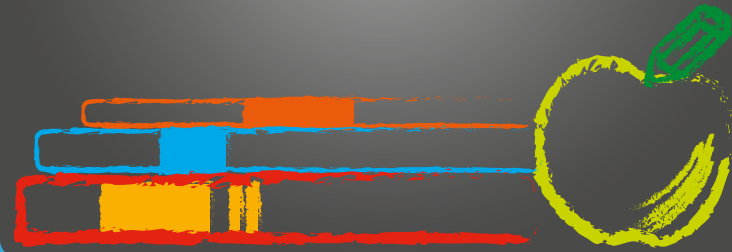
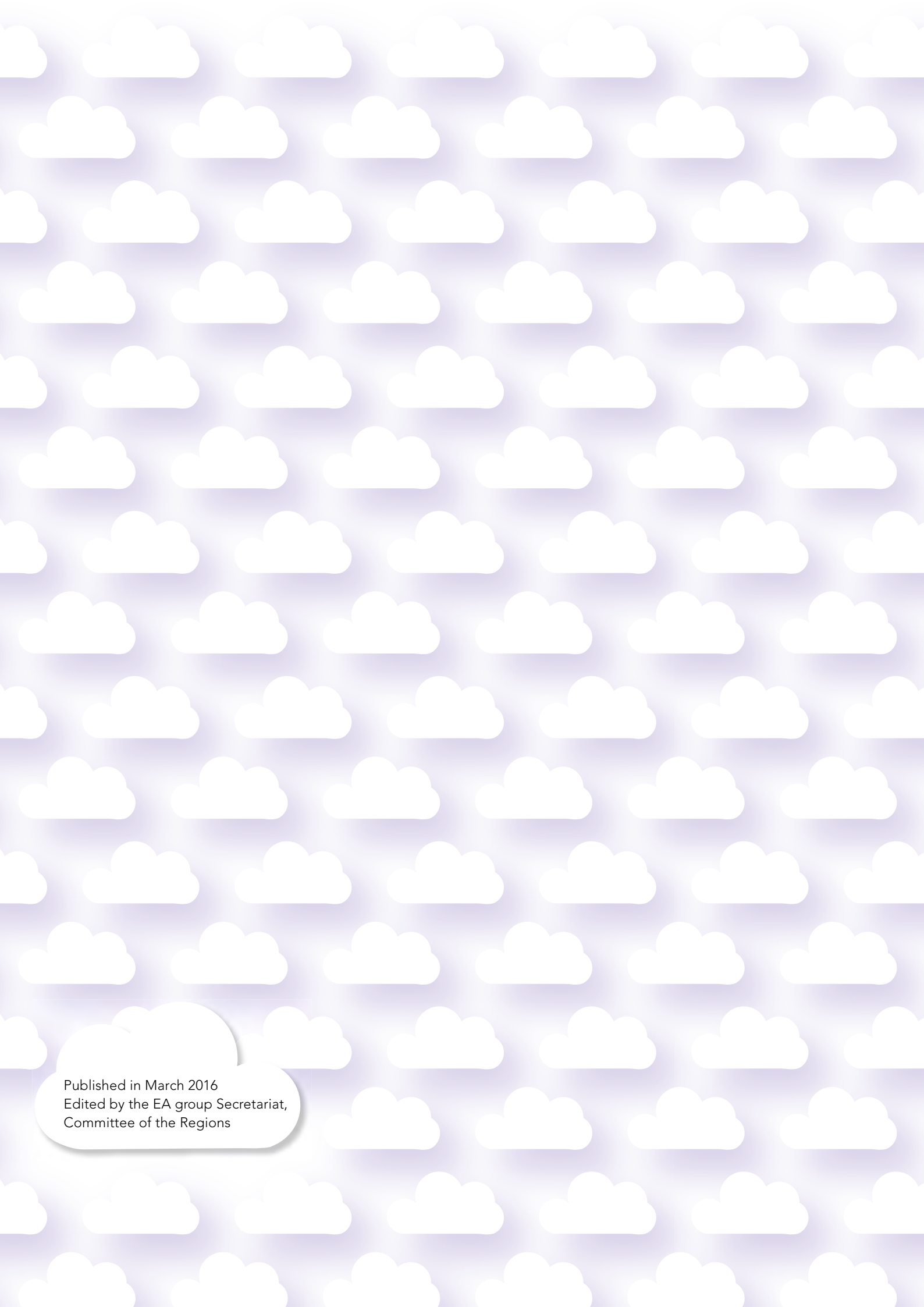


2015

*My region,
our school*





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'My region, our school'

depicted in art by primary school children

The theme of our popular Primary School Art Competition during 2015 was 'My region, our school' and as you will see in the colourful pages of this booklet this subject resulted in great deal of creativity amongst the participating children.

It is a joy to see through the children's' vision and artistic skills how they see their own schools in different regions across the EU. One of the things these young people from nine Member States have in common is a truly positive view of their educational experience.

Some show us pictures of their classroom activities such as learning languages, others show all the types of sports that they enjoy at school - these include cycling, football, dance and volleyball. Many enjoy discovering nature and the environment and this can only make me very optimistic about the future. At the same time, it is very interesting to observe how some see their schools as an integral part of their local region and their local traditions, history and folklore.

It is a credit to their teachers to see how much they all love the learning experience whether in the classrooms, the sports fields or the surroundings of their schools.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Szwabski'.

Mr Stanisław Szwabski

*President of the European Alliance group
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1st Prize

Emma Colyn (9 years)

I've made something about our famous cycleway near our school.

A lot of children and teachers come to school in a safety and healthy way... By bike!

It's funny because all the bikers and the hikers say every day "Good morning" to each other.





2nd Prize
Robbe Sonck (10 years)

The "Pikkeling" is a well-known international folklore festival about harvest near our school.

Farmers in traditional clothes show a lot of traditional things about the harvest.

You can also try regional dishes here.



3rd Prize
Céline Mestdagh (9 years)

Robbe made something about the "Pikkeling", a festival in our town.

The kick-off, the official start, is an opening with a flower carpet at the "Pikkeling" chapel.

I really love the flowers!

Kose-Uuemõisa Kindergarten-School

Kose-Uuemõisa, **Estonia**



1st Prize

Liisa Mii Teeäär (8 years)

Our school is surrounded by beautiful nature. Behind our schoolhouse there is a forest and an old park. Around our schoolhouse there is a big yard. We can have our outdoor lessons and different events there. We can spend our free time safely.

During the long break all the students are in the schoolyard. We play hide-and-see and tag. I like "stone tag" – this is in my picture. It is a very interesting game. In this game you can move a lot, use fantasy and you must be attentive and fast.

Games and studying are hand in hand, that's why every day I come to school with great joy.



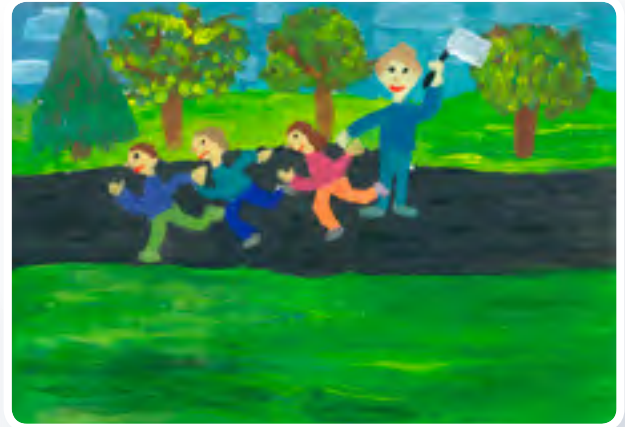


2nd Prize
Johanna Lokotar (8 years)

On the 29 September we celebrate St Michael's Day. The forests and parks are in autumn colours and the leaves are falling off the trees.

According to the old Estonian tradition all the outdoor works were finished, the cattle were taken to sheds. This was the end of summer and it was celebrated with songs and games. Our school has a tradition to celebrate that day in a sporty way.

This year we had a QR code hunt. We had to look for the QR codes in the schoolyard and solve the puzzles and do the crossword. The puzzles were about animals, vegetables, weather. The QR code hunt was a new and exciting event that's why I decided to draw a picture about it.



3rd Prize
Mariann Rüütel (9 years)

This year our school took part in the European Week of Sport and the slogan was "For healthy Estonia". We had events during the whole month, so we called it a Month of Sport.

On the 22 September we had a running day. Our guest on that day was Rasmus Mägi, an Estonian record holder in 400 m hurdles.

He showed us how to do warm-up before running and told us how important it was. Then we went to the stadium where our competitions were held. We started with the 50 m race and then we ran 300 metres. The eight best runners could run with Rasmus Mägi. After the competitions he spent some time with us talking about his career and answering our questions. All the participants got a diploma with R. Mägi's signature.

My picture is a small glimpse of that day.

St Manchan's National School

Mohill, Ireland



1st Prize

Aobhe Macklin (11 years)

I go to St Manchan's NS in Mohill which opened in 2005. St Manchan is the patron saint of Mohill. Turlough O'Carolan was a blind harper who lived in Mohill. There was a statue of him erected in Mohill on 10 August 1986. The word Mohill in gaeilge is Maothail which means 'a soft spongy spot'. St Patrick's Church in Mohill was built in 1886 by Canon Donohue. Philly Mc Guinness memorial park is the Gaelic Athletic Association in Mohill. It was named after Philly Mc Guinness who died in 2010 playing football. Mohill GAA club won the Senior County final and the Minor County final this year. Lough Rynn Castle is a hotel castle just outside Mohill town. It was the home of Lord Leitrim. I've included a picture of Paul's which is my favourite shop in Mohill.





2nd Prize
Shane Mulligan (11 years)

1. I live across from my Grandads farm.
2. A man called Bobby lived there.
3. Bobby's house is still there.
4. There are some things from the old days in the house.
5. Grandad keeps things like nuts for the cows in the house.
6. Grandad's farm is part of the old Lough Rynn estate.
7. There is a lovely stone wall at the front.
8. I like to help Grandad on his farm.
9. In the Summer it's fun to watch the silage bales being made.
10. In the Winter it's fun to feed silage to the cows.

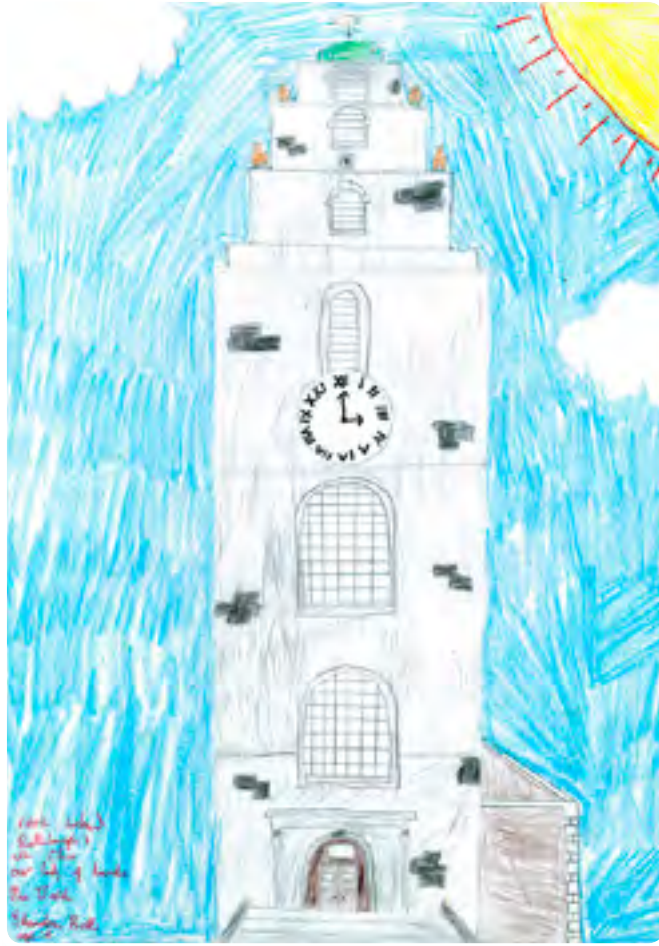


3rd Prize
Emma Hayden (11 years)

In my picture I have drawn 9 things. The first things are the words 'Maothail, Liatroma' which is where I live. The second things are the four Celtic symbols I have drawn which represent Irish history. The Shamrock I have drawn represents St Patrick and his history in Ireland. The harp I have drawn represents Irish music. The flag I have drawn is the Irish flag and the football I have drawn represents the sport that I play in school, which is Gaelic football.

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Cork, Ireland



1st Prize

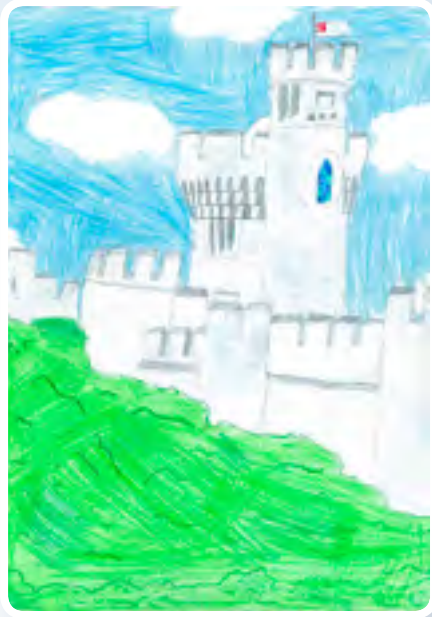
Mia Walsh

(9 years)

Shandon Bells

This is Shandon Bells, it is shown on all our tourist brochures; it symbolises our region. It is very historic.





2nd Prize
Ellen Lee (10 years)

Blackrock Castle

This is Blackrock Castle, it is an old castle which protected our large harbour from pirates. It is now an astronomy centre and it has a giant telescope.



3rd Prize
Orna Tobin (9 years)

Daly's bridge

This is a really fun bridge. It is really famous because if you jump on it, it shakes. It is located next to one of the beautiful parks in our city – Fitzgerald's Park



1st Prize

Michelle Pramotton (10 years)

I enjoy my physical education. When I go to gym I always have a lot of fun. I like to play volleyball.





2nd Prize
Benedetta Chiumello (10 years)

I like it when we study French at school, because only in our region in Italy we study two foreign languages, it's interesting and important if you can speak foreign languages you can get in touch with people from other countries.



3rd Prize
Emanuelle Mazza (10 years)

I like school trips for example when we visited 'Zoom' we saw a lot of strange animals, we know that on the Madagascar island there are a lot of types of lemur and 60 different species



1st Prize

Andrius Pakutinskas (8 years)

Nice morning in our park

This is my school's park. Our school's park is very nice especially during autumn. At this park we have science lessons, we play and teacher tells us about different seasons. We keep it clean. You know I live in a very nice region. Please come and visit.





2nd Prize
Smilte Cerniavskyte (7 years)

My school like home

This is my school. I feel in it like at home. Around our school are a lot of trees and flowers. Our school is in a very beautiful village called Lumpenai. At school teachers are telling us about different foreign languages, countries, history. I like my school and my village.



3rd Prize
Liveta Palistayskaite (7 years)

The best place

I have painted my grandmother's house. Her house has a red roof and a black chimney. She lives in the same village as me. Sometimes I need to bring her biscuits which my mother bakes, then I feel like Little Red Riding Hood. My village is the best place to live.

Panevezys District Velžio Kindergarten

Panevezys, Lithuania



1st Prize

Danielė Niunevaitė (6 years)

My kindergarten is always interesting all year round. But the most interesting season is winter when I can make a snowman or just splash in the snow. Every year before leaving for school, the children plant a plant. I always run to my maple, which was planted a year ago to admire its red leaves. When the snowdrops wake up in spring, we go to the stork nest which is not far from the kindergarten by the river. Children have fun spending time on the kindergarten lawn in summer. Such are my joys in the kindergarten.





2nd Prize
Meda Klokmanaitė (6 years)

We live in the kindergarten together with “Smiling faces”. Every morning they meet us and the heart starts beating happily. Mum and I sometimes stop near the “Thoughtful faces”. The smiles meet, “Butterflies”, “Bees”, “Teddies”, “Ants”, “Dwarfs” and us, “Owlets”. We “Owlets” are the eldest group, we are preparing for school, we learn how to be secure on the roads, learn to be healthy and independent. As soon as I learn to read, I will read “The Smiling face’s” promise. We enjoy smiling and sharing them.



3rd Prize
Deimantė Juškytė (6 years)

It is amazing to come back to the kindergarten after summer holidays as then we have a basketball feast. Joyful music is played and we all together run with the balls around the kindergarten. It is real fun to chant in a crowd “For Basketball”, “For Velžys”. We have got very nice new green benches where we sat and watched teachers and parents’ basketball matches. We are taught how to play basketball by our coach Šarūnė. When our boys grow up, they will be as well – aimed as Jonas Valančiūnas. Earlier the best basketball player was Sabonis.

Primary School in Złotoria

Złotoria, Poland



1st Prize

Jakub Sowinski (12 years)

My name's Jakub, I'm 12 years old and I live in a small village called Złotoria where I go to school. Złotoria was once famous for rafting and there are many interesting places to see like the old castle ruins from XIV century, a hundred years old Church of St. Wojciech, and a wooden bridge from XIX century.

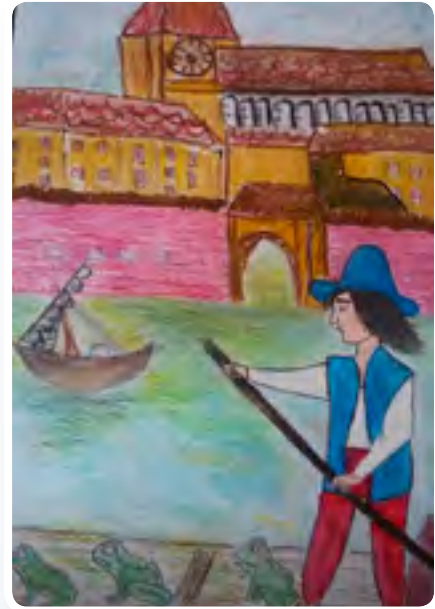
There are also two beautiful rivers, the Vistula (Wisła) and Drwęca. We can learn a lot about history and culture of Złotoria in our lessons. That's why I like my school and my region so much.





2nd Prize
Nikola Ferstenau (12 years)

My name is Nikola and I live in Złotoria , a picturesque village in Poland where the Drwęca flows into the Vistula River. As you can see from my drawing, near our school there are beautiful ruins of the castle, built in 1343 by King Casimir the Great. The legend has it that the ruins hide a huge treasure guarded by the bloodthirsty dogs. Many tried to find the treasure, but the entrance to the dungeon was well camouflaged, and the dogs deterred the daredevils. Only one boy from the nearby, "Wilczonki", having an innate gift in dealing with animals, managed to tame the dogs. And when he found the treasure and began packing precious stones he saw a snake with a hideous dragon's head. The boy shouted, darkness surrounded him, the valuables disappeared, but thanks to his cleverness he managed to escape. Since then nobody has tried to find the treasure again...



3rd Prize
Kamil Ciborski, (11 years)

Hi, I'm Kamil and I want to tell you about a raftsman who saved Torun. According to this legend, there was a time when Torun was full of thousands of frogs that didn't want to leave the city. And one day a raftsman who was playing the violin managed to lead the frogs away from the city. In honour of this hero people build a monument in 1914 near the Old Town Hall. Złotoria, where I live and go to school is also famous for rafting tradition.



1st Prize

Bartłomiej Litwiniec (10 years)

Hello,

My name is Bartek Litwiniec. I live in Polkowice. It is a small town in Poland. I go to a primary school nr 3, I am in 4th grade.

My school is very beautiful, we have computers and multimedia boards in every class, which help us to study. We also have a big swimming pool and playground in our school.

I like music and I like to dance. I play drums so I would like to have a percussion group in my school. I join art class where I drew this drawing. In my drawing you can see my school and things which I would like to have in it.

My town is rich because we have a lot of copper mines around. There a lot of playgrounds and parks for kids and all families. I love my school and my beautiful town.

Yours sincerely

Bartek





2nd Prize
Jagoda Liska (9 years)

Hello,

My name's Jagoda Liska. I live in Poland, in a small town Polkowice. I go to a primary school number 3. I am in 3rd grade.

There are some mines in Polkowice. It's a wealthy town, so my school is also wealthy and beautiful. We've got a swimming pool, computer labs, a playroom and comfortable sofas in the corridors.

We take part in many different classes and parties in both school and town. Our town holds a lot of classes for children and our school takes part in it. I like my town and my school.

Yours sincerely,

Jagoda



3rd Prize
Lidia Jakubiszyn (12 years)

My name's Lidia Jakubiszyn. I'm from Poland. I live in Polkowice.

I go to Primary School number 3. My school is very modern. We have variety of additional classes there.

It's very nice and beautiful in my town. At the weekends I walk in the park and I go to interesting places. I'm happy that I live here.



1st Prize

Olivia Dustet (12 years)

Hello, my name is Olivia. I come from the region near the Baltic Sea. I live in Gdynia, Poland. I most like the cliff in my town. Although my school is 80 years old, it has been modernized lately. We have a new playground, football pitch, tennis and basketball courts. All classrooms are equipped with projectors and interactive whiteboards. The school's name is 'Bohaterów Załogi ORP GROM' (The Heroic Crew of the ORP GROM Ship'). My picture presents my school, the ORP GROM ship, a beach, my town's emblem: two fish and a sword, and Orłowo Cliff. The beach, the fish and the cliff are the symbols of my hometown Gdynia. I love my town because it is beautiful, modern and fast developing.





2nd Prize
Michał Feder (11 years)

My name is Michał. My hometown is Gdynia, I live here and I go to Primary School no. 11. My school is located in the most beautiful district of Gdynia – Orłowo, by the Baltic Sea. My school often organises trips to interesting places in the city. We sometimes go to the beach, walk on a wooden pier and look at the beautiful and unique cliff, from which there is a stunning view of the Gdansk Bay. Next, we are planning to visit the Gdynia Aquarium. There are water animals such as seahorses and piranhas. Next to the Aquarium there is the monument of a world famous writer Joseph Conrad. The main street in Gdynia is Świętojańska Street decorated with boats filled with flowers, they relate to the city closely associated with the sea. Another interesting place is Kamienna Góra ('The Stone Mountain') from where there is a breathtaking view of Kościuszko Square. I am proud and happy to live and learn in Gdynia.



3rd Prize
Gabrysia Mudyna (7 years)

My name is Gabrysia, I go to class 2a in Primary School no 11 in Gdynia. I live in Tri-City (Gdynia, Gdańsk, Sopot) and my work presents my region. Gdynia, Gdańsk and Sopot are located by the Baltic Sea, that is why I have presented them as sailing boats on the sea.

There is always something happening in Gdynia, we often welcome the most beautiful and spectacular ferries and ships from all over the world.

I love the sea, my town, this is my place in the world. Gdynia is said to be built 'from sea and dreams', the city of seagulls, ships and salty water.

Walking along the coast we can find colourful shells.

The port in Gdynia is the third biggest port in Poland.



1st Prize

Magdalena Zaremba, (8 years)

In my school Zumba lessons are organized after we finish classes. Children who want to, can participate in these lessons. Zumba is not only dancing but it is also great music and a lot of fun. I really like dancing and I am really glad that I can attend Zumba lessons at my school.





2nd Prize

Julia Żukowska, (8 years)

At school my class teacher tells us about history and culture of our town and region. Our teacher takes us for walks and we often have excursions. We visit interesting places in Białystok and out of town. We also very often go to a forest.



3rd Prize

Wiktoria Skarzyńska, (8 years)

There is a cool playground at my school. Classrooms are colourful. There are a lot of toys, jigsaw puzzles and board games in the common room. Our teachers are really nice and patient. We are always excited about our physical education lessons. Everybody is eager to participate in games and activities.

We are looking forward to a new football field being built next to our school. It will happen if our proposal for the Participatory Budgeting gets enough votes and wins.

In the picture I drew a logo of Jagiellonia – my favourite football team from Białystok.

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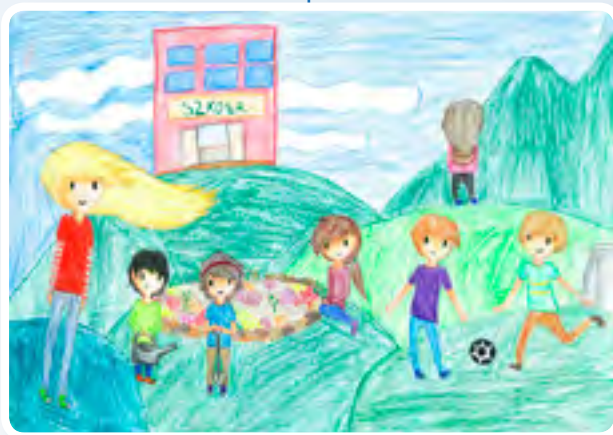


1st Prize

Alicja Kijak, (12 years)

My picture tells the story of a little, 100 year - old school situated in a picturesque, agriculture region of Lubelszczyzna. My school is the place which connects tradition and modernity. Here, we learn about our history and culture. My school teaches me how to appreciate my homeland and how to be responsible for it. Mine and my friends' parents and grandparents were also students of this school, so the tradition and novelty meet in many generations. I feel a citizen of our region, Poland and Europe and I know that we are the people who create our little world.





2nd Prize
Natalia Stępnik, (12 years)

The picture presents my school as a place where we feel like at home – safe, happy and important. At our school we know each other very well, so teachers treat students individually. Our school helps us develop our interests and skills. During the school trips we get familiar with our region and country. We have great successes in local sport competitions and willingly take part in different kinds of cultural events or knowledge contests. My class has a little garden, where we grow some plants. So everyone can do what he is interested in. I know that when we take care of our development, we take care of the future of our region.



3rd Prize
Agnieszka Śmiech, (12 years)

I go to school in a small village – Kluczkowice. This place is situated near the Wrzelowiecki Landscape Park. There are a lot of protected animals and rare plants. Thanks to the location, we can get familiar with the beauty of our nature not only through books or films. We often have really close contact with the nature because of our outdoor biology lessons, school trips, local events. We know how to protect our environment because we learn ecology in a practical way. Students of our school feel responsible for our region. We know that the future of the nature is in our hands.

Școala Gimnazială ION MAREȘ

Vulcana-Băi, Romania



1st Prize

Vasile-Marius Ciocan (12 years)

Hello, my name is Marius. I am twelve years old. In this picture I draw my real school.

It has a green garden and a football ground. On the football ground are children at the sport class. The children are very happy at school because the teachers are very good. My school has a biology lab, an I.T. lab, a library, a resource centre and 5 classrooms. This is my beautiful school „ION MAREȘ” from Vulcana-Băi.





2nd Prize
Antonia-Ştefania Stoian (9 years)

I just waited the contest from this year, and the theme “My region, our school” seemed a great theme because I love my school. I tried to see the school differently and I succeeded: my school is an opened-book kept in a child’s hands, because we discover the world due to books, children wearing traditional clothes represent our regions, the child who reads represents what we do here, we learn and the boy who plays represents the fun.

I am proud of being pupil at „Ion MAREŞ” school and I hope that the school will also be proud of me when I will become a good person!



3rd Prize
Sergiu-Marian Şerban (9 years)

My favourite place is school. I draw the school with PVC windows and blue glasses, white edging and the roof in a light colour. I wanted to represent the ground in a better shape than it is now. I used net for the gates and I marked the ground as the big stadiums are marked.

I also draw three children playing football, because I love this sport. Near the ground I draw bars for children of all ages. When I drew the grass I used a dark green colour.

I have drawn the fountain more beautiful than it is now.

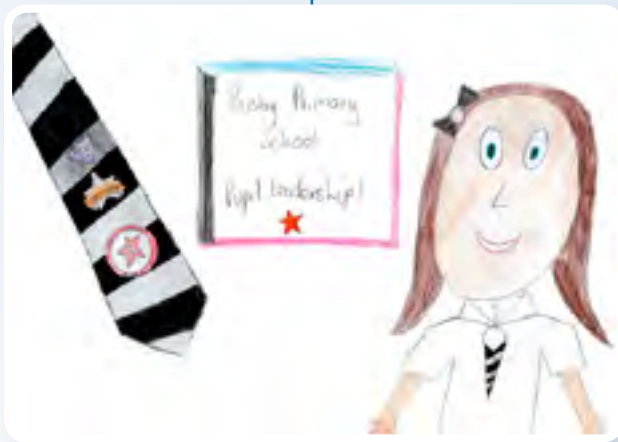
I want my school to bloom like in my dreams!



1st Prize
Beth Crawford
(7 years)

I feel happy because our school lets us do Skills Academy cooking





2nd Prize
Ellie Stirling (11 years)

My drawing is about responsibilities. In Busby we get loads of opportunities and jobs that we can take on. In school I am deputy head girl, an ambassador and I have received a head teacher's award. I think having a role in school is a great opportunity to have as I am giving something back to my school and I think this drawing shows that.



3rd Prize
Larisa Morosova (11 years)

My school is one big family where all the children care and look after each other. Our teachers are all very nice and teach us lots of things. We always wear school uniforms and look nice and smart. The thing I like the most is our Skills Academy where we learn lots of life skills such as cooking, meditating and looking after our community. In all I think my school is a great school.

Neilston Primary School

Neilston, **Scotland**



1st Prize

Emma Johnston (10 years)

I have chosen to draw about all the different things that happen at school and I hope that my vision continues over the years.

I love all the different things we do in school. We learn to respect one another, we have pupil groups like our Eco Committee. We make mistakes but that is OK as it proves we are trying. We embrace a challenge and try and try to get it right. We have a pupil voice in our school.

My teacher knows me well and this is something that should happen in schools today and tomorrow.





2nd Prize

Jessica Anderson (11 years)

I chose to do this picture to show happiness in my class. In my class everyone is friends and we all share things with each other and we would never hurt anyone. Our teacher is always kind to us and she always gives us help with anything. She is fair to every pupil in the class and does what is best for us

In our class we are allowed to say what we feel and think and not be told that it is silly or we are lying. If anyone has fallen out our teacher will help us be friends again



3rd Prize

Lauren MacPherson (11 years)

I love looking out my classroom window as I see beautiful trees, lovely wildlife and people walking their dog. Every half hour the train trundles past on its way to the city.

Neilston is 20 minutes away from Glasgow. To me Glasgow is busy with cars, fumes and tall buildings. Whereas, Neilston is a hop, skip and a jump into greener, fresher air.

Neilston is a quiet, friendly place with lots to explore with friends and family.

My drawing represents how lucky I feel to be able to see so much green space around my school in the village of Neilston.

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1st Prize

Oliver Varholík

(11 years)

I painted ornaments from Šariš region. The dancers are from the folk music group called Sabinovčan. Our region is rich in folklore traditions.





2nd Prize
Sára Jurčenková (11 years)

In our town, Sabinov, we have a big dairy factory where products called SABI are produced. I like yoghurts the most.



3rd Prize
Tomáš Jusko (8 years)

According to a local legend, a young girl called Sabina saved a life to the king – Belo IV. He was sinking in the local river, Torysa, during the Turkish invasion. In honour to Sabina he set the town which he named Sabinov. Nowadays, in the middle of the town square, there's Sabina's statue located. It was sculptured by Sabinov's well-known artist, Mr. Štefan Andraščík.

Hillside Primary School, Newsome

Newsome, Huddersfield, **UK**



1st Prize

Emma Sheldon & Georgia Taylor (11 years
& 7 years old)

Our vision for our school and region is to see more forest school towards our learning. Den making and eating marshmallows around a fire. If we did more forest schools in our local area, then it would give everyone a chance to learn more about nature and animals





2nd Prize
Sana Zubair & Zahra Nabizadah (10 years
& 8 years)

Our vision is to open an ice cream shop on our school field at home time each day, and have a few volunteers working there. The money that we earn will be sent to charity to help poor people around the world. This will make their lives happier by giving them clean water, more clothes and healthy food. Then everyone in Europe will have what they need. We will include ingredients grown locally, such as milk, fresh strawberries and more.



3rd Prize
Jacob Beaumont & Candice Cassidy (7
years & 9 years old)

In our vision we see our school fields used to grow our own fruit and vegetables, so we don't waste money buying from supermarkets. We would like to make all our school dinners using our own produce. Any left overs would be given to the homeless for them to eat. The children and adults are all in charge of this project and have to work together.



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