



WHY ETWINNING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS?

eTwinning Seminar Democratic participation in Helsinki
December 2019

ME?

- Primary school teacher in Mäntsälä, southern Finland
- Teacher since 1995
- eTwinning teacher since 2005
- Ambassador since 2007
- Over 60 project with 7-13 year old pupils



CONTENT OF THE PRESENTATION

- Why to have eTwinning projects in Primary school?
- Democratic participation?
- Some project examples
- Some examples of tools to use in projects
- Questions?



WHY ETWINNING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS?

- Lots of "wow"-moments, good experiences
- Usually easy to organize in class teacher system
- Motivating way to learn
- Children often want to do their best in the project
- Good way to incorporate different pupils to same project
(Different tasks and roles)
- In the curriculum in many countries
- "Answer" to various situations

DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION?

Two ways of seeing this:

1. The theme of the project
2. Any theme, but the decision making is made democratically as much as possible

ETWINNING PROJECTS

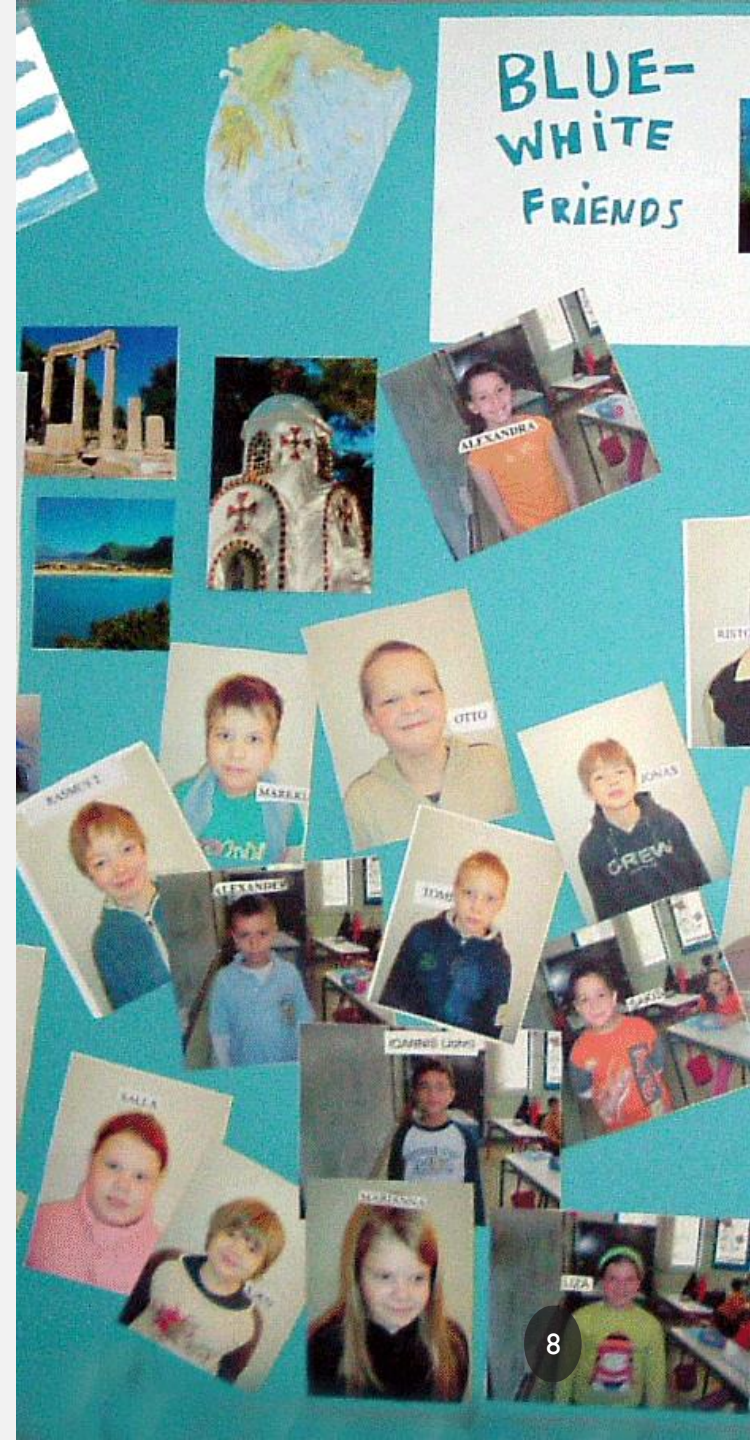
- They can be any kind!
- 2-100 partners
- 1 hour – 5 years
- simple – challenging
- fun – serious

Think, what your pupils need and invent the project!

SOME EXAMPLES

THE BLUE-WHITE FRIENDS

- 2 classes, Finland and Greece
- children 7-8 years old
- my very first project!
- different topic each month
- we looked at the material and talked about it
- pictures important
- *”we did something here, you did there”*



DIFFERENT THEME EACH MONTH

The project

Stuff to do for the kids

September + October 2007

April+May 2007: Hobbies

March+April 2007: The Easter

February+March 2007: School subjects

January 2007 - ?: The weather and climates

November + December 2006: Christmas

September+October 2006: My school

May+June 2006: drawings of the families

May 2006: Telling about myself!

THE RESULTS

- **real use for a foreign language right away**
 - Simple sentences, but still you used the other language!
- **motivation to learn**
 - makes more sense to introduce yourself to a stranger than your own classmate
- **Pride**
 - It made the kids proud to introduce their own surroundings.

SPEAKING ENGLISH RIGHT AWAY!

- two classes, Finland and France
- children 8-9 years old
- just started to study English
- a Skype call once a week
- everyone talked, taking turns
- others listened, doing something quiet
- always something interactive

- "We did something together at the same time"



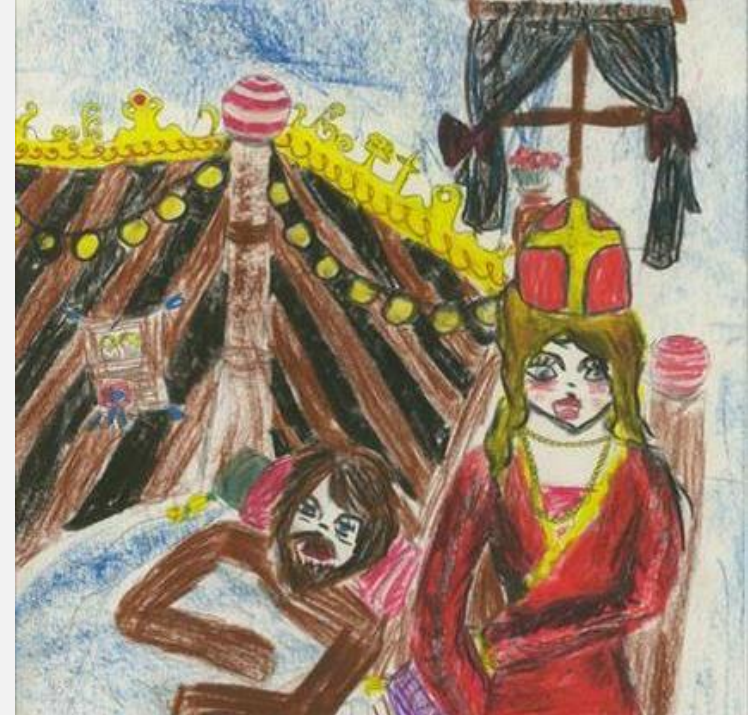


THE RESULTS

- **excellent results with learning English**
everyone heard the same sentences many times
- **real use for a foreign language right away**
you need to speak English to be understood
- **motivation to learn**
makes more sense to introduce yourself to a stranger than your own classmate
- **courage**
the children are not afraid of using the language in other situations

FINGERM – THE FISH

- two classes, Finland and Germany
- children 9-12 years old
- a story, Fisherman's wife, was divided half
- the Germans draw pictures to the other half, the Finns the other
- the story was recorded both in German and in Finnish to the PowerPoint presentation
- *"we worked separately, but towards the same presentation"*







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THE RESULTS

- **Good results with learning about the things we share**
Same stories, same looking kids etc.
- **Lots of drawing**
You had to use your imagination
- **The use of ICT**
The kids learned to use PowerPoint, to record voice etc.
- **Performing**
The kids showed the results to entire school

WE SING, YOU SING

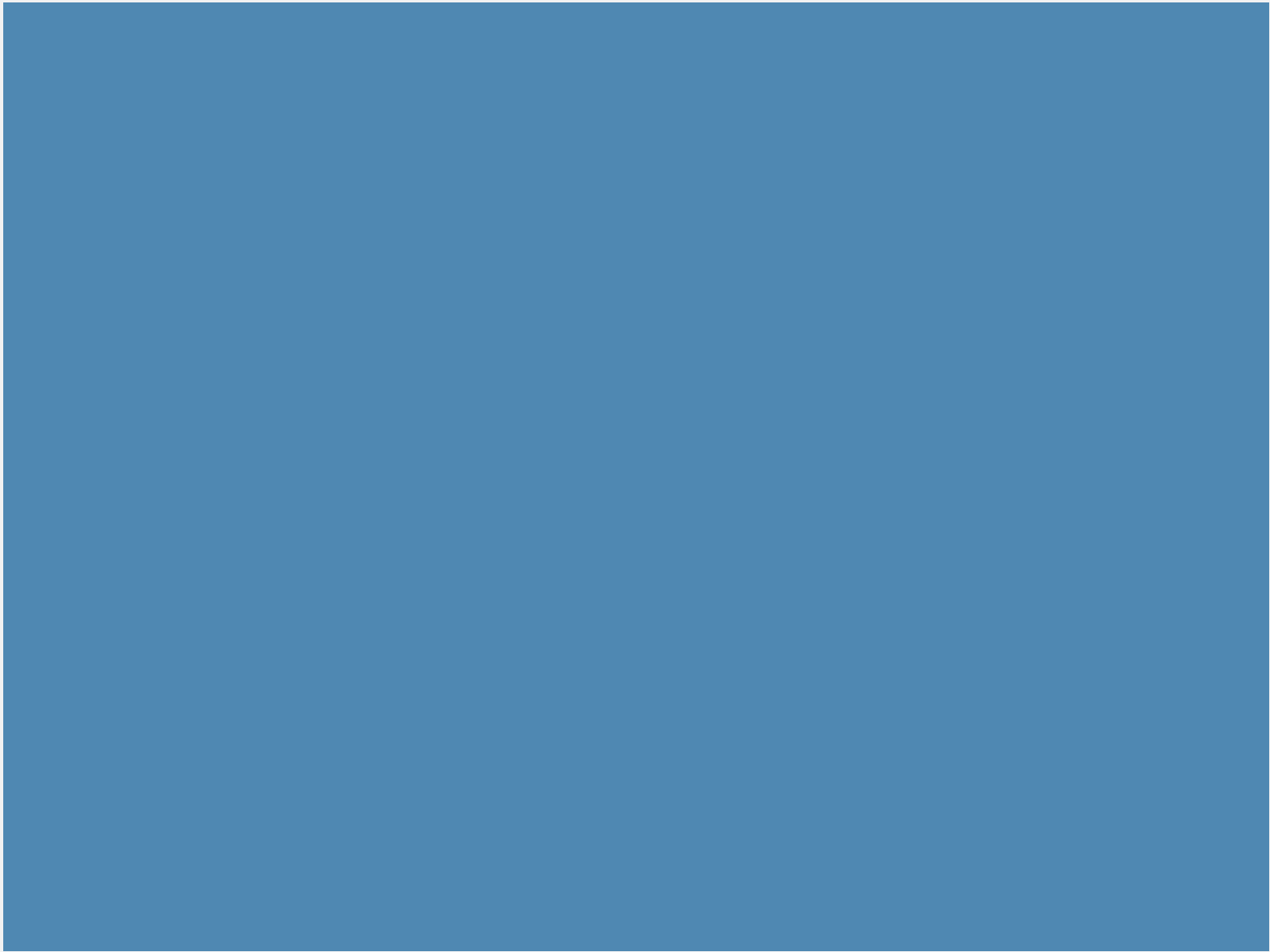
- 6 classes from different countries
- children 8-12 years old
- we chose songs which have lyrics in all the languages
- the songs were recorded in your own language for the others to learn
- same songs were recorded again, when we used the foreign languages

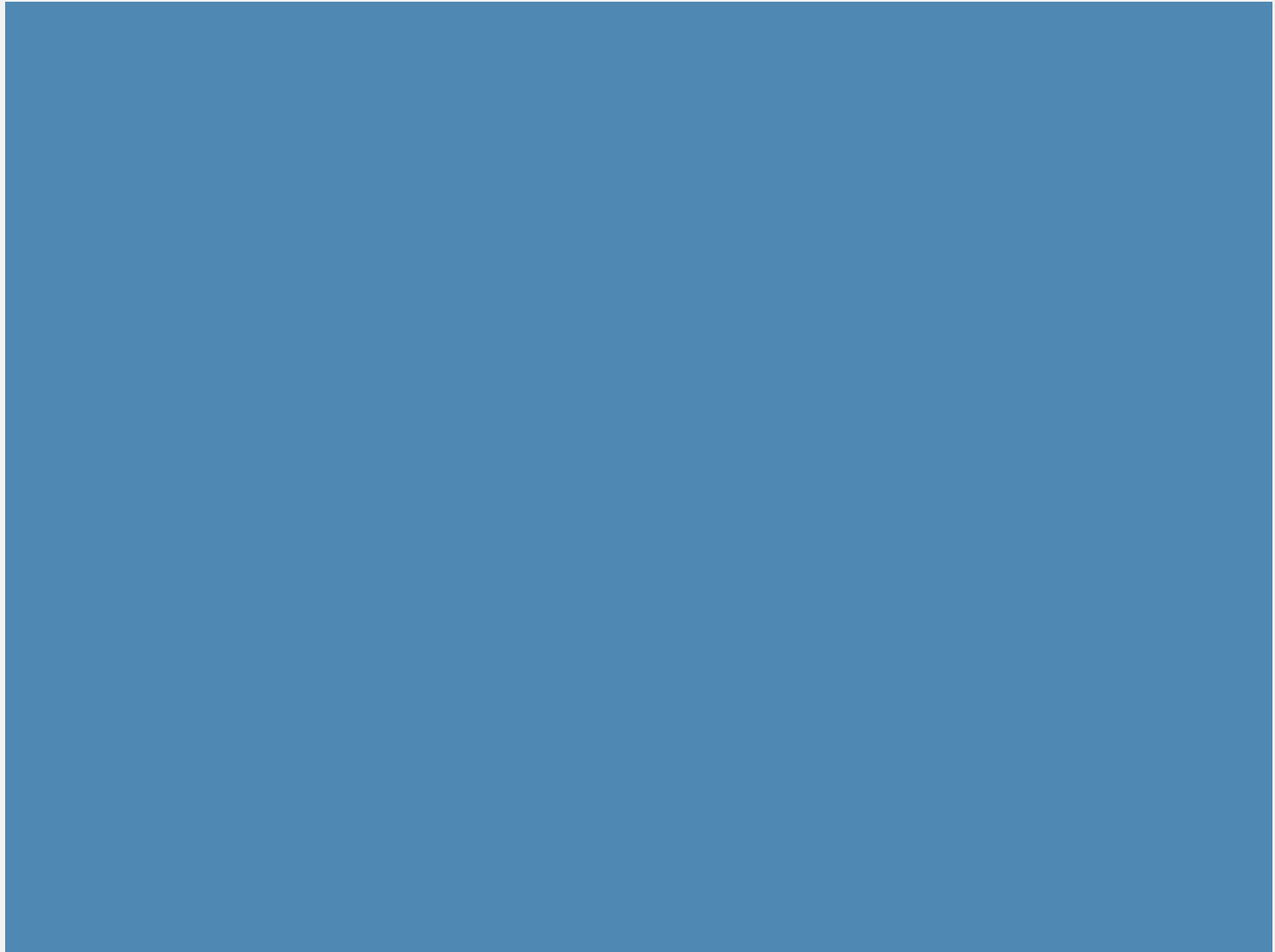
- "We did something separately, but shared the results and used them in producing new things"



And now, please stand up!

Let's learn some Finnish and
exercise!





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THE RESULTS

- **Good results with learning about the things we share**
 - Same songs, even if different languages
 - Even the cows speak different language, as we learned...
- **Lots of motivated singing**
- **The kids learned to be filmed**
 - Relaxed situations, "let's do this together"
- **Something to do at the music lessons**
- **A lot of fun!**

YOU + ME = FUN!

- 2 classes, Finland and The Netherlands
- children 8 years old
- children looked around and created math problems from their surroundings
- teachers translated them into English
- children at the other country tried to solve the problems sent by the other ones
- *"We made something for you and you made for us"*





How many boys are in our class?

How many girls are in our class?

How many children in total?



Love from Sylvie and Sem

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THE RESULTS

- **Good results with learning about the things we share**
 - Same math
 - Similar looking children
- **Math around us?**
 - What kind of mathematical problems can you see around you?
- **A lot of fun!**

APPLICATIONS AND TOOLS

- **You can use what ever applications or tools you have available**
 - Anything you would use in your class anyway
 - New tools or applications
- **Share the results in internet, usually in Twinspace**
- **Often different things can be embedded**
- **The project platform can also be be**
 - your school's web page
 - some blog
 - etc.

OTHER TOOLS TO USE – MY EXPERIENCES

BLOGGER

[European Chain reaction](#)
[Schoolovision](#)

The link to actual project
platform is in Twinspace.



ANSWERGARDEN

ETwinning - The Tree full of Spring birds is

Submit



20 characters remaining

knowing your country
educational motivating
new friends a great project
wonderful a lot of fun fun!
new contacts interesting european countries
colourfull creative and fun simple but great curiosity
different countries creative widen your spaciousn exhilarating

The link or the
embedded quiz in
Twinspace.

<http://answergarden.ch/view/87392>

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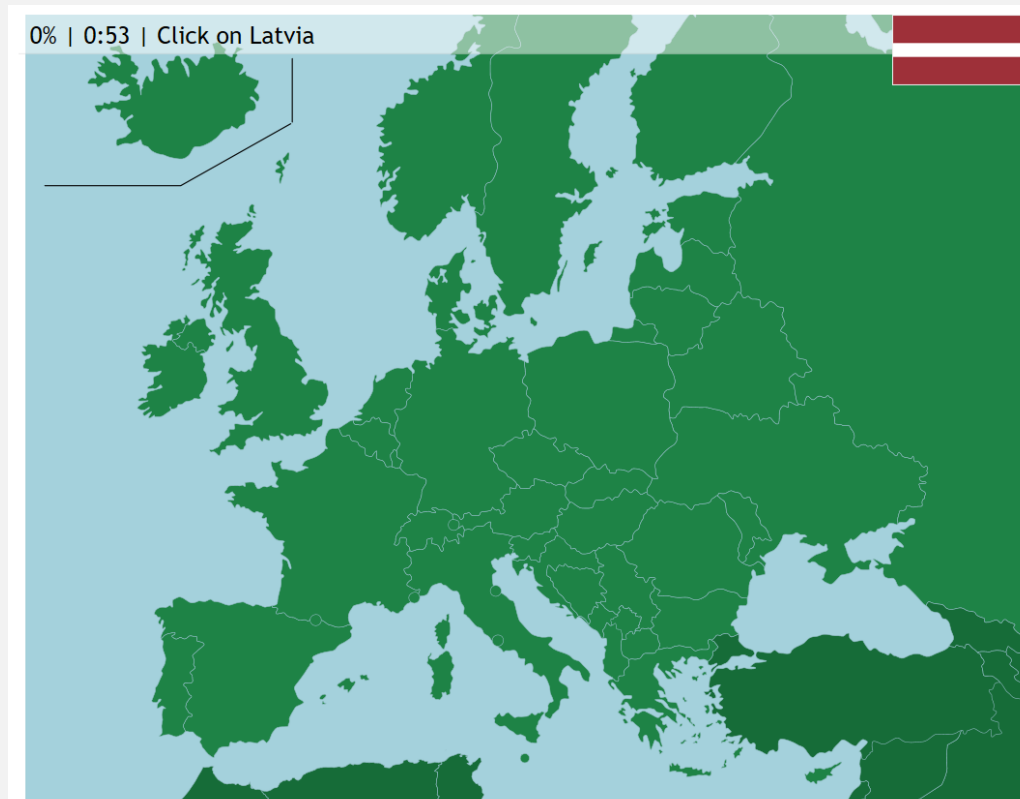
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ONLINE MAP-GAMES

<https://www.seterra.com/>



The songs from Finland!

Team 1

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4osfbh7Q_g&feature=related
Fintelligens – Kaikki peliin

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HTMzUEF-kE&feature=related>
Rölli- Häläpäti hämmää

Team 2

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq-rswNGFis&feature=related>
Rölli-Omituisten otusten kerho

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfOvg3uzul4>
Elastinen-Jarruta

Team 3

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79_yatvKpLA
Fintelligens- Hoida homma

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfxrlouXZal>
Elastinen- Anna sen soida

Team 4

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeZ4jZZJrnA&feature=related>
Rölli – Tässä tulee rölli

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PB3nr1CmbhM>
Benny Tömroos – Käy muumilaaksoon

team 5

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77ey1aWDnyY>
Sunrise Avenue :Fairytale Gone Bad

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFCJBhj8ooc>
Fintelligens - Mikä Boogie

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YOUTUBE

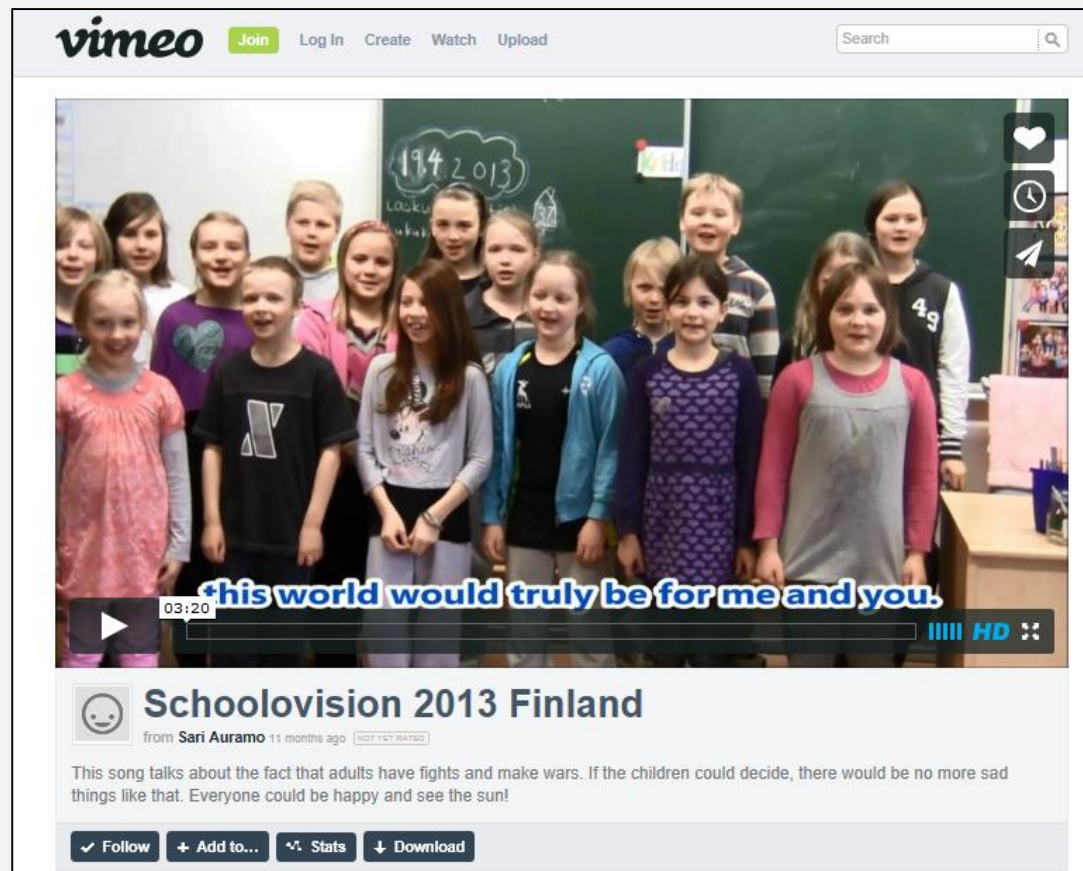
A great way to publish videos!

Videos are embeded to
Twinspace or the
links are in Twinspace.

[My school: Riihenmäen yhtenäiskoulu](#)


VIMEO

Another way to
publish your
videos!
Links or embedded
films to Twinspace!



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03:20 **this world would truly be for me and you.** HD

 **Schoolovision 2013 Finland**
from Sari Auramo 11 months ago NOT YET RATED

This song talks about the fact that adults have fights and make wars. If the children could decide, there would be no more sad things like that. Everyone could be happy and see the sun!

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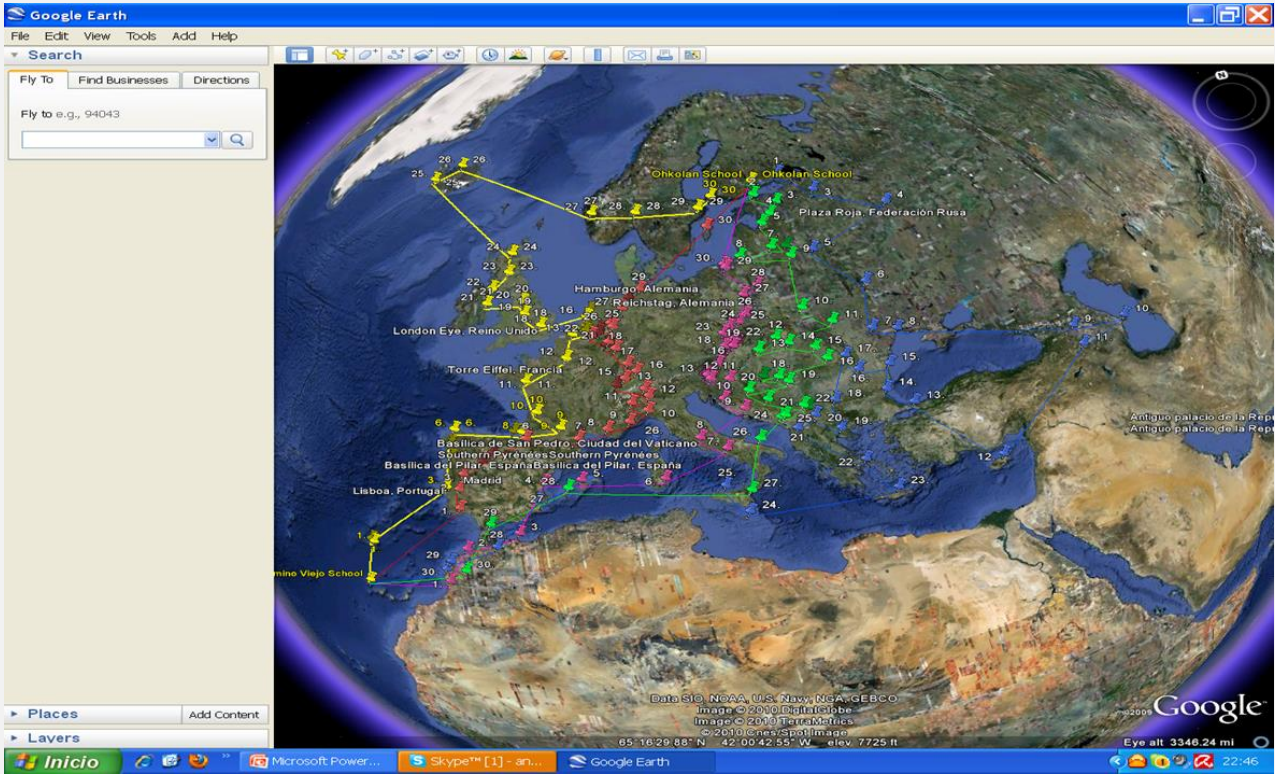
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<https://vimeo.com/64980777>

SKYPE

The timetables of the calls and photos+videos are in Twinspace.



GOOGLE EARTH



LEARNING APPS

<https://learningapps.org/>

You can made your own games
or use the ones already there.
Easy to embed!

[Learning English Christmas words](#)

TRICIDER (FOR VOTING)

The screenshot shows the Tricider website interface. At the top left is the 'tricider' logo with a speech bubble icon. To the right are navigation links: 'Features', 'Blog', 'About us', and 'Login'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'Social voting tool for' followed by 'Teams', 'Blogs', 'Education', and 'Crowdsourcing'. The main content area features the text 'Collect ideas and vote.' in orange, with the tagline 'So easy with tricider!' below it. A handwritten note in blue ink says 'Try it now! It's free. No sign-up.' with an arrow pointing to a search input field. The input field contains the text 'Enter your question here...' and a green 'Go' button.

[Plastic Free Baltic Sea –logo voting](#)

Thank you for listening!

I hope you found some of the ideas and information usefull!

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