

# NATIONAL HERO WEEK

*in Primary School N° 12 in Elbląg*



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# 11th November

## NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY

### in Poland



*National Independence Day is a national day in Poland celebrated on 11 November to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of Poland's sovereignty as the Second Polish Republic in 1918 from the German, Austro-Hungarian and Russian Empires. Following the partitions in the late 18th century, Poland ceased to exist for 123 years until the end of World War I, when the destruction of the neighbouring powers allowed the country to re-emerge.*

# POLISH ROADS TO INDEPENDENCE

## Notable dates in history

- 5 November 1916 - *Act of 5<sup>th</sup> November* was released in order to create the *Regency Kingdom of Poland*
- 14 January 1917 - *Provisional Council of State* had started its activity
- 12 November 1917 - *Regency Council* took over the *head of state* duties
- 7 October 1918 - *Regency Council* announced Poland's independence
- 23 October 1918 - government with the prime minister *Józef Świeżyński* was established, without approval by the German authorities
- 1 November - branches of the *Polish Military Organization* began disarming German and Austrian soldiers
- 6/7 November 1918 - in *Lublin*, *Ignacy Daszyński* established a *Provisional Government of the People's Republic of Poland*
- 10 November 1918 - *Józef Piłsudski* came to *Warsaw*, previously released from prison in *Magdeburg*.

- 11 November 1918 - Piłsudski was appointed *Commander in Chief* by the Regency Council and was entrusted with creating a national government for the restored Polish State.
- 16 November - Józef Piłsudski signed a telegram notifying the creation of an independent Polish State. The telegram was sent by radio to the leaders of the superpowers and to all of the warring or neutral governments three days later with the use of equipment from the *Warsaw Citadel*, just after exiting the German troops.
- 17 November - after the *resignations* of Ignacy Daszyński, Józef Piłsudski appointed *Jędrzej Moraczewski* as the prime minister.



Źródło: <https://niepodlegla.gov.pl/en/about-niepodlegla/polish-roads-to-independence/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Independence\\_Day\\_\(Poland\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Independence_Day_(Poland))

# Fathers of Polish Independence

## Józef Piłsudski

born 5 December 1867 in Żułów, died 12 May 1935 in  
Warsaw



*„Though I am always complaining  
about Polish stupidity and badmouthing  
Poles, it is only Poland that I serve”.*

## Roman Dmowski

born 9 August 1864 in Kamionek, died 2 January 1939 in  
Drozdów



*“We are different, coming from  
different parts of Poland, and having  
different interests, yet we are united by one goal.  
This goal is our Motherland for which we  
want to live and work”.*

## *Ignacy Paderewski*

*born 18 November 1860 in Kurytówiec, died 29 June 1941  
in New York*



*“Poland shall not, shall not perish! It shall  
thrive for centuries in power and glory.  
For us, for you, and for the whole humanity”.*

## *Wojciech Korfanty*

*born 20 April 1873 in the Sadzawka Settlement, currently  
Siemianowice Śląskie, died 17 August 1939 in Warsaw*



*“We are a bold and proud nation,  
and even despite of misfortunes that  
befell us and the blows that affected us  
we refuse to bow down as slaves would  
before the power and the mighty”.*

## Wincenty Witos

born 21 January 1874 in Wierzchosławice, died 31 October  
1945 in Kraków



*“I am of the opinion that never and  
nowhere shall it suffice for a state, for  
its defence and everything else, to have a single  
man,  
no matter how much of a genius. This burden  
has to be shouldered by the society as a whole”.*



Źródło: <https://musicbtm.com/fathers-of-polish-independence/>

<https://epodreczniki.pl/a/not-just-pilsudski-and-dmowski-the-fathers-of-polish-independence/DJr2hJpqq>

# 1918-2018

## 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF POLAND REGAINING INDEPENDENCE





# *100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Polish Independence*

*celebrated in Primary School No 12 in Elbląg*

*during*

# *National Hero Week*

*of Erasmus+ project I am my life Hero*

# *Polish National Anthem*

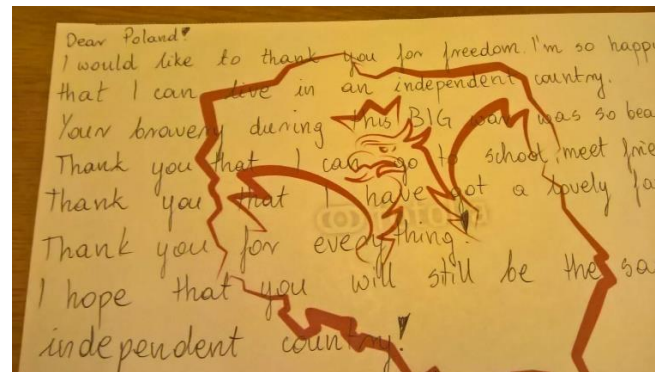
*sung by the whole school community*



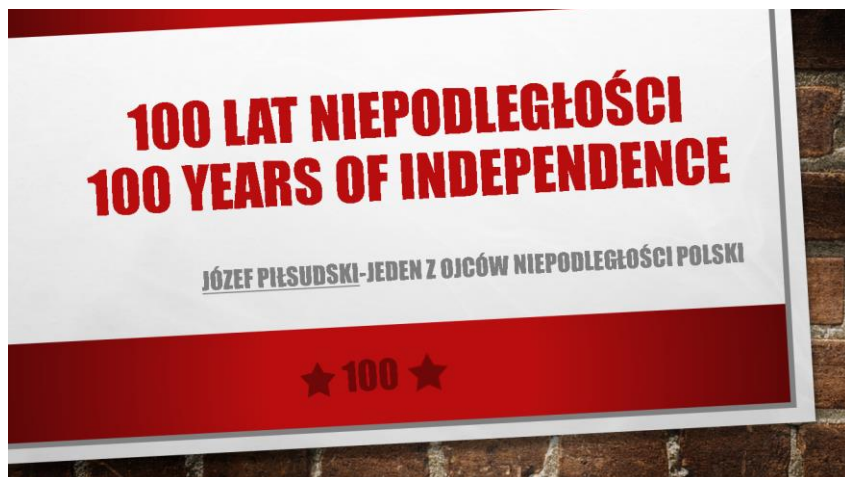
*Historical mural on one of the school walls  
commemorating the anniversary*



# Students' *thank you letters* to Poland for freedom, independence and a beautiful country




# Students' presentations: *Fathers of Polish Independence*



### JÓZEF PIŁSUDSKI - ONE OF THE FATHERS OF INDEPENDENCE

Józef Piłsudski, zasłużył się dla Polski jako jeden z tych którzy pierwsi podjęli walkę o niepodległość Polski i ją wygrali. Był naczelnikiem państwa Polskiego a przedtem dowódcą pierwszej brygady legionów polskich. Zmarł 12 maja 1935 roku w niespełna trzy tygodnie po uchwaleniu nowej konstytucji, mającej ugruntować jego pozycję polityczną.



Józef Piłsudski was the head of the Polish state and the commander of the first brigade of Polish legions. He was one of the first fathers of independence, who gained independence for Poland. He died on May 12, 1935. Less than three weeks after the adoption of the new constitution which strengthen his political position.



*History lessons, meetings, talks, concerts, competitions, runs, walks, and other events the students took part*



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