The second one was the Language workshop where our task was to translate water-vocabulary-sentences from English to German using an English-German dictionary.

And last but not least was the third workshop which was my favourite. We performed a fun water experiment. Our assignment was to write some word on a paper and then connect it with another paper. The next step was putting it into water and leaving it to dry. The trick in this experiment was that the word was transferred onto the second paper!

This was a very fun and interesting experience. My classmates attending German classes and I are already looking forward to the next visit to the Goethe Institute.

Ljubo (MYP2)

Water Poetry

Inspired by the crystal clear lakes, peaceful rivers and thundering waterfalls we saw during our field trip to Lika, MYP3 students under the guidance of teacher Ratko wrote these beautiful poems.

MYP3 English classes

The Sleeping Beast

The ghastly figure lurks below,
as its shadow follows back in tow.
Consuming the lives as they fall,
proves to be a task not too small.

This water here we see,
turns to be a force more than we.
Carving canyons and caves alike,
seems to give quite the strike.

Water nearing the speed of light,
into its mouth by the night.
As the calm approaches soon,
gushing only under the moon.

By Jacob

The River

The galloping traveller curves into the night,
Running far away from the bright sleepless light.
But the untamed stars jump in to show off their dance,
Taking my breath away from the very first glance.

I follow them blindly without a single doubt,
Until the dawn arises and they all die out.
Abandoned again, my body starts to shiver,
The sun breaks out and says "it was just a river".

By Amber

The Break of Dawn over the Lake

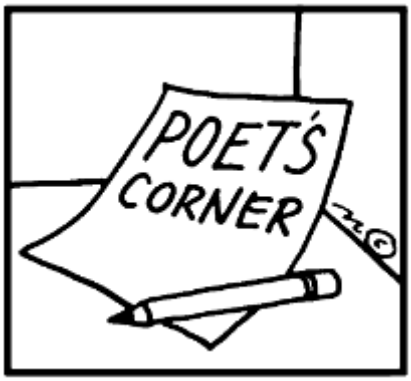
Through the rocks, where creeks turn and twist,
Lies a lake shrouded in mystery and cloaked in mist.
As the trees sway in the crisp autumn breeze,
The lake stays silent and waiting to freeze.

As dawn shimmers on the water's surface,
The birds begin to chirp without care or purpose.
But still the lake, as vast as an ocean,
Didn't seem to be bothered by this lingering commotion.

The view the lake gives is a treasure to be found,
It's no wonder the lake is still asleep and sound.

By Isabella

Water Poetry



Frozen Forest

Water thundering down on the rocks
Frozen lakes covered in snow, like an Arctic fox
The endless path, we call a river
As animals pass, giving them shivers

The cold winter days slowly pass,
The icy lake starts to crack like glass
Like a heart, the river begins its flow,
The waterfall fuelled with melted snow

By Marko M.

Water

One out of three whales that Earth stands on,
Cosy cradle of the world and life.
It can safe like a beautiful angel,
It can kill you like sharpened knife.

Just like people, it has different faces –
From wise monks to the wildest furies:
Beaming lake, dozing dreamless and calm,
Look in it – and forget all the worries!

Stubborn river – the wanderer of the plains
Running restless, dividing the lands.
Waterfall growls like thousands of trains –
That's a powerful beast you can't hold in your hands!

By Ekaterina

The Glimmering Flow

Its life starts
At a shimmering lake
As it lies
Not yet awake

Its sleep is finally
Overcome by urge
The cracking of rocks
A powerful surge

It slithers away
Carving a path
Full of love
And a forceful wrath

These two join
Join to guide
This stunning force
On its ride

Down the round,
Bulky green hill
It can give life
But it can kill

Then it falls
Full of grace
Flows through fields
Then empty space

It slips and falls
From its bed
Hitting rocks
And stones ahead

It comes down
The Sun lights it ablaze
It's ready to stun
Ready to amaze

It settles down
Surrounded by rocks
The land possesses
The keys to its locks

It stops carving valleys
Like a glistening knife
Is this death
Or a new life

By Lovro

Advent TRIP

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ADVENT TRIP TO VELDEN

November 26th, 2016

Advent Trip to the City of Angels

On November 26th we went on a one-day trip to Velden in Austria. At first this small town enchanted us with its magic atmosphere.

First we visited the Christmas Tree Exhibition and voted for the best decorated tree. After the exhibitions we went on the ride on a Ferris wheel near the lake. It is approximately 15-20 meters high and we got a panoramic view of the Lake Wörthersee and the whole Velden. Afterwards some girls rode a pony.

The time had come to visit the Angel Post Office where we wrote the list of our wishes, tied the letter to a balloon filled with helium and sent it to Santa! Before leaving to Zagreb we had some free time and enjoyed the Christmas market buying some gifts for our family.

After having enjoyed the idyllic atmosphere of the Velden Advent we headed home with impressions of seasonal merriment and festive cheer.

Andrija (MYP0)

ENCHANTING VELDEN ADVENT

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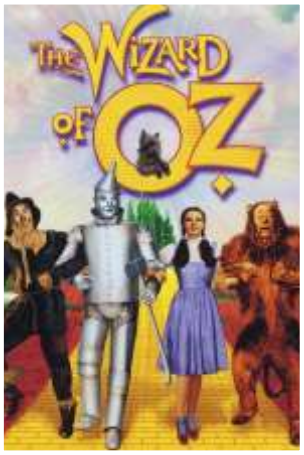
FERRİS WHEEL RİDE

Angel Post Office

Sending the Letter to Santa

The Wizard of Oz

Prequel in Velden



December
Newsletter

Christmas Traditions

at the school library

During the month of December the students were decorating the school library to bring the Christmas spirit into our library. Also, the students were researching about different Christmas traditions and costumes around the world. Do you want to find out how St. Lucia is celebrated in Sweden? What traditional Christmas cake is eaten in Great Britan? Where and how was the most popular Christmas song composed? The result of their research was an exhibition *Christmas Traditions Around The World* which you can see at the library. Visit our library and learn something new!

Ina Tomić

Secret Santa

During the month of December the MYP students had their new annual tradition of Secret Santa. Two weeks in advance each student got a person from the class to give a present to. It was very fun and festive way to end the year. It was interesting to reflect on the great things that had happened and to look forward into the days that are ahead of us. Have a merry Christmas and may 2017 be filled with luck, joy, prosperity and love!

Fiona (MYP2)

Service as Action

Marking the International Volunteer Day

Cooperation with volunteers - our former students December 5th, 2016

On December 5th we marked the International Volunteer Day. We invited our former MYP3 students – Karolina, Dina and Ridvan to present their volunteering activities within their Community Projects that they had been working on last year. Teacher Ratko also emphasised the value of volunteering by presenting his volunteer work with migrants and people affected by flood in Slavonia.

We were listening with a great care learning how volunteers create better communities and brighten lives and realising that our life's journey should always be enriched by helping other people.

Olaf (MYP2)

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

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

December 8th, 2016

On December 8th as a part of our Service as Action activities, we visited the Children's Home "Alojzije Stepinac" in Brezovica carrying the Christmas gifts collected by the students, parents and teachers of our school during the month of December. We were kindly welcomed and had a tour during which we were able to see their classrooms, gym, arts and craft rooms. First we visited the relaxing room which had calm music and beautiful design. The other one was the education room where students, that can't go to regular schools, get home-schooled. We split into few groups, one group made decoration in the Arts & Craft classroom, the second group baked cookies, and the third one played some sports activities in the Gym. The children we met there were very kind and with smiles on their faces.

We would like to thank all the students, their parents and teachers who participated in this community activity. We would also like to thank the Children's Home in Brezovica for having us - it was wonderful in so many ways.

Marko (MYP1)

Food drive

Cooperation with our local community

We would like to thank all the students and parents who sent food to our traditional humanitarian action. We collected lots of food to the delight of those who needed it the most. On December 16th we brought the food to our church, which will be distributed to those who need it the most and ensure a richer Christmas table for many families.

Heartfelt thanks,

Ina Tomić

Winter Bazaar

December 21st, 2016

Our traditional Winter Bazaar was held on December 21st. It featured a variety of homemade crafts and Christmas themed gifts that have been lovingly hand-made by the students within the School Cooperative sections. The MYP3 student, Ekaterina also presented her Community project that focused on the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter.

Christmas Show

MG

presents

Water Magic feat. Wizard of Oz

by

MYP students

and teacher Barbara

with the great help of teachers

Antonia, Ivana, Jelena, Vida,

Marko and Ratko

&

Choir performance

by MYP students

and teacher Antonia

December 14th, 2016

at 18:00

Cinema

hall

We are all looking forward to seeing you!

MG Team

Christmas Show Program

Christmas Show Program

December 14th, 2016 at 18:00, Cinema Hall

Our Christmas Show Program features performances by all the students and includes acting, singing and dancing.

Program Hosts:

Alexandra, Amber, Daniel, Jacob, Marko M. (MYP3)
Lovro ..... Christmas Greeting in English
Isabella ..... Christmas Greeting in Croatian
Kamil ..... Christmas Greeting in German
Anton ..... Christmas Greeting in French
Klara ..... Christmas Greeting in Italian
Jiamiao ..... Christmas Greeting in Chinese

Water Magic feat. Wizard Of Oz

Cast:

MYP0

(in order of appearance)

Antonio Nikola ... Tap Water I
Laura Ivana ..... Toto
Anton, Anzhelika, Kamil, Lucia, Marko, Wanda ..... Wind Power
Andrija, Clements, Jala, Marko, Nikola, Viktor ..... Munchkins
Anzhelika, Lucia, Mala, Mia, Nunar ..... Lullaby League
Antonio Nikola, Matej, Evan Lee ..... Lollipop Guild
Corn Field Re-Stage Scenography ..... Evan Lee, Jala, Nikola
Andrija, Nikola, Wanda ..... Flying Monkeys
All MYP0 Students ..... Scenography and Costume Designers
All MYP0 Students ..... Choir

MYP1

(in order of appearance)

Eni ..... Sun
Nika ..... Ocean Water Drop I
Luciyana ..... Ocean Water Drop 2
Vito ..... Water Vapor I
David Z. ..... Water Vapor 2
Roko ..... Cloud
Luka S. ..... Snowflake I
Luka T. ..... Snowflake 2
Lenna ..... Glacier Ice I
Zoe Nicole ..... Glacier Ice 2
Lenna ..... Stream Water I
Roko ..... Stream Water 2
Ante ..... River Water I
Marko ..... River Water 2
Tina ..... Reservoir Water I
Konstantin ..... Reservoir Water 2
Alexander ..... Tap Water I
David D. ..... Tap Water 2
Marko ..... Water In Drain Pipe
Ante ..... Sewage Freezing Plant
Lenna & Nika ..... Lullaby League
Corn Field Re-Stage Scenography ..... Konstantin, Luciyana
All MYP1 students ..... Scenography and Costume Designers
All MYP1 Students ..... Choir

MYP2

(in order of appearance)

Ana, Za Maria, Lucija ..... Narrators
Matej ..... Uncle Henry
Nadia Lene ..... Aunt Em
Lana ..... Dorothy
Sara Sophia ..... Good Witch of the North
Maia Tessa ..... Witch of the West
Yuriyan ..... Munchkin Woman
Lyubo Alexandar ..... Munchkin Man
Ario ..... Scarecrow
Jadran ..... Tin Man
Nora ..... Lion
Bui Di ..... Guard
Nina ..... Wizard of Oz
All MYP2 Students ..... Scenography and Costume Designers
All MYP2 Students ..... Choir

MYP3

(in order of appearance)

Alexandra, Amber Maria, Ana, Daniel, Jacob, Jiamiao, Klara, Lovro, Marko M. ..... Hosts
Ekaterina ..... Aunt Em
Ekaterina ..... Munchkin Woman / Corn Field Re-Stage Scenography
Daniel & Marco ..... Tree Beard
Ana and Marko T. & Angel and Reko & Ekaterina & Jacob ..... Waltz Dancers
All MYP3 students ..... Scenography and Costume Designers
Amber Maria ..... Stage Manager
All MYP3 Students ..... Choir

Teachers' Team

Barbara Csonak ..... Stage Director
Antonia Monica ..... Music Director
Ivana Dovernay Cunic ..... Scenography and Costume Director
Jelena Penava ..... Choreography Director
Vida Manestar ..... Assistant Stage Director
Marko Kerbar ..... Sound and Special Effects Supervisor
Radka Johan ..... Production Sound Mixer
Vida Manestar & Svjetlana Kaser ..... Backstage Managers
Lana Prkic & Tea Jakic ..... Costume Managers
Maja Amari & Indira Brajcic ..... Hosts Coordinator
Ina Tonic & Petra Vadrl ..... Assistant Choir Directors
Ina Tonic & Hrvoje Karvelic ..... Hosts
Linda Zelic ..... Media Manager

SONGS

Jingle Bell Rock
All MYP Students - Choir

Follow The Yellow Brick Road
MYP Students

We're Off To See The Wizard
Aria, Ena, Jadran, Nora

If I Only Had A Brain
Aria

If I Only Had A Heart
Jadran

If I Only Had The Nerve
Nora

Somewhere Over The Rainbow
Aria, Ena, Jadran, Nora

Looking forward to seeing you!

MG Students & Teachers

Scenography Designers

Costume Designers

Water Magic Team

BACKSTAGE THRİLL

Water Magic Show

Wizard Of Oz

Wizard Of Oz

Wizard Of Oz

The Wizard of Oz wisely said: "It's not where you go, it's who you meet along the way." These words greatly emphasise the extensive process of a dedicated and joint work of our students in scenography making, costume designing, acting, singing and dancing. The *Water Magic feat. Wizard of Oz* show performed on December 14th has been the result of a great dedication of all of us, the students, passionately led and directed by our teachers.

On the eve of the Winter Season festivities, along the way, we met quite a merry bunch, trying to find their way home, but also finding out something about themselves at this peaceful and reflective time of the year, something they had simply not been aware of.

And just one other thing; whether it's the yellow brick road, or just a body of water in any state, shape or form, they both symbolise life and its winding path, with its all ups and downs.

Water, voda, wasser, vann, vand, vatten, vatn, vesi, vody... so many "V" variations for such a simple formula of H_2O. If only this formula could solve all the life problems!

As Dorothy has said: "There's no place like home!", so at the end of the year, the whole Matija Gubec family wishes you all the best and may your homes be filled with, not only joy and happiness this holiday season, but also with tolerance, patience and understanding, in the year to come.

Olga Arneri

Newsletter

Ski Trip

SKI TRIP

22nd - 27th January 2017

From 22nd until 27th January a group of MYP students went for a six-day ski trip to Nassfeld in Austria. We all gathered in front of school on Sunday morning and our bus soon began to move towards our destination. When we arrived in front of the Sonnenalpe hotel, which was approximately 1800 m high in the mountains, everyone was anxious to get into the hotel, so as soon as the bus doors opened we grabbed our suitcases and quickly ran inside the hotel. The hotel was very nicely decorated with nice calming colours. The rooms were pretty big, spacious and comfortable with a nice, big and good looking bathroom.

The next day is usually the hardest since it's the first ski day and we had to put our boots on, find our skis and poles, but we got through that very easily. The ski instructors were fun and great. Their names were Lucas, Martin and Hans. The ski slopes were amazing with nice and good snow, with no ice and no crowd. But the weather was even more amazing, it was nice and sunny, the sun was shining brightly and the sky was blue with no sign of any clouds. Every time we would get to the top of the mountains it was a pleasure to look at that beautiful view. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were served at the hotel and all the meals were fantastic and very tasty.

During the next five days we enjoyed skiing. After skiing we would usually go to the pool or had some free time. After dinner we would gather in a big room where we had game night, movie night or disco night.

Then came Friday, the day of the race. The race was fun and no one could believe that it was the last day. The week passed so fast. The ski trip was great. During the whole time we were very fortunate with the weather, blue sky, good snow and great team atmosphere. I bet all of us can't wait for another skiing adventure.

Leona (MYP1)

Always look on the white side of life

SNOW SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Annual Project:

Water & Life

"Water & Life" Project Installations

Design classes: Turning Trash Into Treasure

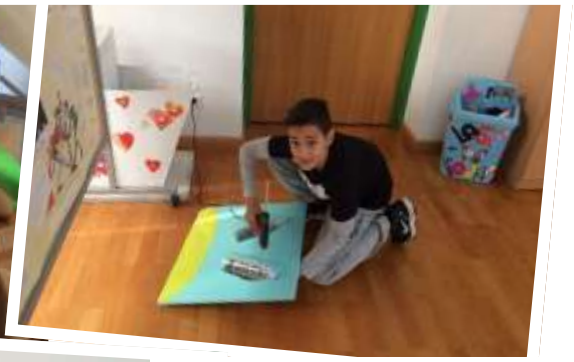
MYP1 Design Task

The unit *"Water & Life Project Installations Using 4R's Principle"* injected green design ideas into the promotion of our annual project and increased the students' sensitivity in applying environmentally friendly design issues.

The students' task was to design and make an installation to symbolise and promote our annual project "Water & Life" using 4 R's principle (Reduce, Repair, Reuse, Recycle). MYP1 students first discussed the meaning of recycling and how recycling can improve our standard of living while fostering respect for environment in which we live.

They collected ordinary items that might be considered trash (plastic bottles, plastic caps, bulbs, pieces of wood, cardboard boxes, old furniture items, tetra packs, cans, old CDs), reshaped them applying the proper techniques and resourcefully turned trash into treasure.

Teacher Linda



Water Test Lab

Drinking water quality analysis by the Croatian Institute Of Public Health

As an integral part of the annual project "Water & Life" the representatives of the Water Safety Department of Health Ecological Service at Croatian Institute of Public Health organised in our school a variety of demonstrations and lab tests on January 20th. The students first had an opportunity to listen an interesting lecture about water cycle, water resources, global water issues, water supplies, water contamination and safety. Afterwards they watched the cartoon "Don't bug me! Pathogens and Pathways in Drinking Water Supplies" about access and presence of various microorganisms in the drinking-water supplies. The major part of this valuable education were three activities that the students participated divided into three groups:

1) Building an aquifer: The students learnt how water was stored in an aquifer, the relationship between surface water and groundwater, how water could become contaminated, and how this contamination could end up in drinking water.

2) Water filtration: The students learnt about filtration, one of the widely used water treatment process before consumed by people. They built their own filter and compared treated and untreated water.

3) Water Quality Testing: In this activity the students evaluated the quality of tap water, dirty water and filtered water. They determined the physico-chemical parameters including pH, turbidity, ammonium and total hardness. After collecting data they combined the information and looked for patterns and relationships between data.

The students' reflections showed that these workshops were not just an entertaining complement to our annual project but also a very effective learning tool. We would like to thank to Ms. Magdalena, Mr. Filip B., Mr. Jurica and Mr. Filip T. for these interesting demonstrations and activities they prepared for us.

Water Test Lab

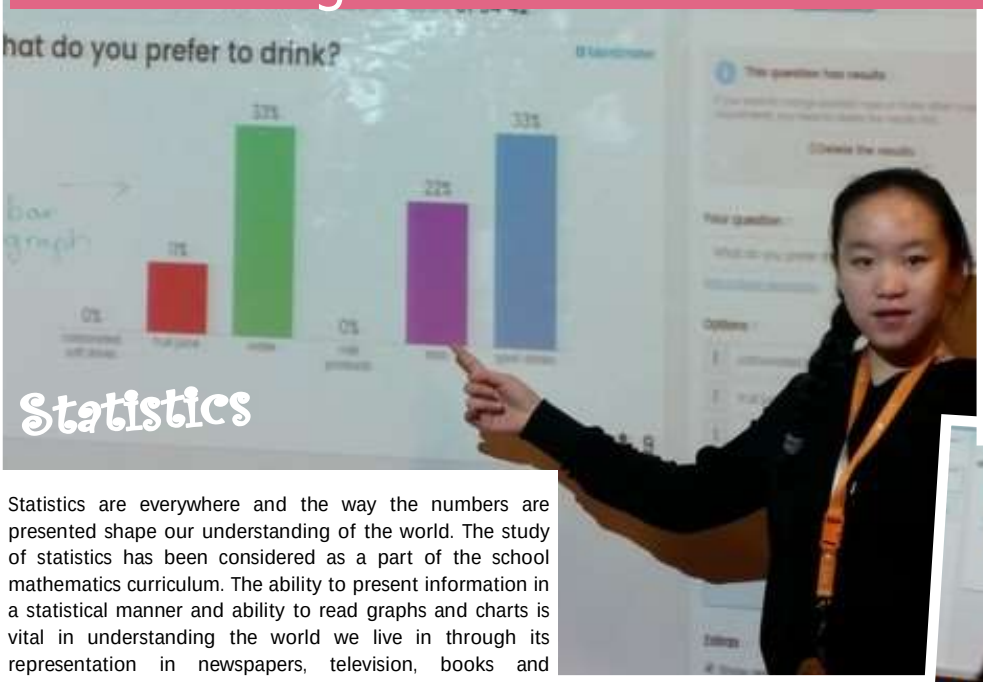
Water Test Lab

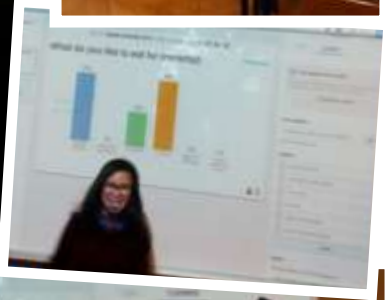
COOL CLASSES

CLIMBING WALL AT MG

Cool ways to learn Math

Percentages and statistics don't have to be dull!



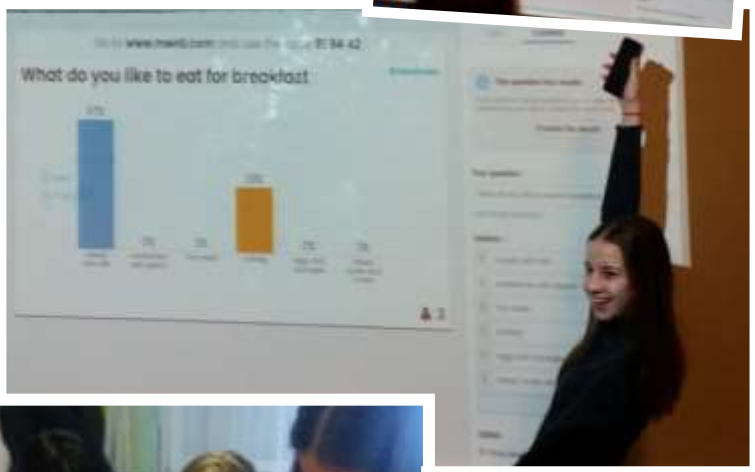


Statistics are everywhere and the way the numbers are presented shape our understanding of the world. The study of statistics has been considered as a part of the school mathematics curriculum. The ability to present information in a statistical manner and ability to read graphs and charts is vital in understanding the world we live in through its representation in newspapers, television, books and elsewhere. The basis of statistics is percentages.

In Math classes MYP2 students first participated in a funny workshop *Cocktail Ratios* where they learnt about real-life applications of ratios and proportions. Afterwards they had an interesting group activity *Trusting Tabloids* where they learnt how tabloids presented information using percentages in everyday communication.

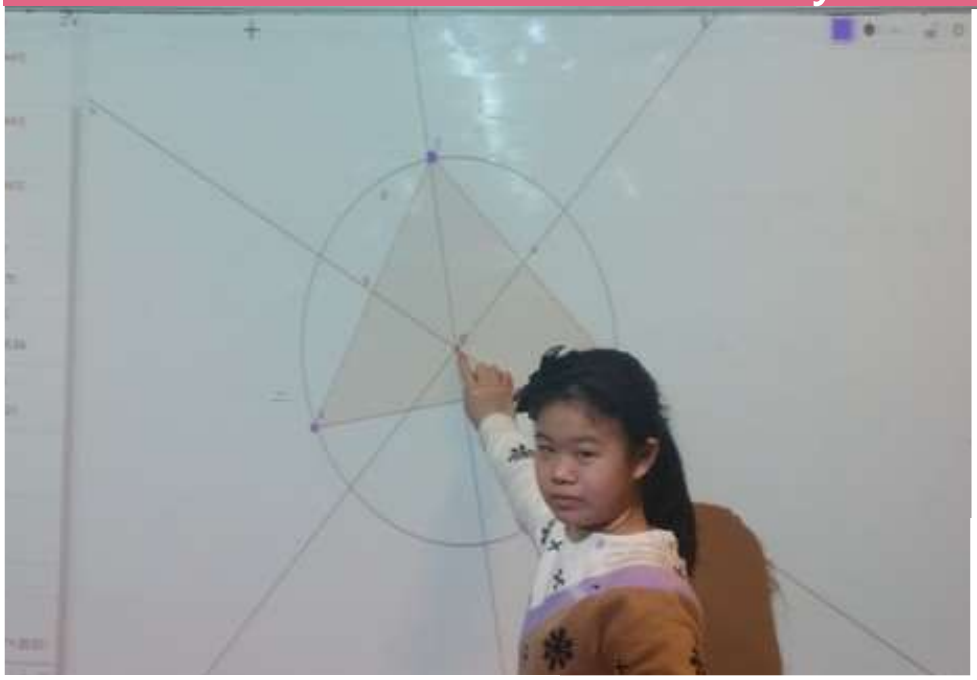
MYP2 students got the hang of percentages and then started gathering their own data to create statistics. They carried out a survey of their classmates and presented data by frequency graphs using the *Mentimeter* – the statistical software for collecting data and presenting results online. This made easy to track trends in groups.

Teacher Svjetlana



Cool ways to learn Math

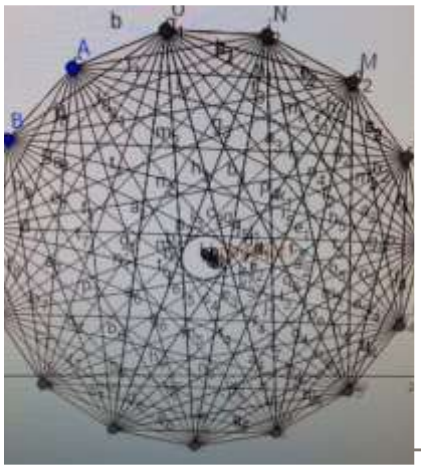
MYP1 Math Classes - Geometry with GeoGebra

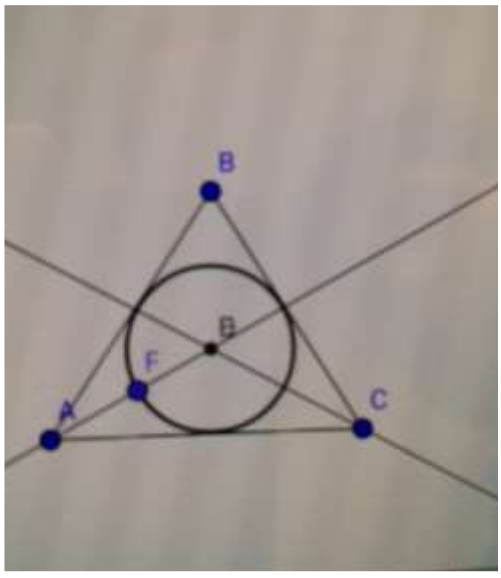


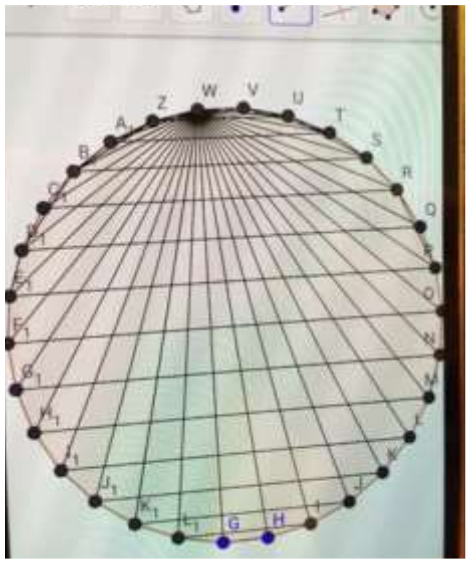
Through the statement of inquiry "Understanding form and shape enhances creativity" MYP1 students learn about triangles, their constructions, congruence and area. The best approach to enhance students' understanding of geometry concepts is computer-assisted learning method.

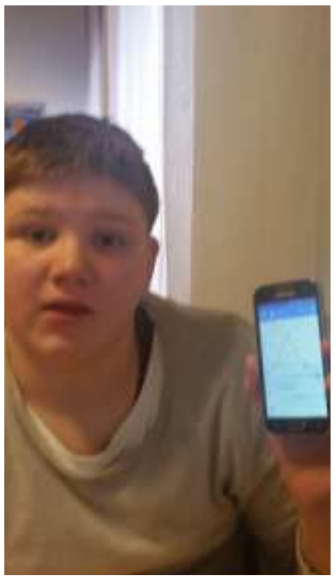
MYP1 students enjoyed solving problems in Geometry using their mobile phones and a dynamic mathematics software GeoGebra. The students' reflections have shown that this is a precious motivational tool and a great approach to learning Math.

Teacher Svjetlana



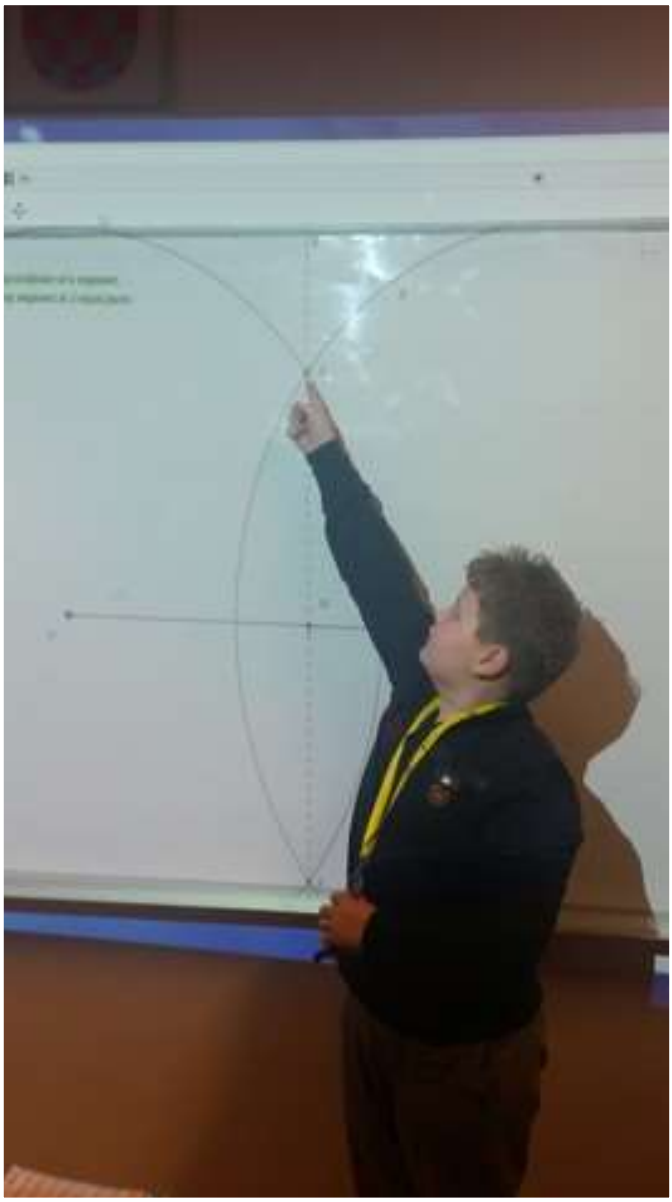






Cool ways to learn Math

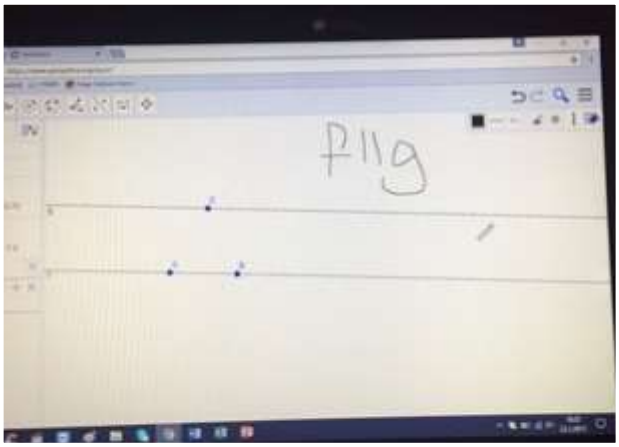
MYP0 Math Classes - Geometry with GeoGebra

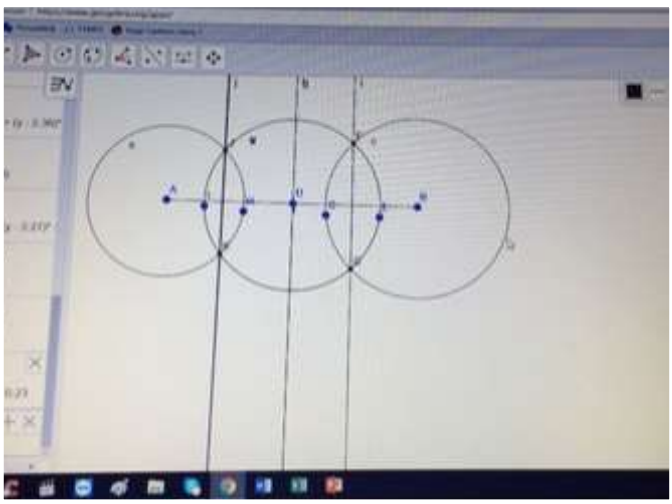


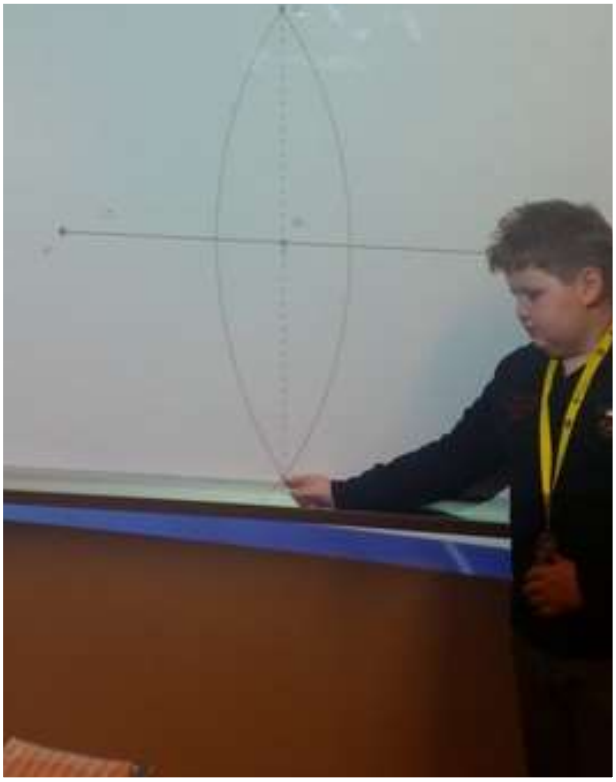
In the unit *Set of points in a plane* MYP0 students get better understanding of basic geometry, especially when using a computer-assisted learning method that enhances students' understanding of geometry concepts and helps students beat math anxiety.

Parallel and perpendicular lines, dividing segments using bisectors, circles and circumferences, symmetries, complementary and supplementary angels – all that gets much easier by using a dynamic mathematics software GeoGebra. Using mathematics software definitely accelerates students' learning and leads to a level of "math comfort".

Teacher Svjetlana







Chinese New Year

2017 =

Year of the Rooster

On Chinese New Year's Eve, January 27th, Hui Di, Yuxuan and Andi (MYP2) shared with their classmates how they prepared and celebrated the New Year. We have learnt that Chinese people decorate their homes and windows with paper cutouts. Paper cutouts are usually diamond-shaped in lucky red, with beautiful and exaggerated patterns. They express hopes of a merry and prosperous life. The New Year's Eve Feast is a "must do" dinner with all family members reuniting. Chinese try very hard to make this family event, often traveling long distances. Traditional dish for the feast are dumplings. After the reunion dinner parents usually give their children red envelopes wishing them health, growth, and good studies in the coming year. On the New Year's Day they love to set off firecrackers and fireworks. 2017 is the Year of the Roaster according to the Chinese zodiac. People born in a certain animal year are believed to have attributes of that animal. People born in the year of the rooster are honest, bright, communicative, independent, ambitious, quick-minded and warm-hearted.

Book Club

Library Service as Action activities

Book Treasure Hunt

On January 25th Ea and I organised a couple of library activities for PYP0 students within our Book Club. First we read two short stories to them and later we surprised them with the treasure map that we had created. PYP0 students were delighted! And the game started! They keenly participated in the *Book Treasure Hunt.*

Alphabet Choreography

To wrap it all up at the end of the class we made an *Alphabet Choreography.* The pre-schoolers learnt a lot through these activities and had lots of fun. Also Ea and I had a great time and look forward to our next Book Club Session!

Ema, MYP2

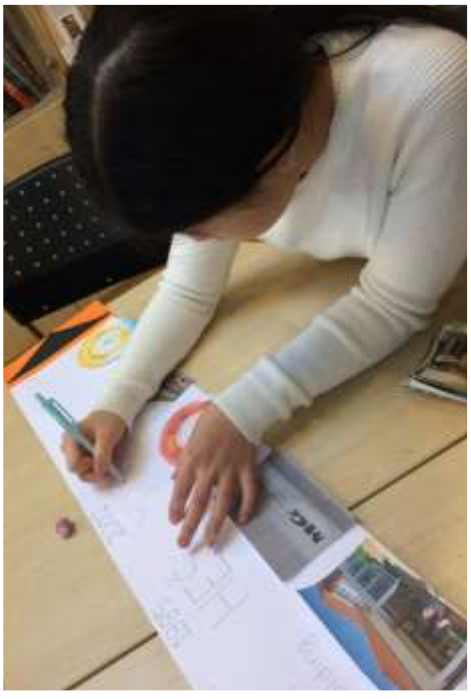
School Day Workshops in the library

SCHOOL TIMELINE

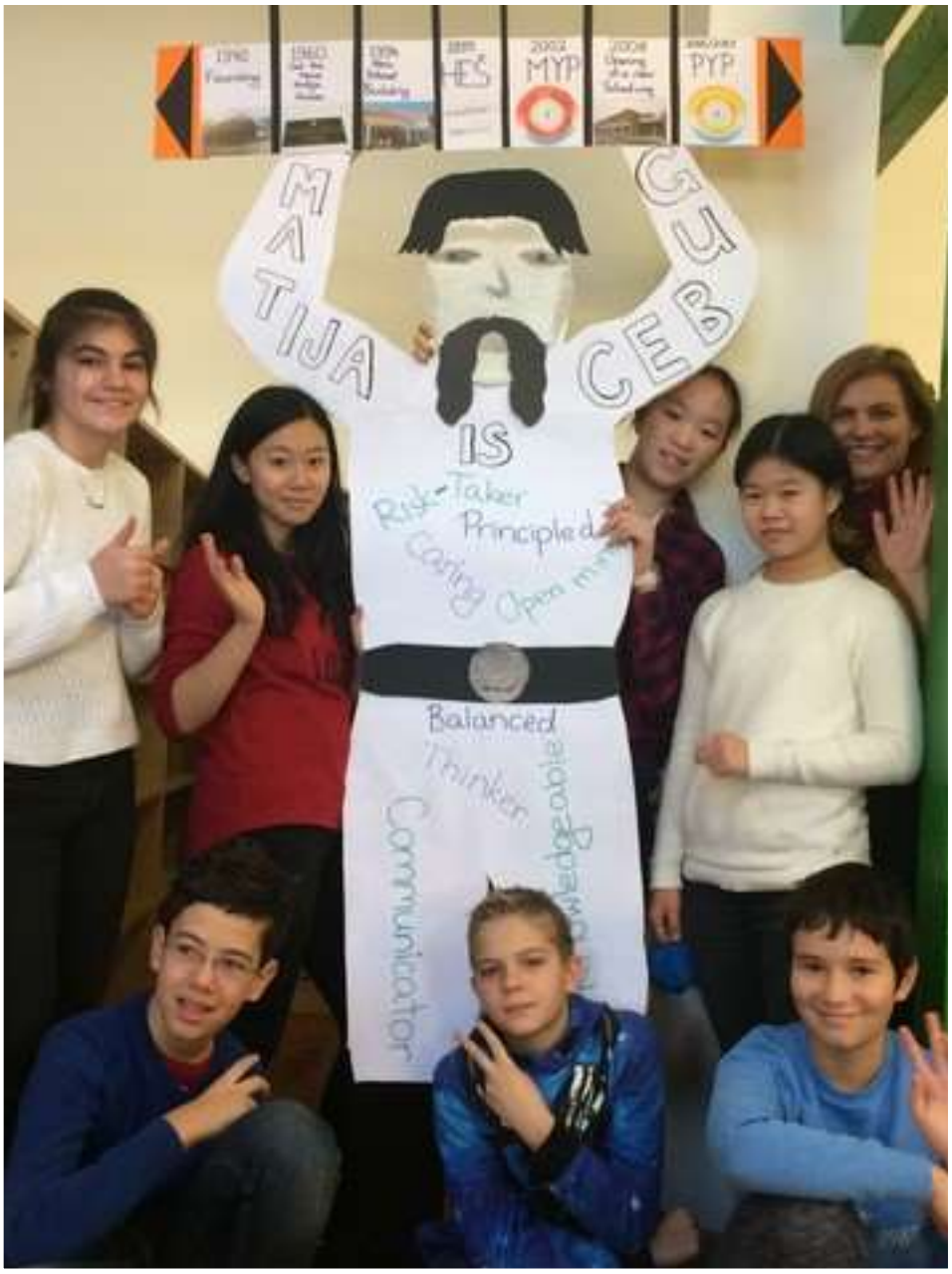
School Timeline

On January 27th we celebrated the School Day participating in the entertaining workshops organised in our library. First we researched a little bit about the history of our school and arranged the *School Timeline* in seven important periods. We have learnt that:

- ♣ our school was founded in 1940
- ♣ 20 years later in 1960 our school got the name Matija Gubec
- ♣ in 1994 our School was renovated
- ♣ in 1995 the Croatian School in the English language started
- ♣ in 2002 the IB MYP programme started to be implemented in our school
- ♣ in 2009 we got the new school wing
- ♣ in 2016 the IB PYP programme started to be implemented.



Matija Gubec
FROM THE IB ANGLE



Later on we recalled everything that we knew about Matija Gubec. From History we know that he was the leader of the Croatian-Slovenian peasant revolt. He was an awesome guy and the people elected him as a leader due to his personal qualities.

While talking about him we realised that he was characterised by many IB learner profile attributes. He was definitely a risk taker and definitely a principled person because he was willing to fight and die for what he believed in. He cared for his people and really tried to make a positive difference in the world by putting an end to suffering. To be such an inspiring leader he must have been a knowledgeable and balanced thinker. He led the peasant army and before the battles he made great speeches trying to convince the men that only victory could bring them freedom, while the defeat would bring more misery. So he was definitely a good communicator and an open-minded person because he could see the glimpses of the future.

These activities organised on the occasion of the School Day were very enjoyable and enlightening. We learnt some important facts about our school and "scanned" Matija Gubec from the IB angle. Besides we realised that the IB learner profile attributes are actually personal qualities of good and successful people and we should appreciate them even more.

MYP Students & Teacher Ina

Newsletter

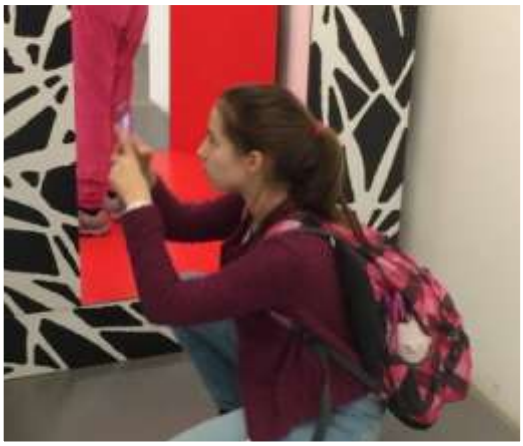
Museum of Contemporary Art

February 2nd, 2017

PHOTO SESSION

On February 2nd a group of MYP students visited the Museum of Contemporary Art. Their task was to take photos according to the Digital Photography Contest propositions as an integral part of the Visual Art and Design Contest LIK 2017.

The students tried hard to capture details and to get a good composition with a strong use of light, colour and form. Close-up images that capture small and delicate details and emphasise rhythm of colours, shadows and shapes were quite a challenging task but the students enjoyed the feeling of completing their assigned work. Now they are looking forward to hear teacher's Ivana feedback and then to see the results of the contest.



Uzbuna na Zelenom vrhu

Cinema Visit

February 9th, 2017

On February 9th MYP0 and MYP1 students went to the CineStar Novi Zagreb to watch the Croatian children's movie "Uzbuna na Zelenom vrhu" (Alert on Green Peak). The novel "Uzbuna na Zelenom vrhu" is the compulsory literary work for MYP0 Croatian Language and Literature class but the movie was a great opportunity for the Croatian Language Acquisition students to learn Croatian. We bought popcorn and were set for the exciting movie morning.

The movie was about Koko and his friends who spent their summer holidays hanging out and playing. But a series of unpleasant events upset the children: thieves who were robbing the houses in their village. The children decided to take matters into their own hands and they managed to expose the thieves.

The movie was really interesting and funny because it resembled to a detective story and we like solving mysteries. Besides it sent us a strong message about friendship and team work.

Alexander & Konstantin (MYP1)

CLIMBING WALL OPENING CEREMONY

February 9th

The Climbing Wall Opening Ceremony took place on February 9th. We were visited by Heroes League - Superman, Batman, Spiderman and Matija Gubec.

Happy Valentine's Day

Getting Together in the Library

February 14th, 2017

On February 14th we were celebrating the Valentine's Day at the library. We invited PYP2 and PYP3 students for our small celebration.

First Ana (MYP2) had a small lecture about Saint Valentin and the origins of the Valentine's Day along with the traditions of celebrating. After this interesting lecture, Ana, Ema, Ea and Lucija had a small performance called *Love Through the Ages*, where they showed how love had been expressed through the centuries. At the end of our event, the girls organized a *Book Treasure Hunt*. The students were eagerly searching for a treasure and were very happy when they found a treat for each and every one of them. Happy Valentine's Day!

Teacher Ina

Happy Valentine's Day

World Read Aloud Day at MG

February 16th, 2017

The world organization LitWorld was established in 2007, after Pam Allyn, a pedagogue well known for spreading literacy, visited Kibera, an extremely poor part of Nairobi, Kenya. There she met children who wanted to learn how to read and write, and tell their stories; however, their wishes were met with plenty of challenging obstacles. Upon her return to New York, Ms. Allyn established, with a group of like-minded people, a new movement advocating the right to literacy.

They also started to mark the World Read Aloud Day on February 16th. What started as a simple call to action, it grew into a programme that gathers 18 million people online, and over a million people in 100 countries through public events.

Our school also joined this praiseworthy event. We marked this day in the Croatian language classes and at the library. MYP0 and MYP3 students took part and received several tasks.

They had to choose a favourite book, bring it to school, read the best part aloud, and then explain why they chose that particular book. A day earlier, the MYP0 students had to draw a picture showing them reading aloud to someone they liked very much. At the end of the workshop/class, they all came to a conclusion that reading aloud is a very important activity, which helps us to become better and more successful readers.

1. What is your favourite read aloud memory?

** My mom read a story about a human and snake.*

** My favourite read aloud is Cinderella.*

**My favourite book that was read aloud to me was Anna on a Green Hill and Sleeping Beauty.*

**My favourite read- aloud memories are when the librarian would read to us in 2nd and 3rd grade.*

2. What do you like most about read aloud?

** My favourite part about read aloud is that a lot of people can get together and listen and also that you can close your eyes and immerse yourself in the story.*

**I like it because you can imagine everything while someone else is reading.*

** I like to hear a sound...*

** I like group reading.*

LIBRARY

FAshionShow!

February 16th, 2017

Students' proposals for "school uniforms"

MG

LANGUAGE FESTİVAL

on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day
February 22nd, 2017

MG MOTHER TONGUES

On February 22nd we celebrated the International Mother Language Day with a series of mother language courses led by our students and their parents. International Mother Language Day provides a chance to celebrate diversity, increase understanding and engage in dialogue.

The mother language or "mother tongue" is the language in which first words are spoken and thoughts expressed by an individual. Cognitively, the mother language is a crucial tool every child uses to understand the world. Culturally, the mother language is a fundamental expression of history and identity.

We have explored the diverse languages our students speak in our classrooms and found out that 19 languages are spoken at MG: Chinese, Croatian, Czech, English, Estonian, Greek, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Macedonian, Persian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovakian, Slovenian, Spanish and Turkish.

Estonia at MG

Parents Teaching About Their Countries

Lecture on Estonia

The Mother Language Day Celebration started with the presentation about Estonia held by Ms. Killu Olju. Through the wonderful presentation we got an insight into Estonia and its geographical features, culture, traditions, national costumes, gastronomy and sport. We have learnt that 50% of Estonia was forest making it one of Europe's greenest countries, but also with a great number of islands, lakes and rivers. Estonia is pretty flat and the highest peak is around 300 m above sea level. Estonians originally invented Skype and a sport called Kiiking that we had a chance to see in a video clip. We have also learnt basics of the Estonian language. Estonian is the fifth hardest language to learn because it operates with 14 noun cases. We learnt Estonian alphabet, some words and expressions and even tried to pronounce some.

Thank You Note

This interesting lecture greatly expanded our horizons. We realised that none of us had ever been to Estonia but we would definitely like to go there and visit all the wonderful places that we saw in the presentations. We are very thankful to Ms. Killu Olju for this educational and enjoyable lesson.

Indonesia at MG

Parents Teaching About Their Countries

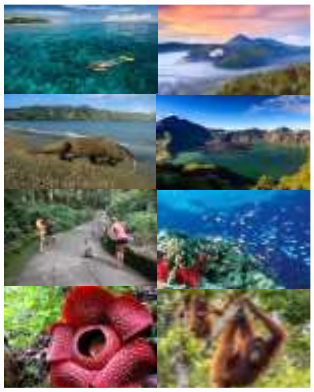
Lecture on Indonesia

Mr. Widjoseno Sastroamidjojo took us on an exciting journey through Indonesia and presented Indonesian history, geographical features, architecture, historical sites, culture, local customs, food, sport and many other interesting aspects. We have found out that Indonesia is the world's largest island country with more than 13 000 islands and one of the world's top biodiversity rich countries. Indonesia is extremely culturally diverse - there are over 300 ethnic groups, each with their own customs, traditions and dialects. Two sports that are the most popular among Indonesians are badminton and soccer. Although Bahasa Indonesia is the national language of Indonesia, there are 742 ethnic languages

Thank You Note

This interesting lecture showed us how beautiful and fascinating country Indonesia is and we are very thankful to Mr. Widjoseno Sastroamidjojo for this educational and enjoyable lesson.

Indonesia: a Mega Diversity



Language

Alphabet:

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj	Kk	Ll	Mm
a	be	ce	de	e	ef	ge	ha	i	je	ka	el	em
Nn	Oo	Pp	Qq	Rr	Ss	Tt	Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz
en	o	pe	ki	er	es	te	u	fe	we	eks	ye	zet

Numbers:

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1	Satu	7	Tujuh	1000	Seribu
2	Dua	8	Delapan		
3	Tiga	9	Sembilan		
4	Empat	10	Sepuluh		
5	Lima				

MOTHER LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Students to Students

The celebration was continued by the *Mother Language Courses* where MYP students – Yuxuan, Hui Di, Aris, Matej, Sara, Jacob, Olaf, Kamil, Konstantin, Ekaterina and Alexander were teaching us the basics of Chinese, Greek, Macedonian, Persian, Polish, Russian and Slovakian.

The students diligently prepared the language learning materials and stepped into the teacher's shoes. They all were immensely helpful and patient while generously sharing their knowledge. We are all thankful to our students who put so much effort and enthusiasm in teaching us the basics of their mother language.

MOTHER LANGUAGE TEACHERS

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LIK 2017

March 1st, 2017

Visual Art & Design Exhibition
Opening ceremony

Our school had the pleasure of hosting the Visual Art and Design Exhibition - Contest of the primary and secondary school students of the City of Zagreb. This year's theme was "Sound Image" and the students' task was to take photos according to the Digital Photography Contest propositions. Under the guidance of the Visual Art teacher Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić, the students participated with a great enthusiasm and tried hard to capture details and emphasise rhythm of colours, shadows and shapes to get a good photo composition.

Opening ceremony was held on March 1st. Our principal Ms. Ljiljana Klinger opened the LIK 2017 with a warm welcome speech to all the guests. Our former student Davor Rostuhar, a writer and a photographer also greeted the audience and commended the students' work. MG klapa choir "Manda" enriched the opening ceremony with an inspired performance.

LIK 2017

Rewarded Students

We would like to congratulate to **Wanda (MYP0), Ana (MYP2), Lucija (MYP2), Matej (MYP2), Noora (MYP2), Sara (MYP2), Yuxuan (MYP2), Isabella (MYP3) and Marko M. (MYP3)** and their mentor teacher **Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić** on their excellent achievement and praise them for their amazing photographs. Special congratulations to **Wanda (MYP0), Ana (MYP2), Sara (MYP2) and Isabella (MYP3)** whose photographs have been selected for the State Contest.

March 9th, 2017

Field Trip to Krapina

On March 9th we went on a field trip to Krapina with the students of Danila Kumar International School from Ljubljana.

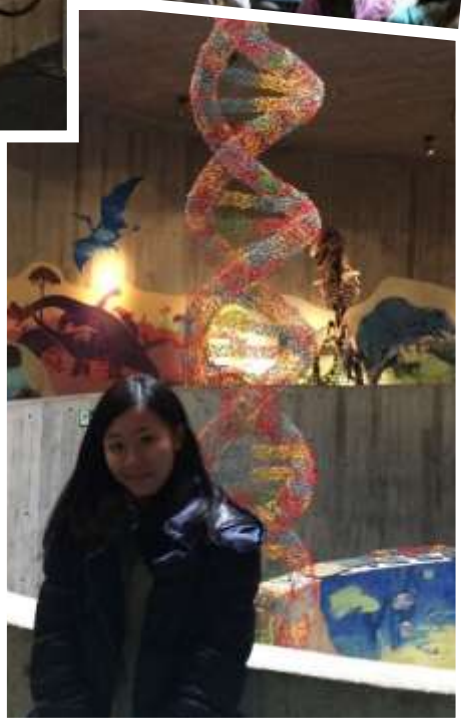
The history of humanity in Krapina stretches into deep prehistory, for which fossilized Neanderthal remains on the Hušnjakovo hill dating back 130000 years witness. At the Krapina Neanderthal Museum we were propelled back in time and watched history came to life with interactive displays, informative guides and live demonstrations. The sculptures of Neanderthal families look so realistic that we had a sense that they were about to move at any moment. We also learnt about the history of the Universe, Earth and Man.

After that we took a walk through the town of Krapina while listening to the old legend of Čeh, Leh and Meh, three brothers who lived at the time of Roman rule on the three hills above Krapina. We finished our tour at the Krapina City Gallery where we admired the international mask exhibition by Croatian and Slovenian artists.

We enjoyed this trip with our guests from Ljubljana and look forward to our next getting-together trip.

David Z. (MYP1)

So close to deep prehistory...



Hušnjakovo Hill

Hušnjakovo Hill

Tour of Krapina

Legend of Čeh, Leh and Meh

Francophonie celebrations

FÊTE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE EN CROATIE
PRAZNIK FRANKOFONIJE U HRVATSKOJ
MARS 2017 / OŽUJAK 2017.

MG

Soireé de la Francophonie

frAnCOpHonie Night

French Night at MG

March 17th, 2017

As an international school, we are always proud to celebrate our diverse cultures, traditions, and languages. Among our many different cultural events, the ***Soirée de la francophonie*** is the important milestone in celebrating cultural diversity. For the first time in our school, we decided to celebrate the International Day of Francophonie on Friday 17th of March.

The French students and French teacher Tea organized a special and eventful Francophonie day for the students, guests from the other schools and parents. The evening began with opening remarks from the Head of School Ms. Ljiljana Klinger and Counselor of France in Croatia Vincent Dalmais. Speeches were followed by short drama plays, dance, songs and others presented by kindergarten, primary schools and high schools of the city of Zagreb in which French language is taught.

We cannot not to mention a great performance of our PYP1 students who sang *Youpi c'est parti!* and a stunning performance of MYP2 students learning French who presented our school in the best possible way by performing a completely new version of Jules Vernes *Travel around the world in 80 days.* The student composed a true IB project; they wrote the script, organized the scene and made a great effort to make it all succeed. We are proud to say that this evening was a true *homage to French culture and language.*

Tea Jahić

Travel around the world in 80 days

A variety of French activities

MYP1 Cheese tasting on French

Knowing how to cut the cheese in a French way and how to master this art, is not an easy thing to learn. Is there any better introduction to French month than learning about this tasty part of beautiful French culture and art de vivre? MYP1 students who learn French had a lot of fun learning more about more than 365 types of cheese. We tasted three most popular ones – le Roquefort, le Camembert and le Brie. Each student has his own favourite, of course! Besides cheese tasting, students have learned how to cut and serve the cheese in an appropriate way. We had great time learning this savoir-vivre!

MYP3 visit to the Tuškanac Cinema

MYP3 students attending French as an optional subject, visited the **Tuškanac Cinema** for a projection of the Swiss movie in the French language called My Life as Zucchini as guests of the Swiss Embassy. It is a 2016 Swiss and French stop motion animated comedy-drama film directed by Claude Barras. It was screened in the Directors' Fortnight section at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival. The film was nominated for the Best Animated Feature Film at the 89th Academy Awards.

I ♥ Delf

FRENCH DELF A2 exam in our school

Traditionally during the month of February and March, MYP3 students attending French as an optional subject take part in an international exam called DELF. This year, two of our students took part and we are sure that each one of them will receive the only qualifications recognized by the *French Ministry of Education* and that French language will help them achieve professional and personal goals later in the future.

Tea Jahić

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Library activities

Days of the Croatian Language

Visit to the Institute of Croatian Language and Linguistics

March 13th, 2017

On the occasion of the *Days of the Croatian Language* on March 13th MYP0 and MYP1 students had the pleasure to visit the *Institute of Croatian Language and Linguistics* in Zagreb. We were kindly welcomed and had a very interesting lecture about history of the Croatian language. The lecture was interactive and Ms. Ivana and Ms. Goranka prepared a series of quiz questions that the students joyfully greeted.

The students were also explained the main purpose of the Institute and what each department does.

Hereby we would like to thank to Ms. Ivana and Ms. Goranka for the educational and fun time in the Institute.

Ina Tomić

World Storytelling Day

Stories Of My Country

It's story TIME

World Storytelling Day is a day which is celebrated globally every year on March 20th for the art of storytelling. On this day, people spend time telling stories from their countries to other people.

For several years we have the same tradition in our school. On March 20th MYP0 and MYP1 students spent their fourth lesson telling stories from their cultures to PYP1 and PYP2 students. The most beautiful childhood stories were presented by our storytellers – MYP0 students: Andrija, Anzhelika, Clemente, **Jaša, Kamil, Laura,** Maciej, Yao and MYP1 students - Alexander, Konstantin and Zoe,

It was very fun for all the participants – for MYP students who were telling the stories and PYP students who were listening the stories. We all really enjoyed it and it was a fun little event organised in the library.

Zoe (MYP1)

World Storytelling Day

It's story TIME

Annual Project:

Water & Life

Thank You For Water

As an introduction to poetry, MYP0 students have read and analysed a poem by Benjamin Zephaniah: "Thank You for Word". In order to remind ourselves that many truly important words, and "grateful" being one of them, are slowly losing their true meaning, the students have found the inspiration in our annual project "Water & Life" and have written their own *Thank You For Water* poem. In the beginning some of the students experienced a writer's block, but pair work and great guidance of teacher Olga has helped them overcome this uneasy feeling and now they are all proud of their work.

English classes

Thank You For Water

Thanks for the water I see
Thank you for the water in the sea
Thanks for the water for my flower
And the water in my shower.

Thanks for the water that keeps me clean
Thank you for the water in the stream
Thanks for water that I drink
Thanks for water in my sink.

Thanks for the water in my pool
And the water that keeps me cool
Thank you for the water that keeps me alive
And the water that makes me survive.

Thanks for the water in my glass
Thanks for water that makes me pass
Thank you for the oceans so great
Thanks for the tears that I appreciate.

Thank you for ice that makes me heal
And the rain that I feel.

by Antea & Maša

Thank You For Water

Thank you for the water from the lakes
And the water that Earth makes.
Thanks for the water from the sea
In which we can also see.

Thanks for the water in which we shower,
And the one that gives us power.
I thank you for the water from the ice
I can always take a watermelon slice.

Thanks for the water that is clean
Which happens when we dream
We drink water from the pipes
When we spill it, we say: "Yikes!".

by Antonio & Maciej

Thank You For Water

Thank you for the water I drink,
Thank you for the water that makes me sink
Thanks for the water that makes good dreams,
Thanks for the water that goes into streams
Thank you for the water in my tears,
And the water that gets rid of my fears.
Thank you for the water that turns into ice,
And the water that feels nice.

Thanks for the water in my shower,
Thank you for the water that gives me power.
Thank you for the giant oceans,
Thanx for water that splits into portions.
Thank you for the water in my pipe,
And the water that keeps me hype.
Thanx for the water in my brunch,
Thank you very, very much.

by Mia & Wanda

Thank You For Water

Thanx for the water that makes us blink
Thanks for the water that we drink.
Thank you for the water that people make
Thanks for the water people drink from the lake.

Thanx for the water where we shower
Thanks for the water that gives us power
Thank you for the water that is in our tear
Thanks for the water that some of them fear.

Thanx for the water that gives us oxygen
Thanks for the water that has hydrogen
Thank you for the water that is in the rain
Well water is of course the main.

by Clemente & Kamil

Thank You For Water

Thank You For Water

Thank you for the pretty water fountains
And the gallons of water on the mountains.
Thanks for the water in my sink
And the one that helps me think.

Thanks for the water that heals
And the one that I drink during meals.
Thanx for the waterfalls that are loud
And the biggest, rainy cloud.
Thank you for the water on the horse ranch
And the water in the tree branch
Thanx for the water bed
And the water that makes sports rad.

I thank you for the water I drink
It always makes a link.
Thanx for the biggest waves
And the wet caves.
Thnx for the water I like to splash and touch
I appreciate it very much!!!

by Andrija

Thank You For Water

Thank you for water when I bought her
Thanks for the oceans and seas
Thanks for water that gives me a breeze.
Thanx for water falls that build frozen walls
Thank you for lakes where you love to eat grapes.

Thanks for the rivers
When I see them, it gives me shivers.
Thanks for the ponds where there is fish
That you can serve on a dish.
Thanks for the water: cold, warm and icy
Thanks for water that is always spicy.

by Evan & Marko

Thank You For Water

I thank you for the water that is near,
It always solves my fear.
Thank you for the water that burns out the fire
And the water that I desire.
Thanks for the water in which I can take a shower
And after, with all the power, I am able to build the tower.

Thank you for the water that makes ice,
That I can take a slice.
Thank you for the ocean
That is full of emotion.

Thank you for the water that makes water fall,
When I am next to it, I always play ball.
Thanks for the water that goes through the pipe
It was always my type.
Thank you for the water I touch
Thank you very, very much!

by Anzhelika & Laura

World Water Day Celebration

March 21st, 2017

There is a saying: "We never know the worth of water until the well is dry". But we know better! A lot of poems dedicated to water has been written during our English classes; music has been made with a water xylophone; many experiments with water have been performed and many scientific laws have been proven; water cycle has been grasped not only through Science, but Drama as well; a lot of creative visual art work has been created and exhibited.

On March 21st we celebrated the World Water Day at our school as a culminating celebration of our annual project. The students presented their creative work done within our Water & Life Annual Project to the students of the national programme.

The World Water Day Celebration presented water through Languages, Sciences, Drama, Music, Visual Art and Dancing:

Water Awareness and Action Video Clip

Campaign to raise awareness about the importance of conserving water

Water Poetry Session – Thank You For Water

Water in poems written by our students

Water Xylophone Playing

Making music with water glasses

Cool Water Science Tricks

Performing experiments with water and demonstrating cool scientific laws

Water Cycle Adventure

Drama performance about water in its never-ending cycle

Cheerleaders

Water Visual Art Exhibition

Where Water Becomes Art – Exhibition of the students' visual art work in the main hall

Water Poetry

Water Science

Water Science

Cool Water Science Tricks

Water Cycle Drama

Where Water Becomes Art

Cheerleaders Performance

Kangaroo Mathematical Contest

International Math Competition - March 23rd, 2017

On March 23rd MYP students along with the students of the national programme participated at the world-wide event "International Kangaroo Mathematics Contest" organised in our school. The contest's main purpose is to promote mathematical thinking and foster student engagement in mathematics through problem solving. As the key competence tested by the Kangaroo is logical combination, and not just pure knowledge of formulas, the contest has been proven to be the most effective event to promote and popularize mathematics at all levels in schools. Our students used efficient strategies and shortcuts to solve competitive math problems as well as test-taking tactics. After the competition the students gladly discussed with each other the solutions and their ways of solving problems.

Test solutions will be posted on April 20th at the Croatian Mathematical Society website and the ranking list on May 2nd.

Service as Action

Creek Clean-Up Action

Service as Action

March 24th, 2017

TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP

On the occasion of the *World Water Day* and within our annual project "Water & Life", MYP students participated in the Creek Clean-Up Action on March 24th in cooperation with the Public Institution "Nature Park Medvednica". We were cleaning the Vukov Dol Creek and collecting a lot of trash until the creek looked clean. We found tires, cans, bottles, old clothes, boots... We picked some interesting trash items and later we made the art installations that we are going to exhibit in our school.

After the creek clean-up action we had a snack – we roasted marshmallows and sausages above the campfire. It was a lot of fun! After the snack we were hiking and exploring Medvednica. We visited a beautiful permaculture estate Sovinjak where we learnt about composting and enjoyed our free time playing basketball, zip-line and other entertaining games.

The photo gallery will show the best how educational and fun this action was. We look forward to our next clean-up activity!

Ana, Ea, Ema & Hui Di (MYP2)

TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP

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TEAMWORK!

Making Art Installations

Best Out Of Waste!

Sovinjak Estate

Exploring Medvednica

Sovinjak Estate

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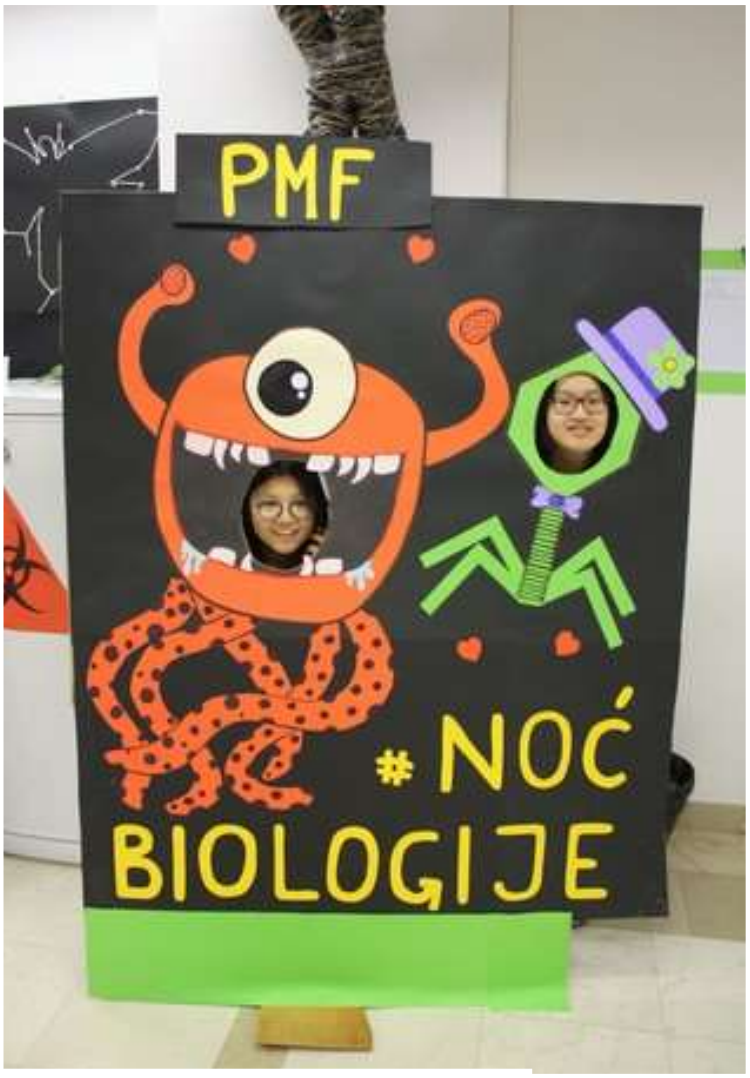
Open Science Day

at the Faculty of Science

April 7th, 2017

Open Science Day

at the Faculty of Science



On April 7th we visited the Open Day at the Faculty of Science. We had a chance to observe scientific experiments, visit the Chemistry, Physics and Biology laboratories and participate in many interesting demonstrations. All that has proven to us how science could be fun and exciting. Everyone enjoyed the lectures, but the fun experiments were the stars of the show. In the Physics department we talked about superconductivity and levitation, touched liquid nitrogen, listened to the laser harp and enjoyed the Rubens tube. Biology workshops were the favourite ones to many students, especially to MYP2 students. During our tour of the Biology department we observed many diffusion and osmosis experiments and got to know how a day of a scientist looked like. All in all we had a lot of fun and learnt a lot. We can't wait for the next year and the new adventurous experiments waiting for us!

Ana & Ea (MYP2)

Open Science Day

Open Science Day

Visual Art classes

Dream Catchers

During the Visual Art classes within the unit *Various forms of fine arts*, MYP2 students were guided by the statement of inquiry *Various form of fine art originate from personal ideas, feelings, expressions and cultural values*. The learning activities included the concepts of aesthetics and composition through the Personal and cultural expression global context.

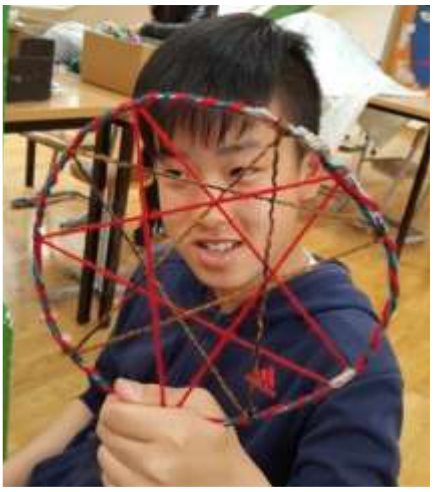
Through the activities of observing, understanding and applying knowledge of different art techniques and materials in drawing, painting, modelling and building, MYP2 students learnt about traditions of Native Americans and experienced a wide range of artistic expression opportunities while learning about cultural and traditional values, beliefs, legends and customs. As a result of this unit the students created their own artwork – dream catchers. Dream catchers are one of the most fascinating traditions of Native Americans. The traditional dream catcher was intended to protect the sleeping individual from negative dreams, while letting positive dreams through. The positive dreams would slip through the hole in the centre of the dream catcher, and glide down the feathers to the sleeping person below. The negative dreams would get caught up in the web, and expire when the first rays of the sun struck them.

The students enjoyed this unit and are proud of their great artwork which is exhibited in the school hall evidencing how art can pass on culture and stories. May all your good dreams come true!

Ivana Devernay Cimić

Visual Art classes

Dream Catchers



May all your good dreams come true!

Field classes

Old Zagreb Hats Crafts

April 11th, 2017

On April 11th MYP0 students attending the Recyclart Extracurricular Activity (School Cooperative Section) visited the Old Zagreb Hats Craft & Shops "Bahun" and "Kobali". As a part of preparation for the upcoming School Co-Op Contest the students got acquainted with the techniques of making hats which they found very sophisticating.

Old Zagreb Hats Crafts

Service as Action

Earth Day Neighbourhood Clean Up

Service as Action

April 24th, 2017

On the occasion of the Earth Day our Service as Action leader Ms. Ina and the pedagogist Ms. Ana organised the clean-up action for all MYP students. This action had a goal to keep public places in our neighbourhood clean and safe for everyone. We were cleaning parks, parking lots, streets and school playground.

People litter for three main reasons. First, they feel no sense of ownership for a property. Second, they think someone else will clean up after them. Third, they see litter already accumulated and think a little more will not matter. We have showed that working together, cleaning up the neighbourhood and then keeping a litter-free environment can make a difference!

All of us put a lot of effort and had a lot of fun. We realised that we didn't have so much trash in our neighbourhood. We were happy that we could help and do our part to beautify our neighbourhood for spring!

Alexander & Konstantin (MYP1)

EarthDay

Earth Day Neighbourhood Clean Up

Review of all MYP3 Community projects

Community Project is On!

MYP 3 Students:
Klara, Anqi, Amber, Daniel, Isabella, Ana, Ekaterina, Marcus, Marko, Lovro, Alessandra, Roko, Jacob, Jiamiao

Teachers Supervisors:
Lana Brkić, Ratko Johan, Ina Tomić, Linda Zelić

Action for the Homeless

Something To Call Their Own

The Community Project is a major activity that MYP3 students need to complete in the final year of the MYP programme at Matija Gubec International School. The community project gives us an opportunity to address the needs in various communities through service learning.

There are more than 1000 people in Croatia who do not have a home, and very often no family.

The luckier ones sleep in shelters, the others spend the whole year in the streets. We cannot give them a home, but we can definitely help. So, as the topic of our Community Project this year we have decided to make their lives better by giving them *Something to Call Their Own.* We cannot help all of them, but even if we help one, the world is already a better place.

We would like to buy them thermos bottles, pay for breakfast bagels for a month (as most of them can get only lunch in soup kitchens) or similar small things we will agree on with the Croatian network for homeless people.

AGREB

MALI DOBROTVORI Priča iz Jutarnjeg lista o umirovljenici bez doma inspirirala učenike OŠ Matije Gupca

THE HOMELESS - THEY NEED YOUR HELP

DONATE !

Small things make a difference

Pomogli beskućnici Đurđi predstavom i donacijama

Thank You Note

We would like to thank you for your generosity and the donations for the homeless. With your help, their everyday life in the cold streets will be a bit easier and we are going to make sure that the money you donated gets to those who need it most.

We would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May your homes be filled with warmth and joy!

Lovro and Marko F. (MYP3)

Something To Call Their Own

Fra Siniša Pucić Lecture - March 27th

On March 27th fra Siniša Pucić held a lecture about homelessness. Fra Siniša Pucić is a founder of the Street Lights (Uličnе svjetiljke) magazine. He presented the magazine to us and explained how it self-finances itself and helps the homeless. We also had the opportunity to meet Drago and Josip and to hear their touching stories. They are homeless and they sell the magazine to survive.

It was a nice event where the students learnt about people in need and found out more about the ways how to help them.

Lovro (MYP3)

Something To Call Their Own

Our students stepped into shoes of homeless magazine vendors

April 11th, 2017

On April 11th MYP3 students participated in selling the "Street Lights" magazine along with homeless people. Despite the rain they sold more than expected and helped the homeless earn an income. After the job done all the sellers were awarded with a cake and ice cream.

There are many times all of us have walked by these vendors not picking up the paper, not really paying attention, and not really understanding or appreciating how hard they work to make a living, but this project and action certainly alerted us to the difficulties homeless people face in earning an income.

Ina Tomić

Help for Abandoned Animals

Action for the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter

Within her Community Project Ekaterina (MYP3) decided to help abandoned animals. She organised the booth at our Winter Bazaar to raise funds for the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter. Her plan is that each class in our school sponsors a shelter dog. You will be able to find out more details about Ekaterina's project in our next edition.

Every Student Is A Sponsor Now

Waiting For Love

This year I have started my Community project. In a world, which belongs to humans, helpless animals need attention and help – especially the pets. I wanted to show to all the students a very easy and available way to become a volunteer. How to make somebody happy, well feed, to facilitate someone's life difficulties, even if this "someone" is just a little doggy.

Many volunteers work in the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter in Zagreb. Every day they help dogs to be healthy, to be clean and to boldly look into the future day. And now all PYP and MYP classes are in their kind and brave ranks. Every student is a helper now!

Thank You Note

Thanks a lot to all of you! Thank you for every kuna and every lipa you donated. Your money is giving food and joys for homeless dogs. Now, all of you are officially the sponsors of these dogs. Please, let's continue the collecting, and your efforts will become a wonder!

Our efforts have been recognized by the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter: http://www.noina-arka.hr/bravo-ekaterina-i-ucenici-internacionalne-skole-matija-gubec/

Thank you from whole my heart, and thank you from lots of little dogs' hearts!

Ekaterina (MYP3)

MYP3 students have decided to sponsor little Tito, class MYP2 has chosen to sponsor Brando. Class MYP1 decided to help Onyx, class MYP0 is helping Madox, class PYP4 is helping little Gero, class PYP3 has chosen to support Miki, class PYP2 is assisting little Peky and finally class PYP1 has decided to help Riki.

Action for the Orphanage Nazorova

Christmas Spirit in Nazorova

As our Community Project we have chosen to help the children in the Orphanage Nazorova in Zagreb. Children who are there are either left by their parents or their parents are not able to take care of them. The goal of our project is to participate actively by cheering up the children in the home. We started by donating sweets as Christmas gifts when we visited the Orphanage on December 20th. Our next step will be creating some educational games on our own in order to teach them English in a funny and playful way. If you would like to find out more details please visit our website: http://make-them-happy.webs.com/.

Thank You Note

We would like to thank you all for taking part in our Community Project. All of the wonderful sweets you donated were very much appreciated by the children at the Orphanage in Nazorova. Each child got a specially wrapped package so they would feel even more special and loved. The smiles on their faces said it all. The hard work that has been put into this project, along with your help, is what we are aiming for throughout this year and the year to come. We are already busy planning the next phase of our project and are eager to share what's next in the upcoming year.

Happy Holidays and may your homes be filled with love and joy!

Alessandra & Amber (MYP3)

Action for the Orphanage Nazorova

Visiting the orphanage and teaching the children English with the help of our flashcards

Final outcome of our Community project were our educational flashcards. We created two decks, one for Math, and one for English. We made the cards eye-catching and aesthetically pleasing. The math deck consisted of 20 cards, numbers 1-20 with the Croatian word for that number on the other side. The English deck had a basic Croatian word on one side and the English word on the back. Both decks included pictures. We created the flashcards because extra education is always needed in a child's life. We wanted to come up with an idea that would be pleasing to the children so that they would want to learn. The children found it fun to play with, so we believe that our final outcome is a success.

During our last visit to the Orphanage on April 13th we donated the flashcards as well as the money we raised. We had a lot of fun teaching the children basic English. They remembered things almost immediately. We have left the flashcards with them so that they can practice their English whenever they want. It was very fun and rewarding!

Amber & Alessandra (MYP3)

Carnival Charity Tombola

Service as Action

February 28th, 2017

On February 28th we organised our traditional Carnival Charity Tombola. That was a great opportunity for the students and their teachers to disguise, but also to do some humanitarian action. The whole event was organised by our MYP3 students - Alessandra, Amber, Lovro, Marko F. and Marcus.

Best Mask Contest

The Contest was full of creative costumes – human animals, soldiers, gangsters and many more. MYP1 students made their own masks during the Visual Art classes. Alessandra run the whole show and the Student Jury comprised of the MYP representatives - Nikola, Ante, Aris and Marcus selected the winners.

Carnival Charity Tombola

The tombola was a great success too. All students bought the raffle tickets and enthusiastically brought gifts for our tombola. Thanks to the great response of the students and their parents and teachers our MYP3 students raised the funds for continuation of their Community projects. The money raised from the Carnival Charity Tombola will be used for helping the children in the Nazorova Orphanage, helping homeless and establishing the bike repair/maintain corner in our school.

Thank You Note

We would like to thank all the students and parents for their generous contributions and supporting our MG Charity Tombola with kindly donated gifts.

CARNİVAL ENTERTAİNMENT

Chinese Culture Workshops

A series of workshops organised for PYP3 students in February and March

As our Community project we have chosen to teach PYP students about the Chinese language and culture.

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of China? Probably, a world's most populous country, very smart people, delicious Chinese food, Made in China, traditional mindset. Our goal was to raise awareness and expand knowledge about China and Chinese language and culture.

In February and March we organised a series of workshops for PYP3 students:

- Chinese language
- Chinese culture
- Chinese food
- Chinese art
- Chinese games

The students learnt some Chinese words and numbers, how to use chopsticks, enjoyed some traditional Chinese food, did the paper cutting and played traditional Chinese games (shuttlecock). Students' reflection showed that they became quite knowledgeable and enjoyed all the workshops a lot, but their favourite was Chinese food and using chopsticks.

Anqi & Jiamiao (MYP3)

Using chopsticks

Chinese Culture Workshops

Action for the Burn Centre

at the Children's Hospital (Klaićeva)

As our Community Project we decided to create an educational game in English called ''memory'' for the children at the Children's Hospital Burn Centre. We were partnering with the main doctor and main nurse at the Department of burns of the Children's Hospital (Klaićeva). Our goal was to participate actively by playing with the children, teaching them English and provide them with some playful and educational time during their hospital admission.

We launched the project by contacting Klaićeva hospital and Dr. Barčot and organising the meetings there. When the time finally came we were very happy to meet the children and to buy them Christmas gifts.

Over the course of the last two months, we have visited the children at the hospital many times. During our visits we played with them and taught them English. During this amazing time spent with the children in the hospital we made new friends and learnt new skills.

Klara & Roko (MYP3)

Bake For Their Sake

Cooking Workshops

As our Community Project we have decided to organise a series of interactive cooking workshops for children with disabilities. We were partnering with the UNUO, the Centre for Creative Training of Persons with Disability. Our goal is to teach children how to cook so that they learn a valuable life skill and become independent and perhaps find a job as a cook or a waiter when they grow up.

We launched the project by contacting UNUO and the Children's Home in Brezovica. We have had many meetings and worked hard to organise our cooking workshops and gather volunteers. When the time finally came, we were anxious to meet the children.

Over the course of the last two months, we have organised and participated in four cooking workshops with 18 kids with special needs of different ages. As well as providing an opportunity to learn new skills and meet new friends, the goal of these cooking classes was to learn about the nature of individual disabilities (visual and audio impairment, autism, Down syndrome and persons with paraplegia), existing prejudices in our society, access issues, communication techniques and future vocational possibilities for these children as chefs in the hospitality and tourism sectors in Croatia.

Together with our partners: Chef Vedran Habel, UNUO, the Centre for Creative Training of Persons with Disability, Children's Home in Brezovica and MYP volunteers – Laura, Sara, Wanda and Yuxuan, we successfully ran four 4-hour cooking workshops at the UNUO training facility. Thanks to the participation of our fellow MYP students, we partly funded these cooking classes from the plastic bottle recycling campaign we coordinated at school.

As a culminating activity of our project we organised the Spring Charity Lunch on March 25th with support of our fellow students - Clemente, Maciej, Laura, Wanda, Fiona, Noora, Sara, Yuxuan, Olaf and Marko, our friends, family members and children from Brezovica. We made "zlevka" with chicken and sugar cookies which we ate later for lunch, accompanied by premade appetisers, beverages and snacks. We raised 2100 HRK which would be invested into the children's future and future workshops.

During our four workshops we met and made friends with many children of different age groups and personalities. Although our main idea was to teach the children, we have also learnt a lot, not just about the cooking but about ourselves as well. We had a lot of fun working with these children and we are hoping to continue our project even after the school year ends.

Ana & Isabella (MYP3)

Video Game Addiction

Awareness Campaign

As our Community Project we have chosen to focus on video game addiction being aware of the increasing number of young people affected by video game/social media addiction. Firstly we came up with the idea of carrying out a survey among students to analyse their online habits. We collected information about the screen-on-time that the MYP students spent online and had a class discussion with them. We have found out that children play more as getting older, boys mainly playing video games and girls checking social media. Then we had a presentation for the MYP students where we tried to alert them about this issue and offer some solutions.

We are happy with our result because we educated the students about video game addiction and raised their awareness about the consequences of spending so much time online. We hope we managed to change their attitudes and hope that the students and we will reduce the online time and replace it with pursuing some hobbies or some outdoor activities with family and friends

Marko & Daniel & Jacob (MYP3)

Bike Safety School

& Budget Friendly Bike Repair Corner

As my Community Project I have chosen to make a budget friendly bike repair/maintain corner in our school.

First I carried out a **survey "Bike the Vote"** among students and their parents and teachers to find out about cycling frequency and cycling safety and to gather suggestions for the bike corner. Based on the survey results conducted among the students, parents and teachers I found out that before encouraging cycling to school, some safety rules must be presented to the students. For example, only 48% percent of our students and 10% of the teachers wear a helmet. Therefore, as a part of my community effort to make cycling to and from school a safe, active, and enjoyable part of our lives I decided to organise the Bike Safety School for MYP students and teachers on March 30th on the school playground and to encourage the students and teachers to come by bike to school that day. For that purpose I designed two flyers: *Five reasons to bike* and *Six simple steps for bicycle safety*. The turnout was very good - a lot of students and teachers biked that day to school.

During the Bike Safety School the students found out more about good reasons to bike and some tips for bicycle safety including the demonstrations how to do a quick bicycle check. With the great help of the P.H.E. teacher Marko I set a cycling polygon on the school playground where the students trained their cycling, but the most important goal was to get into the helmet habit. The fastest students had an ice cream treat. At the end of the lesson the students and teachers took a cycling proficiency test and got a diploma. These bike safety lessons were very useful and we all had a lot of fun!

From the money raised from the Carnival Charity Tombola I bought some cool boxes, decorated them with the old bike parts and arranged the bike corner in our school. I invite all the students, parents and teachers to bring some usable spare bike parts such as pump, spare tires, spare lock, lights, gloves, patch kit and similar and to put them in the bike corner boxes.

I greatly appreciate your help and I would like to thank you all for supporting my project.

Marcus (MYP3)

Safety on a bike, that's what we like

Cycling polygon

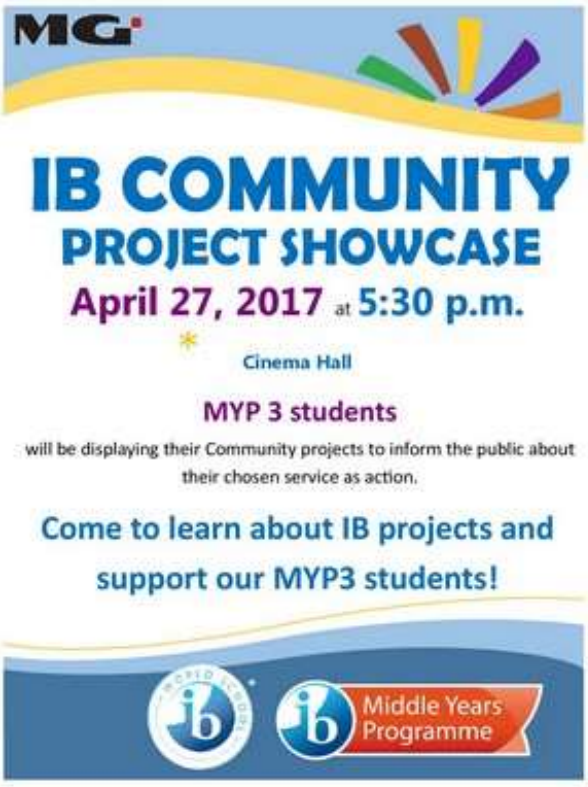
Diplomas

Bicycle check-ups and tests

Get into the helmet habit

Community Project Showcase

April 27th, 2017



On April 27th we organised the *Community Project Showcase*. The Community Project is student-centred and engages students in practical explorations through a cycle of inquiry, action and reflection. It focuses on community and service, encouraging students to explore their right and responsibility to implement service as action in the community. During the Community Project Showcase our MYP3 students presented their IB Community Projects to inform the public about their chosen service as action. While this project must have seemed quite demanding for our students, the rewards have become even greater, both for the students and the community whose need they chose to address.

Newsletter

Field Trip
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MG Goes Dalmatian

Four-day Field Trip

May 7th - 10th, 2017

On the 7th of May we set off on a wonderful four-day adventure to Dalmatia. During our four-day field trip we explored underwater world of the Croatian rivers and lakes in the newly-opened Aquatika Freshwater Aquarium in Karlovac, visited the Klis Fortress and met the Klis Uskoks, visited the hydroelectric power plant on the Cetina River, met the "pirates" of Omiš and learnt pirate games, participated in the strawberry picking in Vrgorac and visited the ethno-village "Kokorići", went on a bike tour in the Marjan Forest Park and visited the cultural-historical sights of the town of Split.

After the departure from Zagreb we first visited the freshwater aquarium Aquatika in Karlovac. We learnt there about the underwater world of the Croatian rivers and lakes. Our next stop was the beautiful Klis Fortress where we were guided by the Klis Uskoks who explained us why Klis used to be an important defence point in the Croatian history. In the museum we saw a series of arms, armour and traditional uniforms. We explored the filming locations of the Game of thrones and recalled the spirit of the past by practising archery. In the evening we arrived to our hotel in Brela where we were accommodated.

Klis Fortress

1st day

Recalling the spirit of the past in the Croatian Camelot

View of the Klis Fortress

...with Klis Uskoks

Archery Squad

Morning Jogging Team

Hydroelectric power plant

The second day we visited the hydroelectric power plant "Zakučac" where we learnt how the water energy was converted to mechanical energy which was then converted into electricity.

Encounter with Omiš Pirates

Pirates of the Adriatic are IN!

Prepare to be boarded!

2nd day

Boat ride down the Cetina River

After visiting the hydroelectric power plant we went to Omiš where we met Omiš pirates who took us on a wonderful boat ride through the magnificent canyon of the Cetina River while talking about glorious Omiš pirate history. The boat ride ended at the Radman Mills where we had lunch and participated in fun pirate games. The games included pulling the rope, arm wrestling and throwing hoops.

Pirate games

Fun & Games are the greatest pirate treasure!

Free time at the Radman Mills

2nd day

Carpe diem!

We had some free time for sport games as well - we played mini-golf, basket-ball and foot-ball.

Mirabella Fortress

Our pirate tour ended at the Mirabella fortress where we admired the spectacular view of the town of Omiš. In the evening during the Pirate night all MYP classes competed in the game "How well do you know each other".

Capturing the Moment:
Class Photos

Strawberry Wanted!

Strawberry picking in Vrgorac

3rd day

May is the season of strawberries, so on the third day we went picking strawberries in Vrgorac. We are proven that Vrgorac strawberries are famous as being the best in Croatia. After the picking we had a traditional Dalmatian outdoor snack. Then we visited the ethno-village "Kokorići", the traditional Dalmatian settlement with a rich historical and cultural heritage full of traditional stone houses and dry stone walls, but also with two new swimming pools! We had lunch there and later enjoyed bowling and pulling the rope contest. In the afternoon we visited the town of Makarska where we enjoyed our free time.

Strawberry picking

3rd day

Strawberry tasting

3rd day

Ethno Village "Kokorići"

A journey into the heart of Dalmatian culture

3rd day

Ethno Village "Kokorići"

We were evoking the spirit of the old days!

Ethno Village "Kokorići"

3rd day

Outdoor snack

Visiting Primary School "Vrgorac"

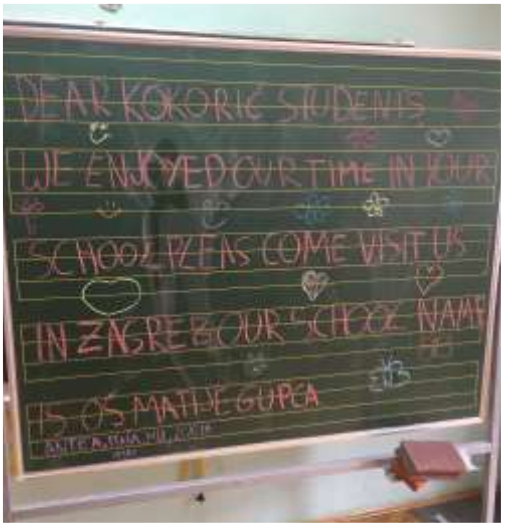
Rope pulling contest

Bowling

Primary School "Vrgorac" - Kokorići

We cherish our friendship with Kokorici students

We met the students from the Primary School "Vrgorac" in Kokorići and spent some time with them in their school. We invited them to visit us in Zagreb. We would love to cherish this new-born friendship, so MYP0 students with teacher Jelena sent them the post-cards along with the invitation to visit us. Soon!



We are aquaholic!

3rd day

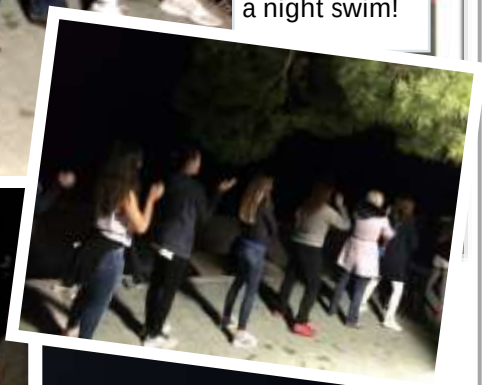
Pool time

Biokovo Nature Park

Beach party

Life is Cool, Night Swimmers Rule!

In the evening we organised the beach party – while most of us were dancing, some of us went for a night swim!



Cycling by the sea

On the last day of our field trip we visited the town of Split. Upon arrival we went on a bike tour in the Marjan Forest Park where we enjoyed cycling by the sea.

Marjan Bicycle Tour

Sunny Town of Split

4th day

Save the Best for Last!

After the bike tour we were sightseeing the old town of Split - the Diocletian's Palace with four gates, St. Domnius Cathedral, Peristyle, Vestibule, Jupiter's Temple and Gregory of Nin Statue. It was finally a perfect sunny day!

Hard to Say Goodbye to Dalmatia

On our way back we were sad that our short but unforgettable adventure ended but we are all looking forward to our next one!

Ana, Ea & Ema (MYP2)

... back to school

Getting together with Hana Jušić

Children's Book Festival at the Tresnjevka Cultural Centre

May 23rd, 2017

On May 23rd MYP0 and MYP1 students visited the *Children's Book Festival* at the Tresnjevka Cultural Centre where they met Hana Jušić, the young screenwriter. Hana Jušić wrote the screenplays for the most popular Croatian children's movies - *Koko and the Ghosts* and *Alert on Green Peak* that MYP0 and MYP1 students watched in February in cinema. Hana Jušić is also the winner of several international awards for the movie *Ne gledaj mi u pjat* (Don't stare at my plate). The young screenwriter shared her experiences with our students and introduced them to the world of film industry. She disclosed some screenplay secrets and explained the difference between a book and a screenplay.

MYPO Field Trip to Andautonia

First Hand History Lesson in Andautonia

On May 31st we joined the fifth grade students of the national programme on the field trip to Andautonia. During the sightseeing tour of the remains of the former Roman town – Andautonia we took a walk in the past exploring the habits and lifestyle of ancient civilisation. We were told that it took 40 years to excavate that small area. We saw and smelled many types of Roman perfumes and smells, all the way from the smell of soldiers' boots to the beautiful smell of roses. We saw their dining room and tried it out realising how comfortable it was. We saw many other things such as remains of Roman buildings, oil lamps, wax tablets, board games with dices and two throwing games. We also learned that the more you dig, the older the item is.

Afterwards we visited the Museum of Turopolje in Velika Gorica where we explored the collection of archaeological, ethnographic, historical and cultural heritage of Turopolje. Finally we visited the Kljucic Hill Resort, one of the most interesting resorts because of its green forests, beautiful nature and a shape of a key (in Croatian *kljucic* means *key).* We ate lunch there, played football and saw some animals.

We had a great time, thoroughly enjoyed the day and learnt a lot.

Andrija, Clemente and Marko (MYP0)

MYPO Field Trip to Andautonia

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Congratulations

To All Our Winners!

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Festival of Children's Music Creativity

First Prize for Jadran!

The Festival of Children's Music Creativity was held on May 12 and 13, 2017 at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Zagreb. The festival brings together primary school students from all over Croatia, who stand out with their talents in music activities. At the festival 23 primary schools from all over Croatia competed, and nearly 600 students presented their talents in music creativity in the widest sense: from composing, singing and playing. The students were competing in three categories: Musicals, Young Authors and School Musicals. We would like to congratulate to Jadran (MYP2) and the Music teacher Ms. Antonia Mimica for a remarkable success at the Festival. Jadran impressed the expert jury and the audience with his musical and poetry talents and won First Prize in the category of "Young Authors" with his composition "Minion Walk". Bravo, Jadran, we are all happy and proud of your achievement!

Mimara Museum Exhibition

Tradition and Contemporary Exhibition

May 20th, 2017

Our students visited the *Opening Ceremony* of the Tradition and Contemporary Exhibition on May 20th at the Mimara Museum. This year's theme was *Protection of natural environment and biodiversity in children's artistic expression*. The students, under the great guidance of their **Visual Art teacher Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić,** have greatly presented the protected species of insects in the linocut technique. We would like to congratulate to our MYP1 students - Alexander, David Z., and Marko whose art work was selected for the Tradition and Contemporary Exhibition and whose creativity showed how our cultural and natural heritage could be cherished through art as well. Bravo!!!

School Co-Op Contest

Our School Cooperative "That's it!" participated at the 15th Review of School Cooperative Society of the City of Zagreb that was held on May 24th, 2017 at Primary School Sesvetska Sopnica. Under the guidance of the School Co-op Leader, Ms. Ivana Devernay **Cimić** the students presented the new handmade collection of hats that they had lovingly designed and made and won third place at the *School Co-Op Contest* of the City of Zagreb.

We would like to congratulate to Lucia, Mia and Yuyao (MYP0) and all the students and teachers who worked diligently for this success and praise them for their amazing creativity and excellent achievement. We are all happy and proud of the achievements of our School Cooperative and wish them all the success in their future work!

Kangaroo Mathematical Contest

And last, but not least, we got the results from the International Kangaroo Mathematics Contest that 130 students of our school have participated in. We are so proud of all of our students and their achievements, especially of Maciej (MYP0) and Yuxuan (MYP2) who are among the top ten percent of the students in Croatia! Congratulations!

Congratulations

To All Our Winners!

June Newsletter

Sports Day

June 13th, 2017

On June 13th the students of the national and international programme participated in a variety of sports activities - football, volleyball and climbing. This year we had our first Chess tournament in our school with 38 participants. We would like to congratulate to Konstantin (MYP1) who won first prize in this tournament. Bravo!!!

Sports Day

Cheerleaders

MYP cheerleaders and the Cheerleading teacher Ms. Jelena Penava prepared the choreography and filled us with the winning spirit for the football and volleyball matches between the parents and the teachers.

Chess tournament

Sports Day

Exhibition Matches: Parents Team vs. Teachers Team

We would like to thank the parents who participated in the football and volleyball exhibition matches that made the whole Sports Day even more enjoyable for all of us.

It is good to have an end

to a journey toward,

but it is the journey

that matters in the end!