

School Scrapbook

2013/2014



Osnovna škola Matije Gupca
International School



Welcome to the MG Scrapbook 2013/2014



Dear Students,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the 2013/2014 edition of our School Scrapbook as a great opportunity to share reflections and

highlights of the past year. It was a very active and rewarding school year. In this year's edition, we celebrate many learning activities and events. We are confident that you and your families will find within the pages of this edition fond memories that will touch your heart.

It gladdens my heart to see how our school continuously enhance the programmes with a variety of adventurous challenges and learning opportunities thanks to dedication of our MG team and it truly makes me proud to hear consistently positive feedback about our enthusiastic work.

At the end I would like to heartily congratulate our MYP students who successfully completed their primary school education and continue their academic pursuit. I wish them all the success in their further education and sincerely hope they will all take advantage of the opportunities ahead of them!

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Glossary of MG moments according to MYP3



According to the famous proverb "Memories do not fade, objects do" we have tried to recall all the special moments in Matija Gubec school. It wasn't hard to remember because there are too many memories, but it was hard to write them down because there was no enough space on the paper...

The sweetest moment when...

I met my friends; spoke Croatian and everybody said "good job"; I cried in school and the girls didn't laugh at me; hanging with my friends; first greatest friend; hanging outside of school in MYP3

The most challenging moment when...

I first came to this school; adapting to the IB programme but now I'm glad; math test; misunderstandings and fights

The most beautiful moment when...

I met my whole class; too many of these; Vienna field trip

The loudest moment...

PE lessons; Eva

The most trying moment...

drama's 1st class; creating history and technology projects; Geography oral; Geneva monitoring of assessment; school

The most tiring moment...

waking up to go to school; having fight with my best friend and not talking to her for 2 hours; school till 15:35; tests; school

The most transformational moment...

MYP 2; end of MYP 3; looking at the class pictures; becoming one that has indoor shoes

The most exceptional moment...

counting to 10 in Croatian; everybody is exceptional for me; getting 6, 7 in Geography lessons; field trips

The most cross-cultural moment...

first day in MG school; getting introduced to new cultures; doing drama

The most wondering moment...

where everyone will be next year; what will happen in the future; acting in drama

The most hopeful moment...

to pass entrance exam; expecting the news for the Vienna field trip

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MG School Interior & Exterior Design

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Exterior





Interior Design



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School Events & Activities

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European Day of Languages

What is a poem?

September 26th, 2013



What is a poem?

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

On this occasion the students with the great support of all Language teachers and Community and Service Leader organised the European Languages Fair by distributing the promotional materials made by the students themselves. The Croatian teacher Ms. Barbara Čičmak, French teacher Ms. Rea Lujčić, the German teacher Ms. Jelena Penava and the Italian teacher Ms. Jelena Petrović enthusiastically organised a very interesting workshop "What is a poem" that enabled the students to explore and express their poetry skills.



Language fair



Visit to the Croatian Parliament

Civic Education



On the 4th October the students of Civic Education and the History teacher Ms. Indira Brajčić were kindly welcomed into the Croatian Parliament to observe presentations of the best among the students' speeches addressed to the chairman of the Croatian Parliament. The children created their speeches titled as "If I were a representative in the Croatian Parliament..."

Their ideas were interesting and very creative. We were impressed with their courage to present their opinion in such an important place as the Croatian *Sabor* is. There were ideas from enforcing employment in Croatia which is recognized as one of the most serious problem in the state, all the way to carrying tablets in school instead of books what would enable and support improvements in our learning. We considered their ideas as open-minded and caring, because they were expressing their intention to improve life for people in Croatia.

After a little cocktail and photo session with the President of the Croatian parliament Mr. Josip Leko we had an interesting tour exploring all the places where the representatives of the Croatian people work and pass important decisions and laws. Altogether, we really enjoyed our little field trip.



October 4th, 2013



International Bread Day at MG

October 14th, 2013



On the occasion of the International Bread Day, on October 14th, MYP3 students joined 2. a students, and hosted our elder friends from the Royal foundation. Together with our guests we made homemade bread. Our guests from the Royal foundation made the mixture for the buns and taught us the true values and wonders of how much patience goes into making bread. We found out that it sure took some strength to make dough like that! We had the opportunity to be bakers ourselves and everybody made their own shape and later enjoyed them over lunch. Our guests told us how much they enjoyed spending time with us, and we were very grateful to be able to have learned so much in the most creative way possible!



Italian Language Week

Parla Italiano!

October 15th -16th, 2013



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

E5 and MYP1 students got to know the Italian culture in a funny and amusing way. While the girls were doing their nails, the boys were watching cartoons. They had the opportunity to experience the Italian past (through the modern version of Roman thermae as a centre for socializing) and combine it with Italian daily life, where the children, like all over the world, adore cartoons.

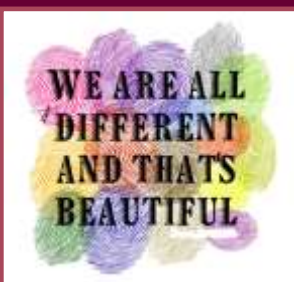
Under the guidance of our Science teacher Ms. Lana Brkić, the students made the soap bars. The whole event ended with an amusing drama performance "Romul and Rem" organised under the guidance of the Latin teacher Ms. Nikolina Katulić. We keep our hopes high for this event to become a tradition at our school.



October 23rd, 2013

International Community Day

We are all different, and that is beautiful



On October 23rd, 2013 our school celebrated the *International Community Day*. This long-standing tradition at MG allows 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. International Community Day is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to acknowledge and celebrate its diversity, making explicit one of the fundamental concepts of the MYP - intercultural awareness. We are very lucky to have such a diverse international community within our school!



DIFFERENT IS BEAUTIFUL



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Visit of our Respective Guests



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Thank You!

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

THAT'S IT!

SCHOOL COOPERATIVE



At the International Community Event our school cooperative "That's it!" has the first public presentation, which was very successful and entertaining for all participants.

Our school cooperative has a goal to develop and cherish working habits and skills along with positive competence and climate, responsibility and teamwork. The students learn to be creative, original, inventive, enthusiastic and ecologically aware.

Within the framework of extra-curricular activities students manufacture the products such as:

- arts and crafts, functional and decorative products, packaging design
- traditional and contemporary art
- textile design, fashion design, product design, redesign, innovations
- different designing and restoration techniques (transfer, frottage, decoupage, paper Mache, drawing, painting and modelling techniques)
- making cut/pattern sheet, sewing, embroidery, working with wood and soft metal



October 23rd, 2013

Our first success



MYP Side Story - Drama Performance Cinderella

October 23rd, 2013



Once upon a time, there was a young woman named Cinderella who lived with her two step-sisters named...

When engaging in drama activities and creating dramatic performance MYP1 students have been developing skills in generating ideas, including the use of brainstorming. Through basic theatre exercises on body movements, facial expression, moving around the room, they have identified elements of drama: language, terminology, actions and vocal expression.

Through the activities of basic script analysis, creating an appropriate character, using voice and body to portray a character, effectively using stage space, the students have realized that by developing a believable character and situation in drama, we can communicate with others. MYP2 students created MYP Side Story - Cinderella, a public performance of a monologue/dialogue using effective communication/acting skills. Audience was colourful, 5th and 7th graders from the Croatian National programme, MYP3 and E5 students and lots of teachers. Feedback was excellent.



Book Month

October, 2013



During the Book Month our librarians Ms. Ina Tomić and Ms. Irena Šafarik organised a variety of interesting activities for the students.

First one was "Drop everything and read!". We had four 15-minutes sessions when we dropped everything and read our books. The second one was the School Interliber where the students have the opportunity to sell their books at popular prices,

MYP students organised the reading activities for younger students and prepared a variety post-reading activities.



Exhibition at the Ethnographic Museum "Blonde Jokes: Stereotypes we live by"

November 21st, 2013

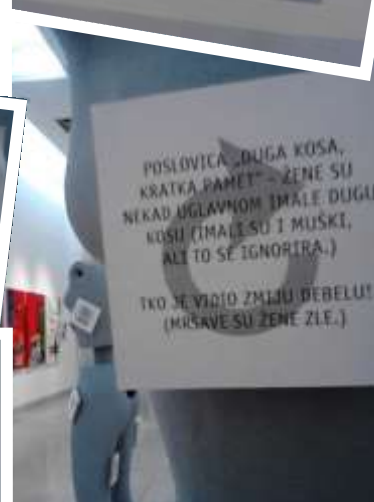


On the 21st of November 2013 our little group that promote the Civic Education learning visited an interesting exhibition, "Blonde Jokes: Stereotypes we live by", about the problem of tolerance presenting the prejudices existing through history. The exhibition opened our eyes and minds towards stereotypes.

The exhibition disposed many interesting examples of historical stereotypes and prejudices starting from well-known jokes about blondes based on typical stereotype about fragile women as weak, ignorant and not too smart.

Some very interesting examples based on the same stereotype about women were traditional kitchen billboards. They were very common decorations in Croatian kitchens depicting a traditional social position of women in history. Other examples included historical maps, charts, pictures, cartoons and jokes presenting many stereotypes about different nationalities, countries or some parts of the world.

The exhibition triggered our minds making us to look at the problem of prejudices from a different angle being more aware of the problem of tolerance as an important modern world issue. It was an educational experience that enabled us to know now much more about stereotypes and to celebrate the Tolerance Day.



Shalom - Piece Be With You

Visit to the Jewish Community Bet Israel

November 26th, 2013



On the eve of the Jewish holiday Hanukkah, on November 26th the students who attend the Religion classes under the guidance of their Religion teacher Ms. Tatjana Šanko, visited the Jewish Community Bet Israel. We were so joyful and inquisitive since that was our first field trip within the Religion classes.

Although we have many times talked about the oldest monotheist religion, now we got an opportunity to learn at first hand. Many documents of the Second Vatican Council (Nostra Aetate) emphasise the significance of getting to know different people, nations and religions by leading a dialogue with them. In a very pleasant atmosphere of the synagogue community our host, Ms. Julia Kos described the intensive religious life with many religious ceremonies and prayers, especially in a holiday season. Since the celebration of Jewish holiday Hanukkah began in a couple of days we had many questions about it. We found out that Hanukkah has been celebrated for eight days and every day one candle was lit on a candlestick named Hanukiah.

Enriched with positive experience we can conclude our first encounter with the Jewish religion by words of St. John: "Who does not love, does not know God". These words are not reserved only for members of the Church but are directed to all people.



Winter Workshops

We filled December's school days to the brim!

Gingerbread Man Factory

Gingerbread Man Factory Workshop

On December 10th, under the guidance of the French teacher, Ms. Rea Lujčić, a few dozens of just ordinary gingerbread cookies thanks to the creative hands of our students and their parents became a few dozens of cute and special (and still very yummy) Christmas Gingerbread Men with smiling faces, curious eyes and funny clothes.

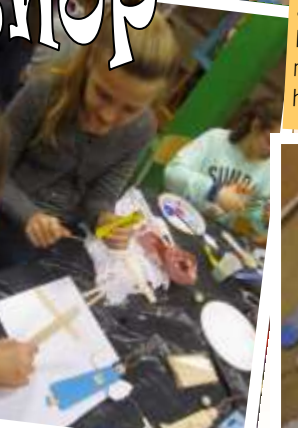
December 10th, 2013



Winter Art Workshop

The festive mood and an ambiance of warmth carried on during the Art Workshop held under the guidance of the Visual Art teacher, Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić. At the Art Workshop we made the angels and lots of Christmas themed gifts and decorated wooden clothing hangers using the decoupage technique. We would like to thank all the students and their parents for enthusiastic contribution and sincerely hope that this lovely event aided in ringing in the Christmas spirit and holiday season.

Art Workshop



Successful promotion at the Winter Bazaar

SCHOOL COOPERATIVE

December 18th, 2013



At the Winter Bazaar, held on December 18th, our School Cooperative "That's it" presented a variety of products that have been lovingly hand-made by the students within the School Cooperative Sections and through team work of the students, their parents and teachers at the Winter Workshop held a week prior to the Bazaar.

In a relaxed, friendly and fun atmosphere of the Winter Bazaar, we were presenting and selling homemade crafts, baked goods, soaps, scarves, badges, wooden clothing hangers, wooden candlesticks, decorative pillows and pillow cases, jewellery and Christmas ornaments.

Thanks to the engagement and efforts of all the students, their parents and teachers, our School Cooperative achieved great success that we can be all proud of.



Christmas Around the World

Open Drama Day



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

Through the performing art activities MYP students participated in a variety of improvisation challenges exploring the relationship between themselves and others acting out age appropriate scenes on issues connected with their current daily experiences of Christmas celebration around the world. They created an original drama game "Christmas Around the World" with the purpose of creating a sense of community.

On December 18th during Open Drama Day our students, their parents and teachers gathered for the annual Christmas Spirit event at our school. MYP students under the great guidance of our Drama teacher Ms. Barbara Čičmak performed the play "Christmas Around the World".

The students and teacher Barbara were rewarded with a thunderous applause by the crowded Cinema hall.



School Day

School Celebration Days - January 27th - 31th, 2014

Gubec-moustache shaped cushions



Gubec-moustache shaped cushions

On occasion of the School Day the students designed and made Gubec -moustache shaped cushions within the School Cooperative Section "Art-recycling" under the guidance of the Visual Art teacher Ms. Ivana Dever-nay Cimić. Interestingly designed cushions enrich the school interior and the students have proven themselves as wonderful interior designers.



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Milka Trnina - World-famous Opera Diva Exhibition

February 14th, 2014



On February 14th MYP3 students visited an exhibition “Milka Trnina – World-famous Opera Diva” at the Zagreb City Museum. The exhibition was organised on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Croatia’s first, and one of the world’s most famous opera divas.



The students under the guidance of their Music teacher, Ms. Vedrana Pavletić had an opportunity to see the items that belonged to Milka Trnina, and are nowadays part of the Zagreb City Museum holdings. Some of the items featured in the exhibition were borrowed from Zagreb’s Ethnographic Museum, the City Museum of Požega and the Museum of Arts and Crafts.



International Mother Language Day

Let Your Language Speak

February 21st, 2014

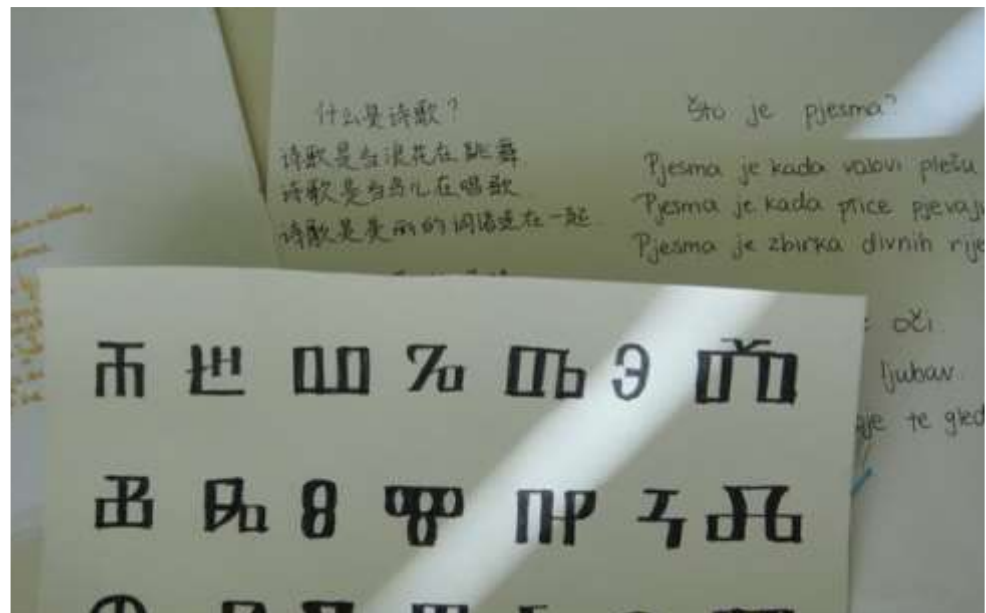


Let Your Language Speak

We traditionally marked the International Mother Language Day in order to encourage and cherish linguistic diversity and multilingual education.

Mother tongue learning develops our confidence, self-esteem and our unique identity within a multicultural society. Mother tongue is not the language we speak, it is the language that we think and dream in.

It is through language that we develop our thoughts, shape our experience, explore our customs, articulate our values and give expression to our hopes and ideas.



LIK 2014 - Visual Art and Design Exhibition

Opening Ceremony - March 3rd, 2014



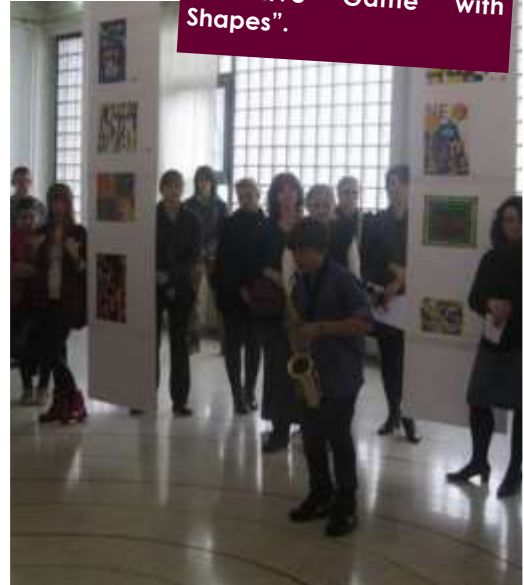
OSNOVNIH I SREDNJIH ŠKOLA
IZ PODRUČJA VIZUALNIH
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PROJEKTOVANJE I DIZAJN
PRIZNANJE ZA NAJBOLE
IZ OBLASTI VIZUALNIH
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GRAD ZAGREB



LIK 2014
Our school had the pleasure of hosting a Visual Art and Design Exhibition - Contest of the primary and secondary school students of the City of Zagreb. This exhibition is a joyful celebration of students' creativity as an important outcome of schooling and provides an opportunity to enhance and acknowledge students' art work. Our students, under the guidance of the Visual Art teachers Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić and Mr. Ivica Šimić participated with great enthusiasm and created the colourful posters on the main theme "Creative Game with Shapes".



Croatian Language Week

Poets and Balloons

March 11-17, 2014



Poets and Balloons

What is the connection between poets and balloons? At first glance, there is no connection, however, at our school, it is possible.

Wishing to affirm Croatian poetry and to honour the Declaration of title and position of the Croatian language, the students were given the task to select the most beautiful verses by their favourite poet and copy them on a piece of paper that was then tied to a balloon and placed in the school.

In the week of March 11 - 17, our school was full of balloons and wonderful poetic verses. Both students and teachers enjoyed the marvellous Croatian poetry.



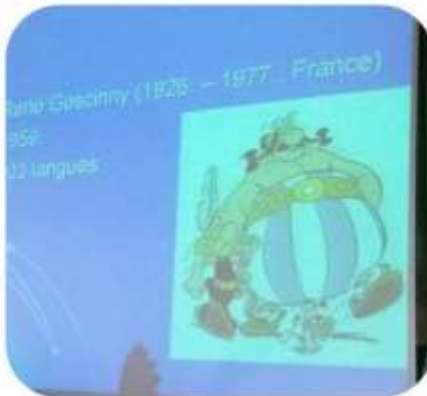
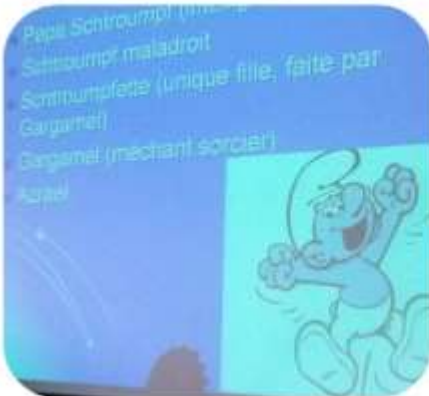
International Day of Francophonie

March 25th, 2014



Francophone comics

On March 25th, the International Day of Francophonie has been traditionally celebrated in our school. This year, our French teacher, Ms. Rea Lujić with her students organised an educational lecture about francophone comics followed by an interactive quiz. Everyone was amazed by MYP 1 students' French language skills. But the most attractive part of the event was a short documentary movie, „École internationale Matija Gubec“ where E4 students were presenting our school in French.



E4 French Lovers - World Champions

In order to celebrate International Day of Francophonie, "Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie" (OIF) each March organizes international competition called "Words fight" opened to francophiles of all ages and profiles. The task is always simple; one of ten chosen interesting French words should be presented in some artistic way.

E4 students got the as the "assignment word" French verb "s'enlivrer" (to get drunk by the books). When the students under the guidance of their French teacher, Ms. Rea Lujčić started transforming their ideas into a piece of art they showed their boundless imagination. Once they printed out the covers of their favourite books, they wrapped them around cups and acted out "being drunk of books". At first, Embassy of France in Croatia really liked the picture so in May we were chosen as winners in the category of photography. Our creativity was also recognized by the OIF organisation by choosing our picture for second place in the same category among candidates from all over the world. Check out the way that Ana, Ea, Emma, Helena, Jadran, Katarina, Liza, Lucija and Mihnea vividly illustrated that word!



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Fair 2014

April 24th, 2014

Scientific experiments

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



Spreading the scientific spark at the MG Lab

Spreading the scientific spark

E5 students presented osmosis in all its beauty, in different shapes and colours. Fractal triangles and tangram puzzles were done and presented by MYP1 students, who also showed us dynamic of fluids in a tornado effect. The visitors watched MYP2 students speeding up chemical reactions in four different ways. MYP3 students produced electricity from lemons, measured Amps and Volts in serial and parallel connection and demonstrated the free fall by using a stroboscope. The students used deodorants to demonstrate linear and monochromatic behaviour of laser beam.



Success at the Science Fair

SCHOOL COOPERATIVE

April 24th, 2014



At the Science Fair, held on April 24th, our School Cooperative "That's it" presented a variety of products that have been diligently hand-made by the students within the School Cooperative Sections.

The students under the guidance of the Visual Arts teacher, Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić were presenting and selling homemade crafts, soaps, badges, wooden candlesticks, decorative pillows and pillow cases, and attractively designed bags made out of recycled carrier bags.

Our students have once again proven their outstanding creative skills along with the dedication to our School Cooperative.



Earth and World Book Day Joined Together

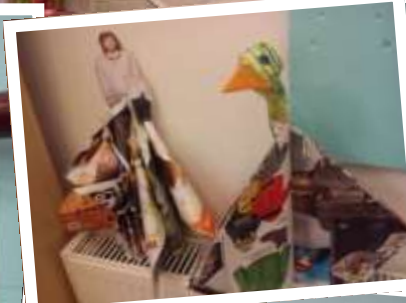
April 22nd - 24th, 2014



Due to the simultaneous recognition of Earth Day and World Book Day, a full day workshop took place in the library, titled "Read, modify".

The students had the task to browse through old magazines and books and assess their relevance. Whatever was evaluated as useless, was recycled as material to produce something new. The workshop was enthusiastically received, and resulted in very interesting products of children's creativity.

The students concluded that books which may not be suitable to be read any more, may now be suitable to be - looked at.



Choir performance in Zlatar

April 29h, 2014



On April 29th our international and national girls choir visited Ante Kovačić Primary School in Zlatar to take part in the Ceremony Celebration Concert that was organised on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of their Folklore Ensemble.

We were warmly welcomed by our kind hosts. Under the guidance of the Music teacher, Ms. Antonia Mimica, the international girls choir performed the Chinese song „Ribuluo“ and the national choir sang the song „Zaplakalo je siroče“. Both performances enchanted the entire audience and we were rewarded with a loud applause.



Geography of Croatia

Learning outside the classroom

May 27th, 2014

Visiting the Zagreb Tower

A little bit of rain and a lot of sunshine so our city could not look more beautiful and cleaner from the viewing platform of our very own Zagreb City Tower above the Ban Jelačić Square. The students of "Geography of Croatia" optional subject and the Geography teacher Mr. Hrvoje Kuveždić visited the viewing point on May 27th and took some nice photos from above. People looked small and Medvednica close. We observed the city from all four sides and it was hard to decide which one looks more attractive.

Yes, there was a bit of vertigo for some of us but the view of the tram roofs was priceless... And we also saw Cathedral, Dolac, the Upper Town, Zrinjevac, Croatian National Theatre, Ilica, the skyscrapers of Novi Zagreb - the Square like never before.



Red Rocks Arts & Crafts Festival

Cultural, educational and artistic experience

May 28th, 2014

On May 28th MYP1 students visited the Red Rocks Arts & Crafts Festival at the Croatian-American Society. The Festival presented the culture and phenomena of lace making. The students had a lot of fun while learning how to make lace.



It was a great educational, cultural and artistic experience and afterwards we went for two scoops of delicious and refreshing ice-cream.



Rafting

June 1st, 2014



Student-led Conference

MYP1 Students' Portfolio Presentation

IB Learner Profile Articulation

On June 12th MYP1 students held the Student-led Conference for their parents and teachers.

The conference started with piano performances and the audience was able to hear marvellous performances diligently rehearsed during Piano classes under the guidance of the Music teacher Ms. Vedrana Pavletić.

During this year the students consistently provided their reflections in the MYP Student Portfolio. At the end of each unit they reflected on their learning by completing a self-evaluation of their development with the IB learner profiles attributes, development against seven Approaches to learning group of skills and the areas of interaction. Student-led conference was a great opportunity for the students to show their parents what they had learnt throughout the year and to share their impressions and findings after their first successful year in the MYP programme at our school.

The students showed great enthusiasm and motivation to continue applying their highest efforts and this event will certainly have a beneficial motivational influence on their future learning.



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Community & Service

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People

International Day of Older Persons

What can I do for you?

October 1st, 2013

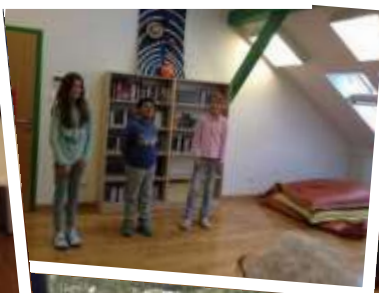
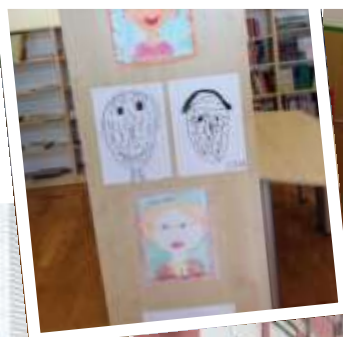
What can I do for you?

This school year, our school takes part in a big Royal Foundation project called: "What Can I Do for You?"

The aim of the project is to call attention of our community to senior persons, their problems but also their potential, and to actively include them in the activities of our school and the local community. In addition, some of our students will take part in volunteer services during the entire program. Volunteering enables them to improve their social skills, develop a positive image of themselves and others, as well as tolerance, communication and collaboration, which contributes to pleasant and comfortable life in a community.

The collaboration was initiated on the International Day of Older Persons at our school. We invited seniors to a small performance and an exhibition titled "Respect the seniors and share life with them".

Introduction and socializing went by amicably and in good spirit. In the end, we enjoyed snacks and refreshments prepared by 2. a parents and Food Technology students.



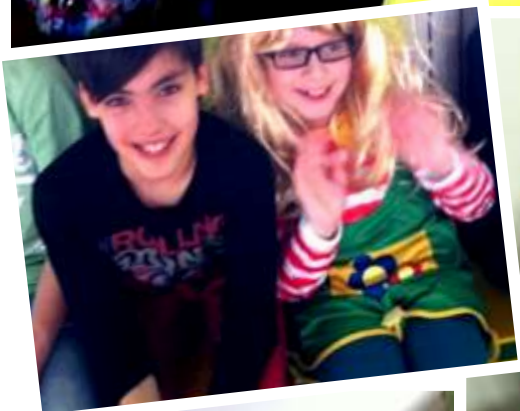
Helping our friends in Rijeka

Charity Tombola — Every Child Is a Winner

March 4th, 2014



Our traditional carnival tombola was a great opportunity for the students and their teachers to disguise, but we also didn't forget those in need. We collected 1.540 HRK for the Primary School "Pećine" in Rijeka. Two months ago, their school was targeted by a group of vandals and completely destroyed. During this barbaric attack, the library containing books in Braille was also destroyed. This library considerably helps the students with low vision to master school lecture content. We hope that our contribution would help them to renovate their school and literary collection.



World Storytelling Day

Share a Story - Change the World

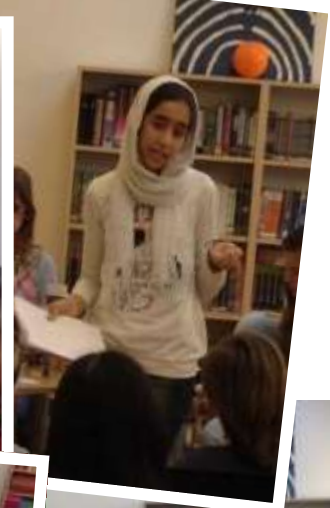
March 17th - 23rd, 2014

Share a Story —
Change the World

During the week from 17th – 23rd March we were celebrating the World Storytelling Day. That traditionally means going on pleasurable journeys into a make believe world, and all that from our library!

MYP students were reading and telling stories to the students in the lower grades. There were a lot of interesting stories from Indonesia, Iran, America, the Netherlands, Romania, etc.

Not only that this day was a traditional and exciting event, it was also a part of our Community and Service Program which encourages the students to contribute in making our local community a better place. The entire event was eagerly put together by our Community and service leader Ms. Ina Tomić. It was a joyful experience for everyone, yet the best part was to see the look on the young children's faces while they were carefully listening to the stories.



Little volunteers of Royal Foundation in Action

Cooperation with the Royal Foundation

On International Volunteer Day, December 5th, we visited Mrs. Marija Rade Ropuš at her home in Sokolgradska Street. She sincerely and very gladly awaited us. While socializing with her, time flew by quickly. A new meeting is coming soon, which we are all looking forward to.



On April 28th, under the guidance of the Community and Service leader Ms. Ina Tomić we continued with our volunteering activities within the Royal Foundation project "What Can I Do for You?"

This time we decided to take a nice walk with two dear grannies. We went to the park "Stara Trešnjevka" and spent some time together. Grannies told us stories about their childhood. They told us that this park used to have many cherry trees and that's why it is called "Stara Trešnjevka" (Old Cherry). They also told us that the mayor of Zagreb decided to plant new cherry trees, so we will be able to enjoy the cherries in the park soon.

We are glad that grannies like spending time with us, just as much as we like to spent time with them.

December 5th, 2013



April 28th, 2013



Visiting the Elderly Home of Trnje

What can I do for you?

May 26th, 2014

A Mind Full of Wisdom is the Best Teacher

On May 26th, we woke up with a good deed in mind. As part of our enforced Community and service, we decided to visit the Elderly Home of Trnje.

There we were kindly welcomed, and a day filled with activities followed. We were not the only guests, a group of young children came along to lift up the atmosphere a bit more. We sang, ate, danced and even exercised. The whole experience was very enjoyable and educational. They shared their stories and we listened with amusement.

We were glad to have been able to get to know these kind hearts and look forward to further gatherings with our new friends.



Humanitarian Actions

You Are Not Alone and ***Help for Slavonia***

You Are Not Alone

February 26th - March 7th, 2014

From February 26th until March 7th we were organising the humanitarian action *You are not Alone* in order to help people affected by floods in Croatia.

This humanitarian action aimed at collecting household cleaning accessories and supplies such as buckets, brooms, cleaning brushes, gloves and sponges.



Help for Slavonia

From May 20th until May 22nd the humanitarian action *Help for Slavonia* was organized at our school. This humanitarian action aimed at collecting as many necessary items as possible in order to help people affected by floods in Slavonia. We collected canned food, clothes, towels, blankets and hygiene items.

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all students and parents for their big-hearted and compassionate contribution in this humanitarian action. Thanks to their generosity we collected many necessary items for people affected by floods in Slavonia and deposited 1.700 HRK onto the Croatian Red Cross bank account.

May 20th - 22nd, 2014



Both humanitarian action were met by generous support and compassionate response of our students, parents and teachers in order to help people in need.

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C & S Cooperation with our partners

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Visit to the Centre for Autism

Cooperation with the Centre for Autism



On October 17th as part of the Community and Service, we visited the Centre for Autism in Zagreb. It is a wonderful school for children with autism and special needs.

When we arrived, we were very kindly welcomed and were shown a tour around their school. Then we saw how children worked and learned in their classes. Children of different ages are in the same class as their learning disabilities allow them to learn at different speed. We talked to them about school, their hobbies, lives and interests.

We even had the opportunity to participate in a creative art workshop with them. We were divided into two groups, one group made doll angels while the other made cotton sheep. The children are extremely talented and do challenging things in their workshops.

We all had a great and unforgettable time with our new friends. Children in the Centre for Autism were very polite and talented. Through the Community and Service we have learned so much and hopefully many students will volunteer at the Centre for Autism. We believe more schools should go there as such a visit is beneficial for both sides!



October 17h, 2013



Friends from the Centre for Autism visited our school

Cooperation with the Centre for Autism

November 13th, 2013



On November 13th the children from the Centre for Autism visited our school. Our students wished them a warm welcome and they together spent a quality time with each other in joint activities. They all were so happy to see each other again after a wonderful time spent in the Centre for Autism a month ago.

After the school tour the students participated in a creative Art workshop led by the Visual Art teacher, Ms. Ivana Devernay Cimić. Our guests liked the workshop, enjoyed the visit and went home with positive impressions. We hope to see our friends soon again and to continue cherishing this friendship.



A Good Heart for a Happy Home

Cooperation with our local community

Food drive in November and December, 2013



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



Our students and their parents preparing the gifts

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

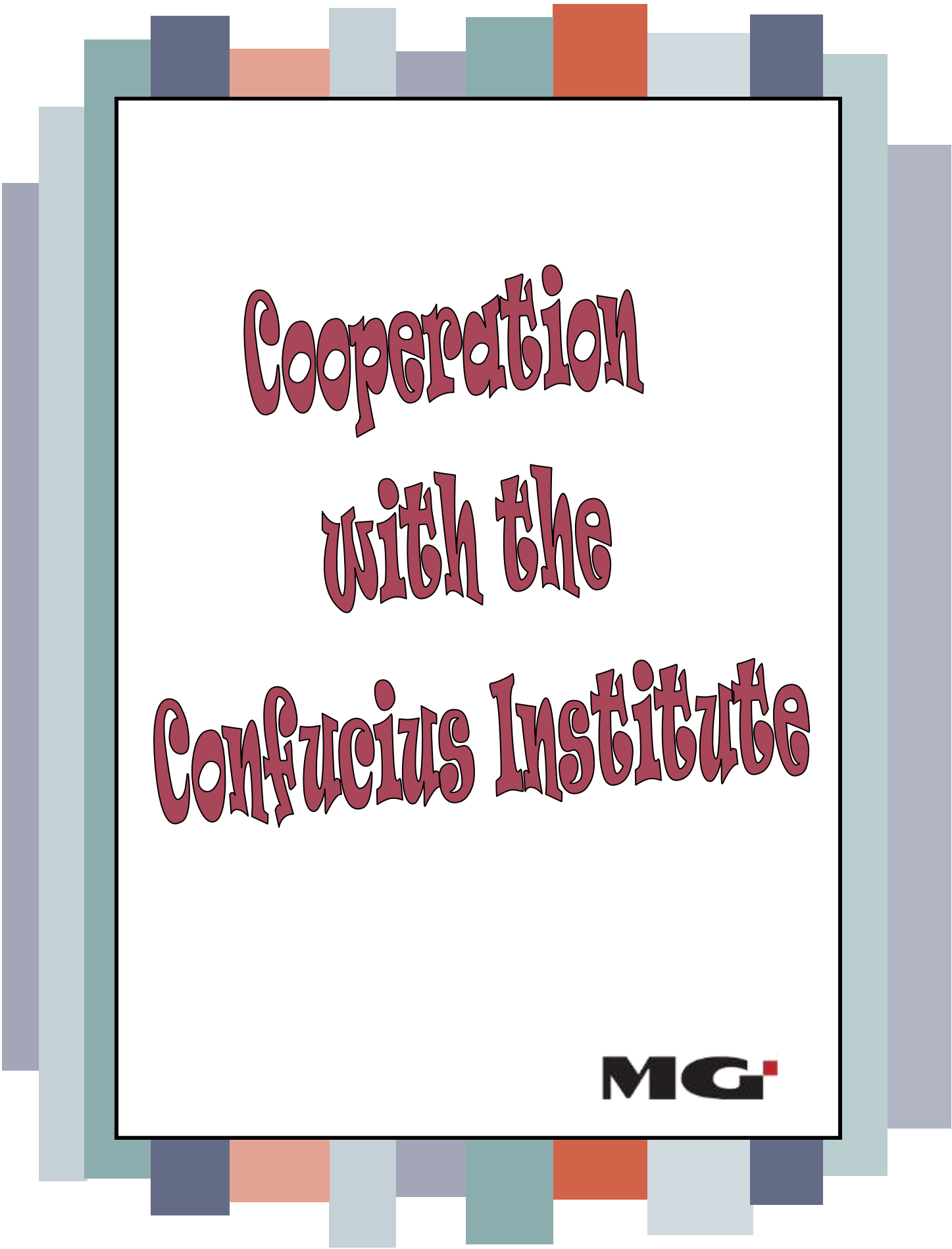
Cooperation with the Children's home "Alojzije Stepinac" in Brezovica

December 11th, 2013



As a part of our intensive Community & Service activities, E5 and MYP class visited children with special needs at the Children's Home "Alojzije Stepinac" in Brezovica. We carried the Christmas gifts donated by the students, parents and teachers of our school. At the beginning of our visit E5 and MYP1 students performed a play "Christmas around the world" interpreting the Christmas spirit. After the play we could choose between two workshops, an Art workshop and a Sport one. At the Sport workshop we played football and had a great time getting to know the boys that live in the home. During the Art workshop we could make some Christmas decorations. Both workshops provided a perfect chance to form the bond of fellowship.



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Cooperation with the Confucius Institute

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Get to Know China

Chinese Culture Workshops

September 3rd - 6th, 2013



The first week of the school year was marked by a series of Chinese culture workshops organised at our school by the Confucius institute within the project "Get to Know China" with the goal of promoting Chinese culture, traditions and costumes.

The students of the national and international programme had a short Chinese Language Course, got acquainted with the Chinese Calligraphy, Traditional Arts and Paper Cutting, learnt how to make Chinese Facial Masks and practise a decorative handicraft art of Chinese Knotting. The students made their own Chinese knotting bracelets and facial masks.

The students had an excellent opportunity to understand the brilliant and profound culture of China and to experience the broad range and great variety of Chinese traditions and customs.



Calligraphy



Facial masks



Chinese knotting



Chinese New Year

Welcoming the Year of the Horse - January 25th, 2014



Chinese New Year Celebration at the Confucius institute

The national programme students - Mirta (8. a) and Paula (5. c) participated in the Chinese New Year Celebration Show held on January 25th, 2014 at the Confucius institute. Under the guidance of their Chinese teacher, Ms. Joanna Chang they performed the Chinese fan dancing and song called "Hetangyuese".

With their cute performance they actively contributed in the most important festival of the Chinese calendar and warmly welcomed the Year of the Horse.



Chinese Cultural Journey

Chinese Culture Week Workshops

May 16th, 2014



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萨格勒布大学孔子学院

Chinese culture has greatly inspired our students

On May 16th, together with 4th grade of our national programme, E4 students visited the Confucius Institute at the University of Zagreb, as a part of the Chinese Culture Week.

The students have participated in various interesting workshops related to Chinese culture. First they had the Chinese calligraphy workshop, where they were taught the proper way of holding the brush, and the correct sitting position, as well as the order of strokes when writing different Chinese characters (or "hanzi").

Later followed the Weiqi workshop. Weiqi is a traditional Chinese game, which our students took an immediate liking to. It is played in pairs, using a grid and black and white "stones", and it is a game of tactics and strategy. In the end, the students had a Chinese language workshop, where they learnt how to shortly introduce themselves. They were also taught how to count to 10 in Chinese and how to show it using their fingers (it might sound easy, but it is completely different from the way done in Europe and the world).

Filled with new experiences, of a culture unknown to most of them, the students returned happily to their school.



Chinese Language Demo Class

Chinese Vice Premier Delegation Visit

May 23rd, 2014

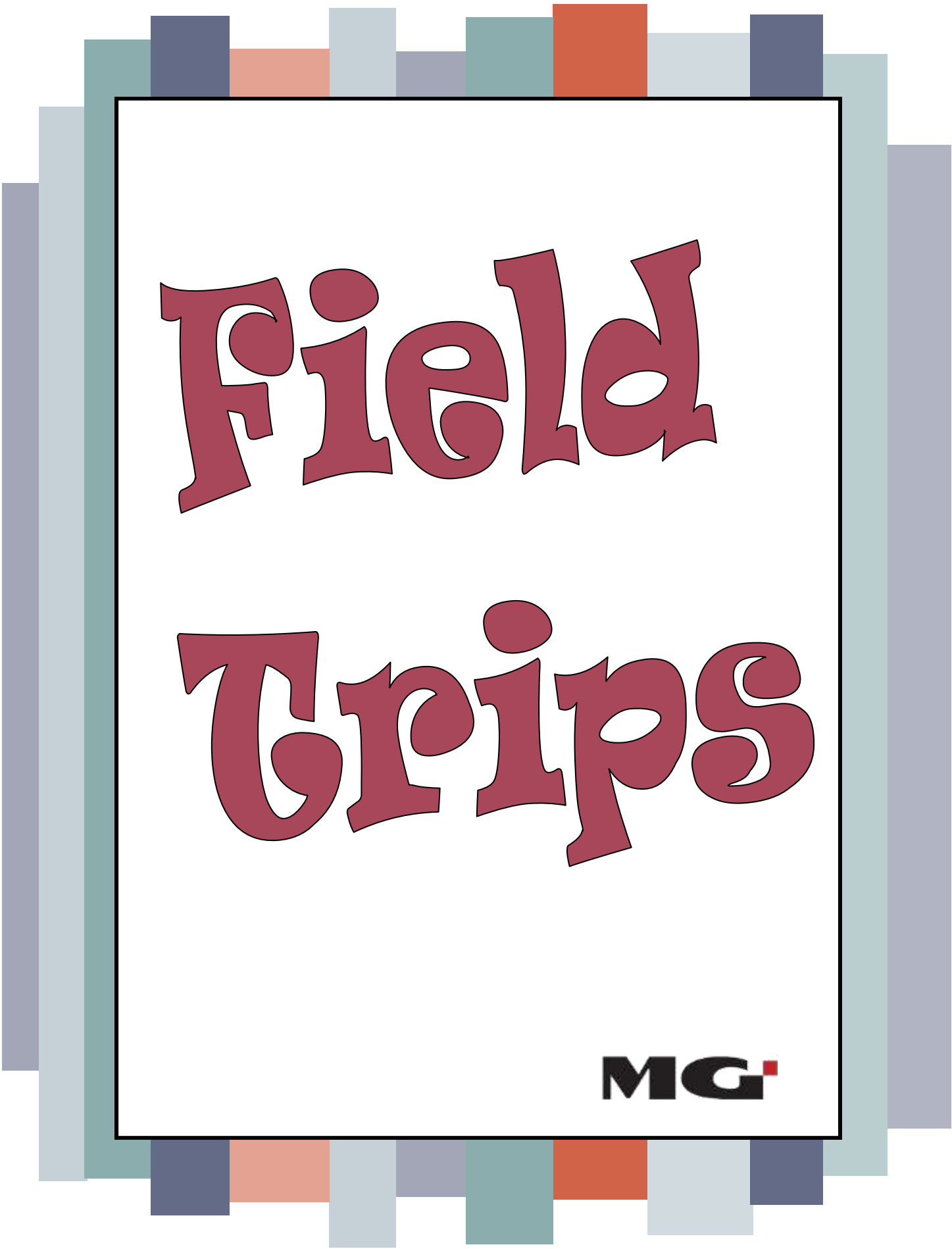


On May 23rd our students of the national programme – Mirta (8. a) and Jan (6. b) participated at the Chinese language demo class organised under the guidance of their Chinese teacher, Ms. Joanna Chang at the Confucius Institute.

Demo class was an integral part of the celebration ceremony that was organised on the occasion of the second anniversary of the founding of the Confucius Institute in Zagreb. Chinese Vice Premier delegation led by Liu Yandong attended the ceremony in the Confucius Institute decorated with martial arts performances, chess, calligraphy exhibition and Chinese paintings.

Our students were proud of being invited to participate in this ceremony and came back to school full of impressions with the whole event.



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Field Trips

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OUR FIRST FIELD TRIP

Smiljan and Nikola Tesla

October 3rd, 2013



On October 3rd we went on a field trip to Lika and visited Smiljan and Kuterevo.

Smiljan is known best for being the birthplace of Nikola Tesla, a inventor and electricity pioneer. His birthplace home has been carefully restored and made into a museum with various exhibits of his inventions. A statue of Tesla stands in front of the house looking out over the fields and hills. There is a replica of Tesla's research station in Colorado Springs, in which he did all sorts of experiments. There is also a 1 million-watt working Tesla coil inside the visitor's centre. Once the neon lights covering the walls of the demonstration room (literally highlighting his accomplishments) are turned off, we can be dazzled by Tesla's man-made lightening. We have found out that the top ten Tesla's inventions are alternating current, X-ray, radio, remote controller, laser, neon light, electric motor, laser and wireless communication.

Outdoorsy things include a working model of his turbine in a stream running through the property, and a HI-TEC from-the-future-looking children's playground on the museum grounds, where we enjoyed the most.



KUTEREVO

What have we found out about bears in Kuterevo?



- The Bear Refuge in Kuterevo was founded in 2002. People volunteer there from all around the world to help the bears. It is a very nice place with cool souvenirs. We loved the place.

- All the bears in Kuterevo lost their mothers during their first year of live and thus had no chance of survival in the wild. We can meet there:

- **Marko Kralj** (born in 2012)

- **Mlada Gora** and **Mladi Dol** (born in 2010)

- **Huu Bear** and **Vlad Mir** (5 years old)

- **Blago Zoo** and **Bena Zir** (6 years old)

- **Ljubo Lik** and **Zdravi Gor** (10 years old)



Free time



We enjoyed our free time in the HI-TEC from-the-future-looking children's playground

E5 Ski Trip

Appelhof, Austria

January 26th - February 1st, 2014

From January 26th until February 1st, our school organized an exciting one week ski trip in Austria for the students of the Croatian School in the English Language. We stayed at the colourful and interesting children's hotel "Appelhof" in Murzsteg. With its own private ski slopes, it was the right place for the children learning how to ski, as well as for those with advanced skiing skills. The students spent four hours skiing with their ski instructors every day, and in the afternoon and evening, various activities and other programs were organized. Among soccer, swimming and movie theatre, a masquerade party, disco night, night-time sledding and evening stroll with torches, as well as many others, our students had plenty to choose from. The students had a great time and came back from their ski trip with vivid impressions.



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Ljubljana Sightseeing with Danila Kumar International School Students

March 11th, 2014

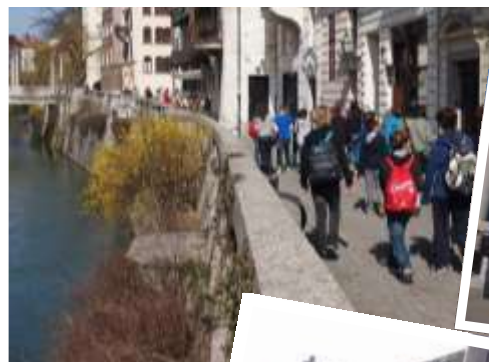


On March 11th we went on a field trip to the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana in order to visit Danila Kumar International School.

They welcomed us very nicely at Danila Kumar International School. We had lunch at their cafeteria. After lunch, the students showed us the sights of Ljubljana old town – Preseren Square, Cobblers' Bridge, love padlocks on the Butchers' Bridge and Cathedral of St. Nicholas. We finished the sightseeing with an ice cream treat.

Then we visited the "Hisa Experimentov" (House of Experiments) where we tried out many interactive experiments and experienced the practical and fun side of Science.

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



Hisa Experimentov

Practical and Fun Side of Science





Our Field Trip Adventure to Istria

April 9 - 11, 2014



First field trip day

During this year's three-day field trip, MYP students got the opportunity to visit Istria. We were kindly welcomed into the hotel "Villa Gloria" in the village of Kukci and had many activities rotating around sports.

On the first day we stopped by in Rijeka to visit our friends in Primary School "Pećine" that was targeted by a group of vandals a couple of months ago. During the barbaric attack, their library containing books in Braille was destroyed and we kindly offered them our help and donation that we had previously collected during our Carnival Charity Tombola.

Our day continued with sightseeing astonishing views and beautiful historical monuments of Rijeka and visiting the Planetarium. The rest of the day was spent through relaxation.



Bike Tour Through Istrian Vineyards



Second field trip day

The second day was also filled with excitement, starting with numerous sports including a memorable ride on bicycles while enjoying the view of breath-taking vineyards.

Later we took a walk through Poreč, and topped off our day with a visit to the cheese factory. There we enjoyed tasting a variety of Istrian delicacies.



Exploring Truffle Hunting Area



Third field trip day

We started off our third and final day with a very exciting tennis tournament. Considering that our school is very aware of community and service, we visited the Volunteer centre in which kind people offer their time to benefit the community. Last but not least we ended our trip going to a truffle hunting area. We met a family who taught us all about importance of truffles.



Tennis Tournament



Truffle hunting area

Charming Trip to Vienna

May 9th - 10th, 2014



MYP3 students went on a two-day field trip to the beautiful city of Vienna on May 9th and 10th. Our weekend in Vienna, Austria started in the wonderful Schönbrunn Palace known for queen Sissi who lived there. There we saw marvelous rooms and heard stories about people. We also visited Schönbrunn's magical garden. We took the walking city tour and saw many interesting monuments. We spent time in Stephansplatz while we explored the magical city some more. On our second day we visited Haus der Musik. Visiting Haus der Musik really taught us about music in general and Austrian music as well. After we went to Mariahilferstrasse and explored some more of the astonishing city. Our wonderful field trip to Vienna came to an end too soon.

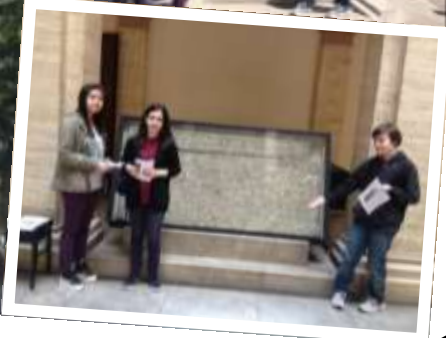
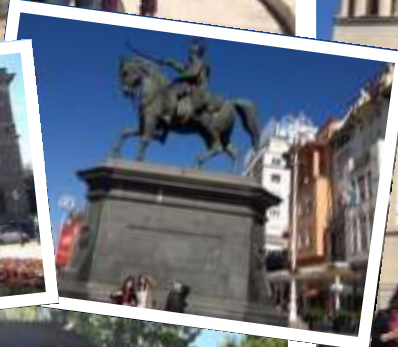
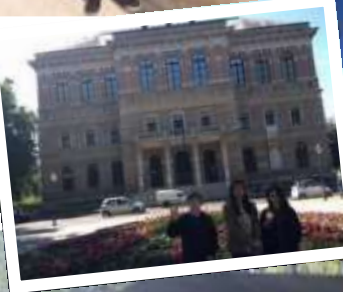
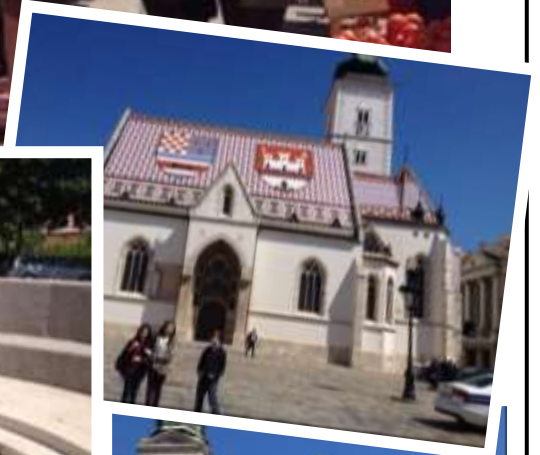


Zagreb City Tour

May 19th, 2014



On May 19th we had an extravagant time on our interactive field trip across Zagreb and visited the most important cultural and historical monuments. We started in the scenic and monumental Ban Jelacic Square. After that we walked down to Zrinjevac Park to visit the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, where we saw the Baska Tablet - the oldest written text ever found in Croatia. After seeing downtown of the city of Zagreb, we got on Zagreb's Funicular, which took us to the Upper town. Once we got to the Upper town we saw the sights like the St. Mark's Church, the Stone Gate, the Palace of the Croatian Government and the Croatian Parliament.



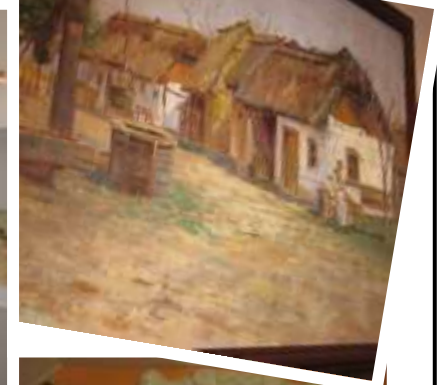
First Hand History Lesson in Andautonia

June 4th, 2014

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

On June 4th E5 students accompanied by their homeroom teacher Ms. Olga Arneri, joined the fifth grade students of the national programme on the field trip to Andautonia. During the educational and interesting tour of the Archaeological Park Andautonia the students took a walk in the past exploring the habits and lifestyle of ancient civilisation. They also visited the ZOO park at the Excursion site Kljucic Hill and saw wild pigs, horses, mouflon, roe deer, pheasants, wild duck and some domestic animals.

The students came back to school with vivid impressions of this journey to the past.



Students' Ingenuity

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First Place at the German Language State Competition



Laura Bračun (MYP3) represented our school at the German Language State Competition held from April 22nd - 24th at Primary School "Zadarski otoci" in Zadar. In the highly competitive environment and under the guidance of her mentor teacher, Ms. Gordana Sedmak, Laura made an outstanding achievement and **placed first** at the B-Category for the students who had been schooled in the German language spoken countries for more than a year.

We congratulate Laura on her excellent achievement and praise her for hard work, dedication and enthusiasm shown during the entire preparation for the state competition.



Radio Gubec



School Radio Extracurricular Activity

Under the guidance of Ms. Silvija Novak, School radio has been again with us in the school year 2013/2014 with interesting and new topics, stories, interviews and, of course, a lot of good music.

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

The students learned how to edit the radio news, how to be a broadcaster, how to sharpen public speaking skills and how to run talk shows. They also learned how to initiate story ideas, conduct interviews, record field audio, write, fact-check, voice their own stories and work on radio stories from concept to completion. The school radio has been proven to be a fun activity for the students who like to be trendy and up to date with the latest happenings.

Radio Gubec Team: Vivien (MYP2), 7th grade students Duje and Marko, 8th grade students Davorin and Hrvoje and teacher Silvija Novak kept us updated with the school news, informed us about the school events and cheered us up with great music.



Experimental Urban Garden

Reconnecting Students to Nature

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

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



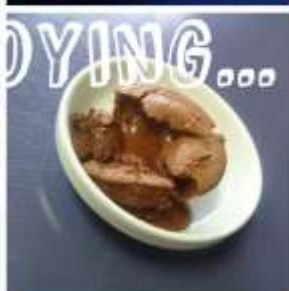
Food Technology Team



Gingerbread Heart Manufacturers



Our Kitchen Profiles



Environments

Care for natural, social and virtual environment



Safe Virtual Environment

As a part of the project *Safe Virtual Environment*, which was held by our AOI Environments Leader, Ms. Sijetlana Keser MYP students participated in a workshop where they were reflecting about documentary "Web Junkie" held on ZagrebDox, an international documentary film festival. China is the first country to label internet addiction a clinical disorder. "Web Junkie" exposes a Beijing rehab centre where Chinese teenagers are being "deprogrammed". Our students realised how important is today to encourage social activities, interests and hobbies, because Internet should enhance our life, not replace it!



Classroom atmosphere reflects quality of learning



Starlet



Through the activities of basic script analysis, creating an appropriate character, using voice and body to portray a character, effectively using stage space, MYP1 Drama Class students have realized that by developing a believable character and situation in drama, one can communicate with others. They created a public performance using effective communication/acting skills.

Through "Starlet" the students, under the guidance of the Drama teacher Ms. Barbara Čičmak, have learned to identify and implement monologue strategies developing skills in informing others including presentation skills using a variety of media in order to provide a message and evoke an emotion with an audience.

Through the activities of the non-verbal communication, exaggerated emotions, developing a unique character, choreography, costuming, MYP2 students have realized that through the art of performing, we are able to reflect on human nature, teach important lessons, and most importantly, laugh. They have created a live performance for a targeted audience designing the set themselves with the generous help of our friendly designer Art teacher Mr. Ivica Šimić. Sets, costumes, the whole look of the show is minimal but the emotion is great with a lot of fun and hard work inside.



Drama Class



Areas of Interaction Design

Injecting green designs into the IB terminology



Technology project **Areas of interaction signs out of recycled materials** injected green design ideas into the IB terminology and increased the students' sensitivity in applying environmentally friendly design issues.

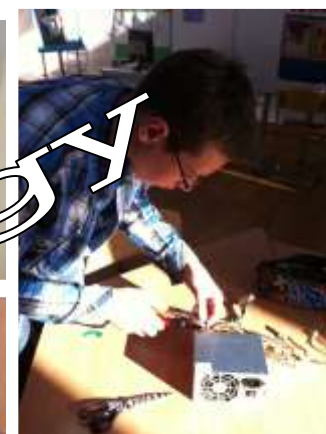
The students' task was to design and make an area of interaction sign from recycled materials. MYP1 students, under the guidance of their Technology teacher, Ms. Linda Zelić first discussed the meaning of recycling and how recycling can improve our standard of living while fostering respect for environment in which we live. They also explored the visual language of signs and symbols trying to understand the areas of interactions as the MYP beginners.

The students collected ordinary items that might be considered trash (plastic bottles, plastic caps, computer wires, tetra packs, cardboard boxes, styrofoam, cans, old CDs) and reshaped them applying the proper techniques. They turned trash into treasure following green business practices and emphasising how the world of design embraced the environment.



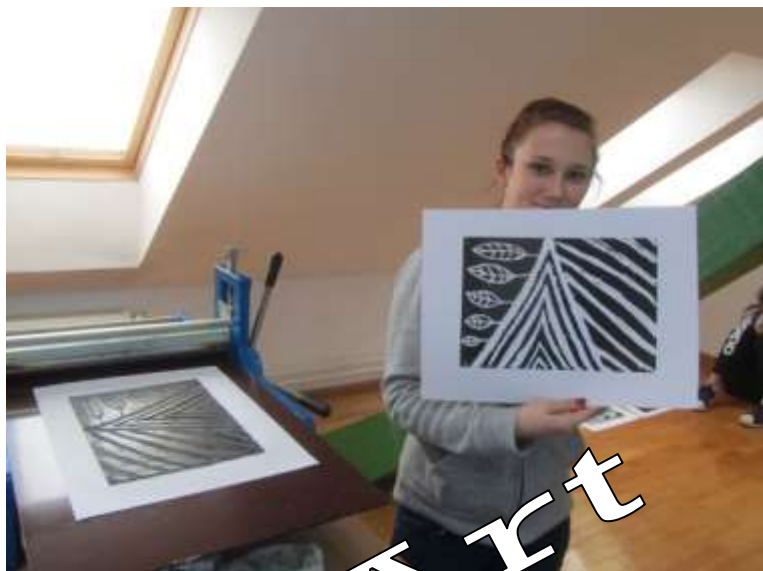
Students' Ingenuity

Evolving from a consumer to a producer



Students' Ingenuity

Graphic and Art Student Work





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



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