

OFFLINE DAY 2022

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Offline Day is a project designed by Mirena Maljković, an IT teacher-mentor in Elementary School Rapska in Zagreb.

The aim of the project is to make the students, but also all other participants, aware of the adverse impact of excessive and reckless use of technology on mental and physical health as well as social and communication skills. Of course, the intention is not to portray technology negatively. On the contrary, technological advances have made many things more accessible. It is important to realize when smartphones, computers and similar devices are our allies and when we become their slaves.

Therefore, the emphasis is on the activities that require the students to move as much as possible and encourage them to socialize and spend more time together.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Every school that wants to participate in the project should choose the day to organize Offline Day. We recommend late April or early May. It is also recommended that each school appoint a project coordinator to organize the activities.

On that day, all participants (students, teachers, but also parents - if their work commitments allow it) will leave aside devices such as smartphones, tablets, computers, game consoles, etc. Instead, the students will be offered activities that encourage them to move, develop social and communication skills, creativity, etc.

The choice of the activities will mostly depend on whether Offline Day is organized as a teaching or non-teaching day.

OFFLINE DAY AS TEACHING DAY

If Offline Day is organized as a teaching day, the lessons will be held according to the usual schedule. Every teacher will organize the activities in accordance with the aims of the project. For example, math content can be taught by using abacus, solving various logical tasks such as sudoku, etc.

Since the excessive use of technology adversely affects family dynamics, it is advisable to think of joint activities for the students and parents. The activities can be suggested by homeroom teachers to encourage the students and their families to spend more quality time together.

OFFLINE DAY AS A NON-TEACHING DAY

If Offline Day is organized as a non-teaching day, the appointed project coordinator can turn to the author of the project to receive the instructions and suggestions for activities.

There is also the possibility of hiring parents or external collaborators who could give students an interesting lecture, organize a workshop, sport or other similar activity.

At the school level, it is also possible to organize a competition for the best logo or the most interesting diary. The students need to be informed about these activities in advance. It is also advisable to prepare diplomas or awards for the authors of the most successful works.

INSPIRATION

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1g8Zne9RRVVcvjCC1E_Xff-wsWq48lCop?usp=sharing

On the following link you can find a shared folder with activity suggestions created in 2020 and 2021 by the teachers in Elementary School Rapska, Elementary School Jure Kaštelan and Elementary School Središće in Zagreb.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Please, document the activities carried out. Also, send the reports, photos and videos to the author of the project so they can be published on the project website and Offline Day profiles on social networks.

Prior to the publication of any photo and video materials, it is necessary to obtain parental consent. Parental consent forms can be found in the shared folder.

CERTIFICATES

The appointed project managers will get the certificate for project management at the school level. All teachers who participate in the activities will get a certificate for their contribution to the project.

The following is a proposal of an invitation to participate in the competition for the best logo and the best observation diary.

DESIGN A LOGO!!!

Can you draw or paint well? Pencil, color pencils, highlighters – which tool do you choose? Perhaps you are better at working in Paint? Have you discovered new online tools for artistic expression?

Design an Offline Day logo and be the best!

The logo we like the most will be the project's official logo and will be found on all sites.

Design, take a photo or scan and send to _____.

All works will be published on Offline Day sites.

WRITE A DIARY

During Offline Day, keep a diary about how you spent your day and how you felt without your mobile phone.

- Did you miss your mobile phone?
- How many times did you try to reach into your pocket and grab your mobile phone?
- Did you feel tense about knowing that you were not allowed to use your mobile phone?
- What helped you overcome the tension?
- How did you spend your day at school?
- How did you spend your day after school?