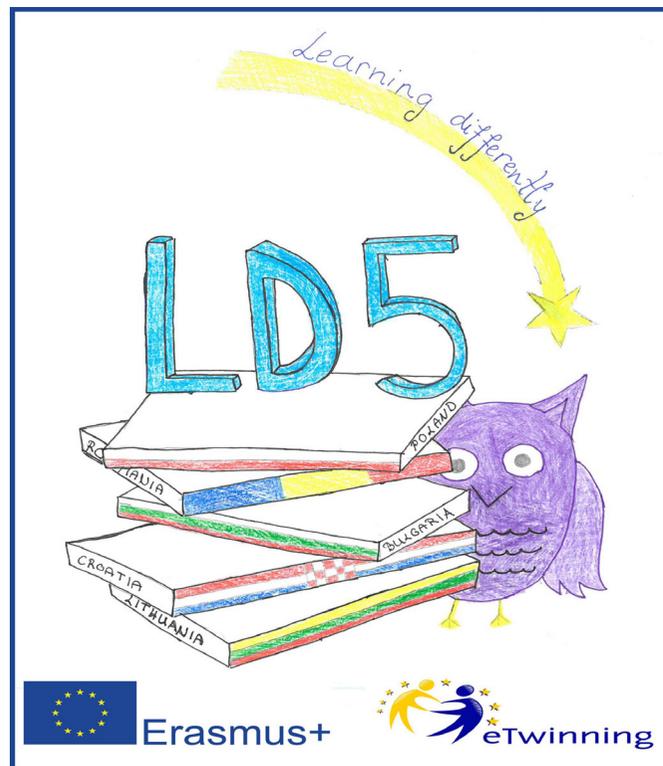




Erasmus+



EDITION
5

Learning differently Lithuania

Lithuania

This day, September 1 in Lithuania is known as the Day of education and knowledge. This day is especially important for every student in the country. For the children this day is very important, they will start their first school year. September 1 is also sincere to the parents of student, however it is not so easy to let your child start a new chapter in their life. This day has many traditions, such as first graders' first bell, bringing different sorts of flowers to greet the teacher you are meeting the next year together. First graders come up with a wish about next year and then they release pigeons into the sky. In the school, the kids talk with their teachers about the upcoming next year. After the celebration, there are different events in the old town.

Traditions of the beginning of the school year





In addition, the first lesson with all representatives of the schools is conducted in Klaipėda, the Lithuanian square. The city mayor congratulates all pupils and students at the beginning of the new school year.



Interesting facts about Lithuania



1. By the end of the fourteenth century, Lithuania was the largest country in Europe.



2. Basketball is the most popular sport in Lithuania.



3. One of the most famous Lithuanian dishes is "Cepelinai".



4. Lithuania has 99 kilometers (61.5 mi) of sandy coastline.



5. Lithuania is the only country in the world with its official scent, called the Scent of Lithuania.



6. According to a study made by a French scientist in 1989, Lithuania is positioned in the geographical center of Europe.



8. Vilnius University was the first University in the Eastern Europe.



7. Lithuania had only one king during the royal times, King Mindaugas.



9. Lithuanian language belongs to the Baltic group of the Indo-European family of languages. It is one of the oldest spoken languages in the world and even has words, such as "vyras" (man), "šuo" (dog), "avis" (sheep) which cognate in Sanskrit. It means that Lithuanians can recognize some words while listening to Indian language.



10. "Nebeprisikiškiakopūsteliaujantiesiems" is the longest official Lithuanian word. It has very little meaning, which makes it impossible to translate correctly, but broadly speaking it describes a person who gives something to those who could no longer collect wood sorrels. Its usage is not commonplace, but Lithuanians are always proud to pronounce it to foreigners because it brings a lot of charm to the spoken language.

<http://lingvo.info/lt/lingvopedia/lithuanian>

Lituaniană

Lietuvių kalba

litewski

Lietuvių kalba

litvanski

Lietuvių kalba

ЛИТОВСКИ

Lietuvių kalba

11. Lithuania was the first to declare independence from the Soviet Union in 1990.



12. Lithuanians were the last nation in Europe to convert to Christianity.

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHFSQGpTW5Q>



13. In 1863-1904, when the Russian Empire banned any use of Latin characters in its territory (Lithuania belonged to the Russian Empire at that time), many people risked their lives to bring Lithuanian books from Prussia into the country. Today, those book smugglers are national heroes, and there is a monument in Lithuania dedicated to their selfless patriotism, believed to be the only one of its kind in existence.



14. The name of Lithuania was mentioned for the first time in the Annals of Quedlinburg in 1009.

Paderbornensis episcopus Cui successit Metinoverik. Sanctus Bruno qui cognominatur Bonifacius archiepiscopus et monachus xi. sue conversionis anno in confinio Rusciae et Lituae à paganis capite plexus cum suis xviii, vii. Id. marcij perijt coelos. Otho Vuigterus Merseburgensis episcopus: Cui successit Thiatmanus. Sed et dominica die palmarum guttae sanguinis in quibusdam locis uestimentis hominum instillabant. Sed nebula horribili ex colore stupendo mutatus, mirantibus interuentium oculis, uelut sanguineus ac minor se uisus terrorem incussit iii. Calend. maij, Anno, luna 1. duobus diebus

QUIZ

1. When was the name of Lithuania mentioned for the first time?
 - a) 1019
 - b) 1009
 - c) 1029
2. How many kings did Lithuania have?
 - a) 2
 - b) 3
 - c) 1
 - d) 0
3. What did the Tsarist Russia ban in 1864-1904?
 - a) Lithuanian press
 - b) Lithuanian food

Links:

- <https://www.delfi.lt/maistas/kaip-tai-padaryti/pasidalijo-tautinio-paveldo-cepelinu-receptu.d?id=80268397>
- <https://www.15min.lt/naujiena/aktualu/lietuva/sestadieni-kaune-pristatomas-naujas-aromas-lietuvos-kvapas-56-129618>
- <https://www.delfi.lt/keliones/naujienos/jusu-atostogoms-10-baltijos-pajurio-perliuku.d?id=71589318>
- <http://m.travelnews.lv/?pid=50068>
- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Indo-European-languages>
- <https://www.valdovurumai.lt/muziejaus-veikla/straipsniai/vydas-dolinskas-ukraina-ir-lietuva-lvovas-lucas-ir-vilnius>
- <https://romuva.lt/pasauleziura/dievai/>
- <https://www.sportas.lt/naujiena/26077/1937-ieji-ir-1939-ieji-pirmieji-lietuvos-krepsinio-sloves-metai?category=222>