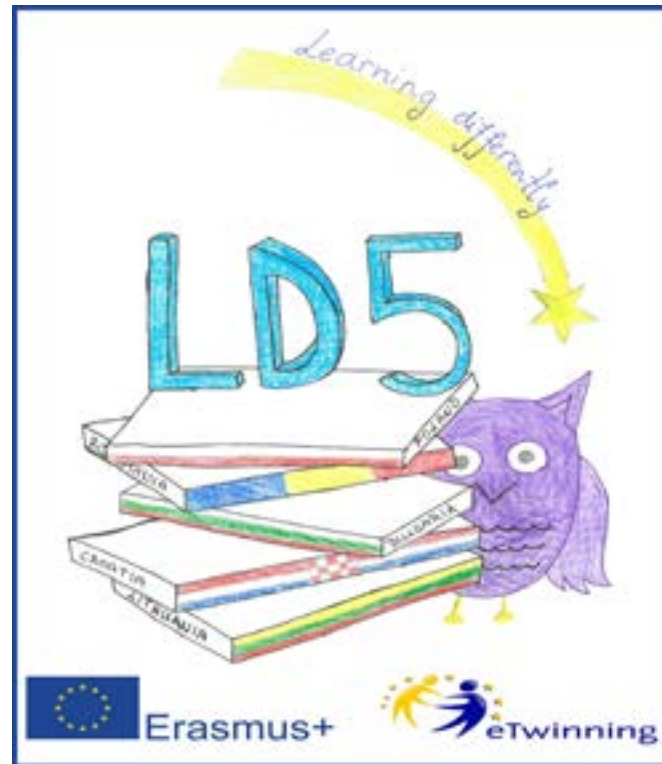




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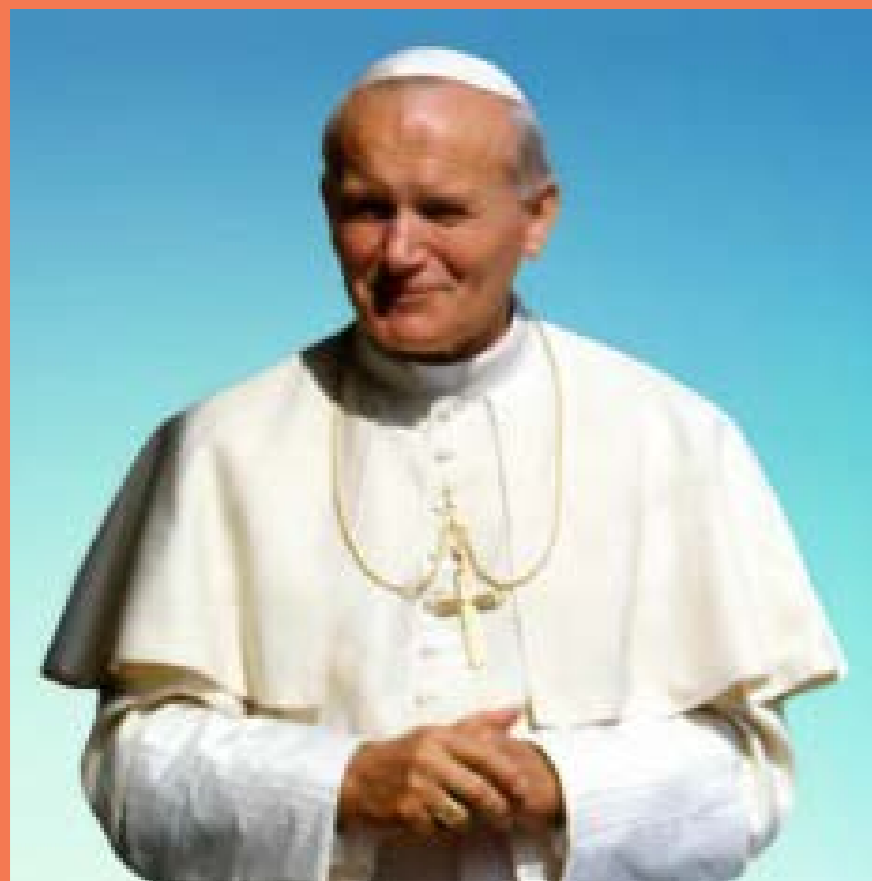
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## FAMOUS POLISH PEOPLE

Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyła)



He is the most famous Polish person around the world. He was born in a city close to Krakow, and the Polish people are really proud and grateful for the pope.

Poland is a very catholic country – 87,6% according to our buddy Wikipedia – so it's natural that they feel very proud of having a Polish pope.

Besides being a religious leader, the pope also had political influence, and used it in order to help putting an end to the communism era in Poland.

In Krakow, there is a place called Bishop's Palace (Pałac Biskupi) where the pope used to stay while visiting the city.

In this building there is a window from where the pope used to bless and talk to his followers. Nowadays, this window has a picture of the pope in his honor.



Nicolaus Copernicus (Mikołaj Kopernik)



Copernicus was a mathematician and astronomer that proposed a heliocentric model of the universe, i.e. a model where the Sun would be the center of the universe, not the Earth as it was imagined by then. He was born in the city of Toruń, in Poland.

In Warsaw there is even a museum with his name – Copernicus Science Centre (Centrum Nauki Kopernik).

Roman Polański



Polański is a famous Polish film director, and Oscar winner due to his direction in the movie The Pianist.

Even though he was born in Paris, his family has Polish and Jewish roots, and in 1937 they moved back to Poland, when Polanski was only 4 years old. Polański has Polish citizenship.

Robert Lewandowski



Football fans – or soccer fans for the Americans – for sure already knew that Lewandowski is Polish.

He is Poland's greatest football idol, and also the greatest striker of Polish national team's history.

Football is a good form of connection between different nations, that's why whenever I tell someone that I live in Poland, they say: Lewandowski!

He is indeed the most famous Polish football player out there.

### Chopin (Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin)



This was one of my surprises, Chopin was actually Polish, not French! That's a common assumption people usually do, because he lived great part of his life in France. He was born in the Duchy of Warsaw, in a time when Poland did not exist as a nation, since its territory was controlled by other countries. He emigrated to France when he was 20 years old. When it comes to music, I think he is the most famous Polish person.

### Lech Wałęsa



Lech Wałęsa co-founded and headed Solidarity, the first independent trade union in the Soviet bloc. In the dawn of August 14th 1980, around 17,000 workers seized control of the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk to protest. After negotiations with the Communist government, Solidarity's leader, Lech Wałęsa, appeared before his fellows and made a historical announcement: "We have an independent, self-governing trade union! [crowd cheers] We have the right to strike!" This historical event marked the formation of the Solidarity trade union, which over time became a strong political force against the Communism in Poland. In 1983, Wałęsa received the Nobel Peace, and in 1990 he was elected the first president in Poland after the end of the Communism era.

### Andrzej Wajda



I confess I didn't know Andrzej Wajda before living in Poland. I believe that great fans of international cinema probably know the Polish director, that in 2000 received an Oscar for his 5 decades of extraordinary film direction. One of his most famous movie, and the only one I've watched so far, is called *Katyn*, and it covers the massacre of 22,000 Polish officers during World War II. The Polish officers were captured by the Russian army, and in 1940 were executed in a huge massacre that is still remembered today. A sad event in the history of Poland.

### Marie Curie (Maria Salomea Skłodowska)



A great Polish scientist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to receive a Nobel Prize and also the first person and only woman to receive the Prize twice! She was born in Warsaw, and when she was 24 she emigrated to France (just like Chopin), where she then obtained French citizenship later on. A woman way ahead of her time! Did you know that she actually move to France because women were not allowed to enter the university in Poland? And she did great! Unfortunately, her constant contact with radiation had terrible effects on her health, and on her husband's as well. Just like Chopin, many people think she is French, but no, she was a GREAT Pole! Another famous person that has entered to the history of our science.

## Robert Kubica



This one is special for those who follow Formula 1. Kubica was a Polish driver that was born in Krakow. He had retired from F1 races, BUT, in this year of 2019 he decided to return to F1. He will race for Williams! I knew Kubica even before I came to Poland. I used to watch F1 races, and he's was usually mentioned. Of course, they didn't pronounce his name correctly in Brazil. He wasn't as successful as Hamilton, Alonso, Schumacher, but oh well, he is still famous for the F1 lovers.



## LT TA IN POLAND

May 27, 2019 was a unique date for our entire school community. On this day, the weekly Erasmus + project meeting "Learning Differently!" began. We hosted our partners from Croatia, Lithuania, Bulgaria and Romania. It was a week of unique meetings, experiences and positive emotions. We started our meeting by showing our guests the school, there were also folk dance shows and the Polish education system. Our guests presented themselves to our community.



Lithuanian team



Bulgarian team



Romanian team



Croatian team



Throughout the stay, our partners could take part in workshops on Polish poetry, tailoring, theater and dubbing.



There were also open lessons in British and English literature. Our students and their guests were taken on a boat trip in the land of origami, and also took part in the 17th District Festival of Foreign Language Song.





Croatian team There was a trip to the capital of the Wawel dragon - Krakow.



Thanks to the project, students and teachers had the opportunity to learn about our teaching methods developing literacy, it was also an opportunity to communicate in English as well as learn about our culture and customs.

Our student Olivia Dudzic, who hosted a Bulgarian student at home, remembers the meeting:



Thanks to the foreign exchange, I learned many interesting things and met wonderful people. During the exchange I could learn more about the cultures of other countries and had fun. It helped me to gain new contacts and friendships. It was a beautiful experience and I won't forget it. After the exchange I was sad that it was over. I really liked everyone and I miss them. The exchange has given me many possibilities. I could be in training myself and gain some confidence. I hope to meet these wonderful people again someday.