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### Dear readers,

you can read the new issue of the school magazine. There were a lot of activities of pupils in our school in November and December.

Pupils of the Years 5-9 have been educated at home in an on-line form. Pupils of the Years 1-4 have studied at school. We want to bring you the latest news about what has happened, where pupils have been or what they have done.

You can read the message of the school deputy, some poems written by pupils, we remember Halloween and All Saints' Day and many other interesting articles. We have not forgotten on school competitions and you can read the names of their winners.

WE wish you happy reading.

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### THE DAY OF THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

WE have asked Mrs. Mgr. E. Zajíčková, the deputy of the school, to tell us about the 17th November.

The International Day of Students – the 17th November - has been connected with the Day of the Fight for Freedom and Democracy since 2001 in Slovakia. Fascistic regime started a terror against the Czech universities and their students in 1938. University students demonstrated for the basic human rights in November 1989 in Prague and in Bratislava. The public supported them and a resistance to the socialistic regime caused the end of the regime. The year 1989 brought freedom , democracy, restoration of human rights to million of people in the countries in the middle and east Europe.

We cannot take freedom for granted. Each of us has to protect it and be grateful for it.





**WAUKA** REČI SLOVENSKEJ

#### HAPPY WORLD INITIATIVE

Do you know what day it is? It is the Day of Human Success and Progress. We think in this day (21st October) on people who did or have done something special for all the mankind.

WE have asked some pupils who they admire and why.

"I admire Ľ.Štúr because he enacted the Slovak language by law in 1843", said Patrik.



"My favourite singers are Freddie Mercury and Michael Jackson. I've chosen them because they were the best singers, composers and talented men.M. Jackson and L. Richie wrote a song We are the world. They organized a help to starving people in Africa. F.Mercury was a singer in the group Queen. He wrote the song Bohemian Rhapsody.In the song he sang to his mother that he didn't want to die. But then the time came and he had to say goodbye", said Lenka.







"I really admire Robert Kahn and Vinton Cerf, because they invented the Internet. Nowadays we use it almost in every time. Most of us can't imagine life without it anymore", said Eliška.

# HALLOWEEN and ALL SAINTS' DAY

Halloween is a holiday that is mainly celebrated in America and in the English speaking countries. American children are dressed in scary costumes. They go from house to house and say: "Trick or treat" and their neighbours give them sweets. Houses are decorated by pumpkins, bats, cobwebs and other scary things. This holiday is celebrated on 31st October.

We commemorate the death of our relatives in this day in Slovakia. We go to cemeteries to switch candles and put flowers on the graves of our dead relatives.

### Valentína from 9.A





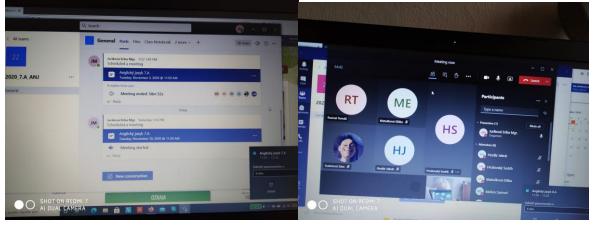
## ON-LINE EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOL

Our school life has changes much with the bad pandemic situation in Slovakia. The government restrictions have led to distant- online classes. We have stayed at home for a long time without any

personal contact with our teachers and classmates.

We have asked some of our pupils how they feel in this situation. Most of them regret being at home with no chance to meet friends. They confirmed being lazy to do homeworks and make projects. They said they were prepared better for the school before, when they went to school.

Let's hope we will see each other at school soon! Nikol from 8.A



### POEMS ABOUT WINTER

Pupils from the 9.A class have written poems about winter. They look forward to snow.

Stick under the tree Nice Christmas time Outside is snowing Winter has come.

Laura

Šimon Valentína

Summer is over New year is around the corner Outside it is snowing Wind is blowing Snowman is built
Now children are happy
Oh, it is a nice time
Winter is here again

Snowflakes are falling down Now everything is under snow

Outside is so cold

What a beautiful time

Natália Lenka



Snow is falling down
Now the country is nice
Outside is snowing
Winter is already here

## PUPILS IN THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Pupils involved in the project Múdrost' našich predkov(Wisdom of our Ancestors). The aim was to make stories which could happen in the past. The key was the symbol of their creativity. They wrote names, illustrations and articles to the model of the keys. Pupils acted some of the stories in the after school club.



# CHRISTMAS TIME

**GIVING TUESDAY** is the second Tuesday after Thanksgiving Day. Slovakia has participated in this day for the fourth time. Pupils, their parents and teachers with assistants have prepared gifts for old people in the Old people's house in Jesienka in Šurany. Pupils have wrapped up wishes into boxes:



LOVE

**HEALTH** 

**PEACE** 

**FRIENDSHIP** 

**UNDERSTANDING** 

**HAPPINIES** 

**HOPE** 



# ST. NICHOLAS' DAY

On the evening of December 6th, St Nicholas comes to our homes and brings some fruit and chocolates to all good children.

St Nicholas lived in the town of Myra in Turkey about 1200 years ago. He was a very kind person. He helped poor people and gave them food.

On Friday, of December 4th, St Nicholas also came to our school with an angel and a devil. He brougt some sweets to our children. They were very happy to meet him. They sang him songs and recited poems. They spent a great time together.





# CHRISTMAS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IN THE U.S.A.

In all Christian countries Christmas is the most popular holiday of the year. People decorate streets, shop windows, their houses and gardens with small twinkling bulbs. Families

decorate Christmas trees with candles, bows, stars, nuts and sweets. They sing Christmas carols and send Christmas cards to their friends.

Children hang stockings near their beds and believe that Father Christmas or Santa Claus comes down the chimney with presents for them.

The most important day is 25th December, Christmas Day. People remember the birth of Jesus.

The English and Americans open their presents in the morning and for Christmas lunch, they have roast turkey, potatoes, vegetables and Christmas pudding, a special cake with nuts and fruit.

# CHRISTMAS IN SLOVAKIA

In the Slovak Republic Christmas Eve, the 24th December is more popular. Children believe that Baby Jesus brings the Christmas tree and all the presents. They open the presents in the evening. Slovak Christmas dinner is fried carp and potato salad. Women bake a lof of Christmas cakes and gingerbread biscuits. Here is a popular Christmas carol in Great Britain.

# Silent night

Silent night, holy night all is calm, all lis bright round you virgin Mother and Child holy infant so tender and mild sleep in heavenly peace sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

Mgr.A.Paulišinová

## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

There were a lot of pupils who took part in the Christmas competition. Pupils from the Years 1-4 have written letters to baby Jesus. They wished health, happinies for their family and friends. They asked Jesus to bring them English books, lego, toys, dolls, mouse to a computer, skates, T-shirts, i-Phone, scooter, notebook.

Read the best works of pupils who have participated in the school competition:

### 1. LIVE GIFT

Which was my the most beautiful Christmas? It is hard to choose one. All Christmas times are very beautiful and exceptional. I remember that Christmas when I got a puppy. He was sitting under the Christmas tree with a big red bow around his neck. My dream had come true. I have always wanted a dog like him. I cried from joy and gave her the name Maja. She is my faithful friend. I can tell her everything. She has been the third Christmas with us. She will also find a present under the Christmas tree. I wish merry Christmas to all people in the world. Lilian 9.A



### 2. LOOKING FOR MISTLETOE

Christmas was coming. We decided to collect mistletoe before Christmas. Mistletoe grows high in trees. It usually freezes at Christmas, but on that day it was mild weather.

We came to a forest and we were looking for trees with mistletoes. They were growing high in the tree but that tree was small so we reached them. We came home dirty,but we had a beautiful mistletoe. We hung it on a lamp in the room. We gave some branches of it to our grandma. Mistletoe brings happinies and luck to families. Laura 9.A

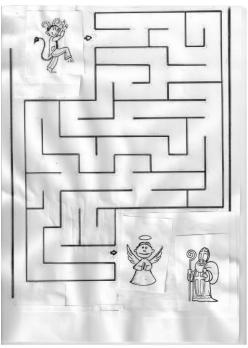




### 3. WHICH WAY IS THE BEST?

It was before Christmas. St.Nicholas brings sweets and gifts to good children and he brings coal or onion to bad children. The Devil was very busy, so he was late for meeting with St.Nicholas and the Angel. Try to find the best way how the Devil can join his friends.

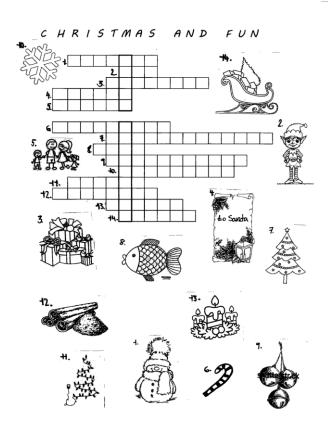
Samuel 8.A







# CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD CHRISTMAS



WE WISH YOU MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!