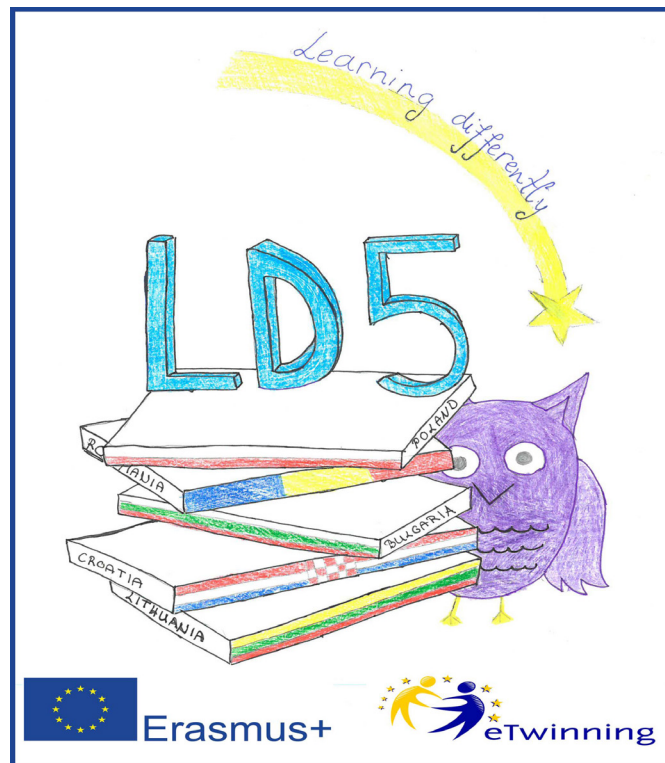




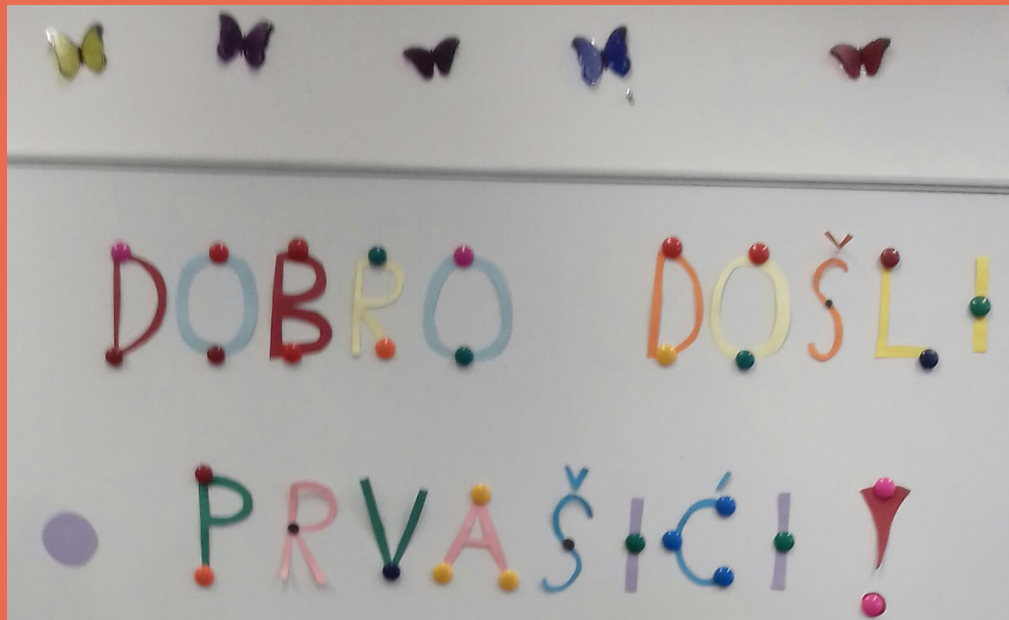
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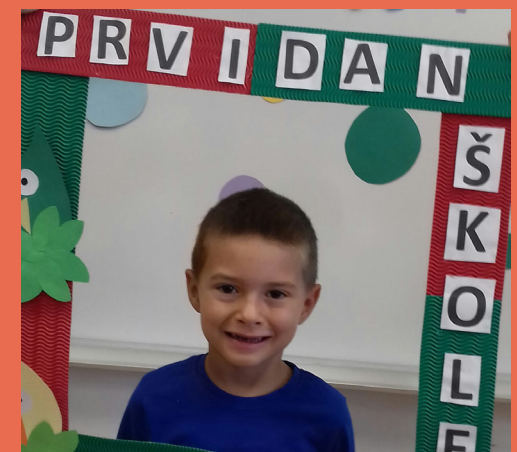
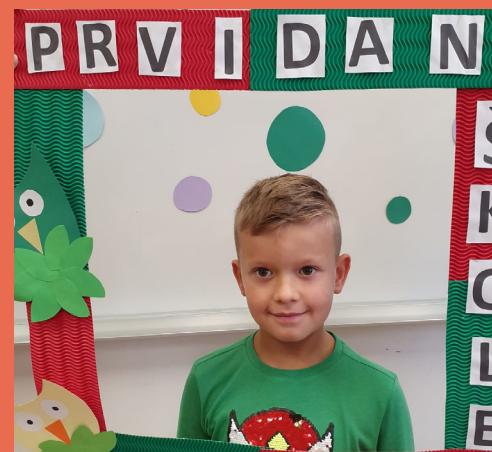
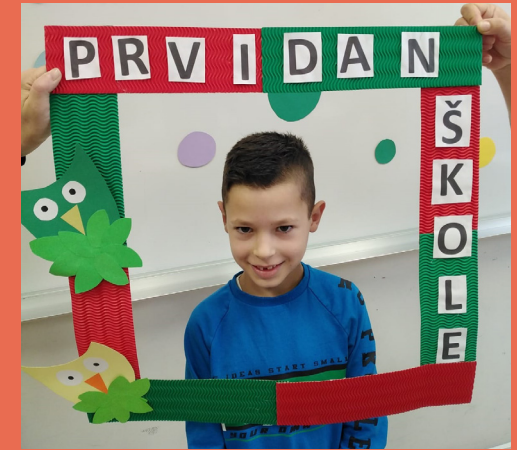
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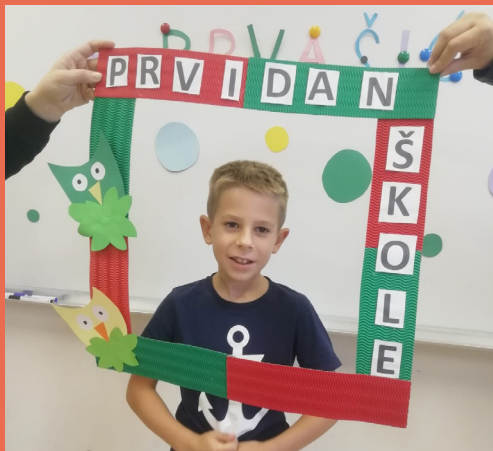
First day at school



Welcome first graders

In Croatia, there aren't any opening ceremonies on the first day of school. All students, except for the first graders, start with their regular classes. The first graders come to school with their parents and have a small gathering in their classroom with their teacher. They get to know each other and then take a walk around school to see where everything is. Teachers usually prepare some small gifts for the students, wishing them good luck in their first year and they take photos to have a reminder of that important step in their lives.





Some teachers organize workshops, which include parents and students, as an ice breaker on the first day. This was a School Honey Day workshop. Children learned that honey is very healthy and important in our diet. It was educational as well as interesting and each of them got a jar of honey to take home.



10 interesting facts about Croatia:



The small town of Hum in Istria is one of the smallest towns in the world. It is only about 100 meters long and 30 meters wide, with only about 20 permanent residents.

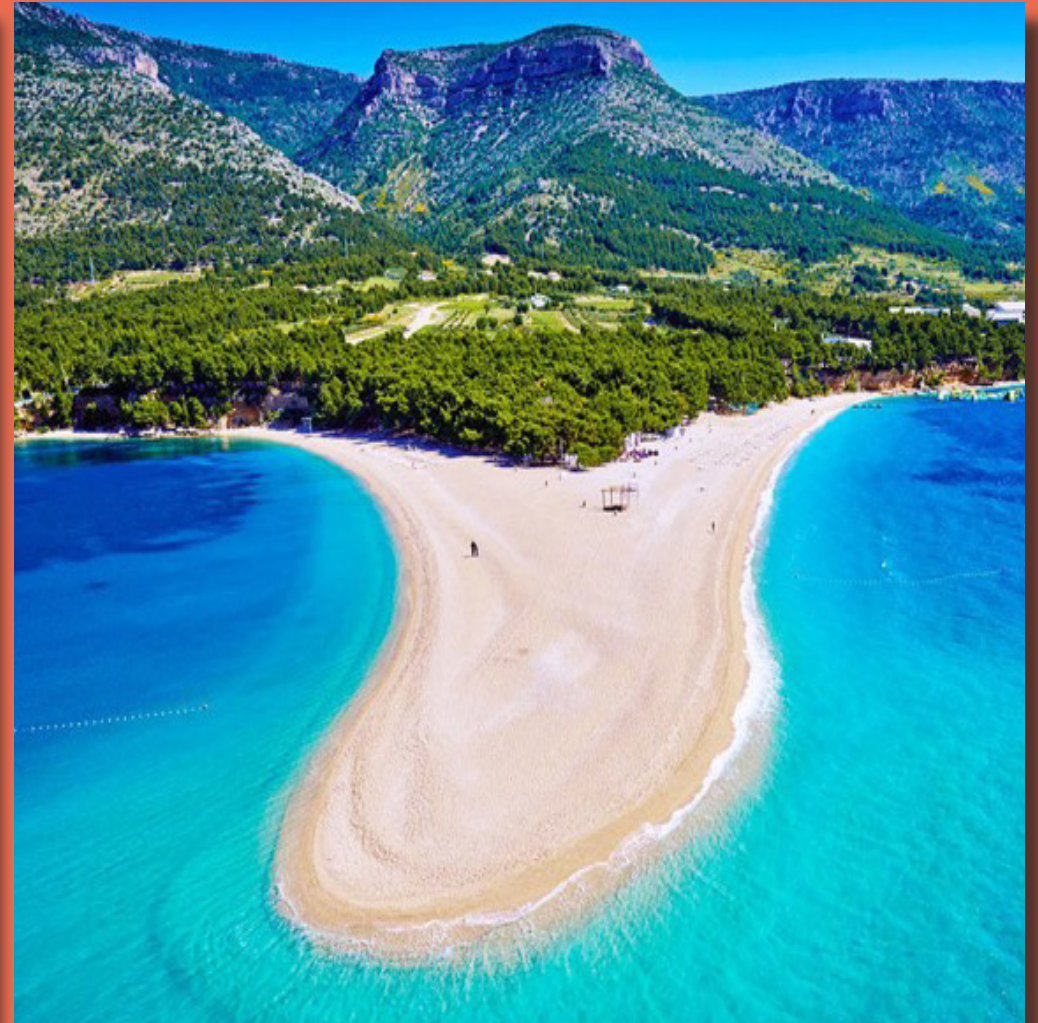




Central Dalmatia is one of the sunniest regions in Europe. We have more sunshine hours than Sydney - as many as 2715. The island of Hvar is the island with the most hours of sunshine in all of Europe, which is why it is often called Sunny Hvar.



Zlatni rat beach on the island of Brač is constantly changing its shape. The shape and the length of this beautiful beach vary with wind, sea currents and high tide.





The tie (necktie) comes from Croatia. Tradition says that in the past, women have tied a tight scarf to their husbands, that is, a tie around their necks as a sign of their love. Who would say that a simple scarf around the neck of Croatian soldiers will become one of the most famous fashion details in the world.



The famous 'Game of Thrones' series was filmed in Dubrovnik.





Rice chocolate was invented in Croatia in 1963 at the Zvečevo factory in the western Slavonian town of Pože-ga.



Croatia was the home to the world's largest truffle. The truffle weighed 1.31 kg and was worth about \$ 5,000.





The most famous Croatian athlete is alpine skier Janica Kostelić. With four Olympic gold medals and two silver medals, Janica Kostelić is the most successful alpine skier in the history of the Winter Olympics.



The richest site of Neanderthal remains in the world was discovered in Krapina.





The national flower of Croatia is iris (Iris Croatica).



CROATIAN ISLANDS

Croatia is known as the country of a thousand islands. More precisely, Croatia has 1244 islands, islets, rocks and reefs, of which 67 are inhabited. The Croatian coast with the islands is one of the most indented coastlines in the world. Croatian islands, are thus the second largest Mediterranean islands. However, more than 80 percent of Croatia's islands have no people on them at all. Krk and Cres are the largest islands in the Northern Adriatic, and Brač and Hvar are the largest islands in the Central Adriatic and Dalmatia. Each island tells its story with its sights, history and customs.

Some of the most beautiful Croatian islands:



DUGI OTOK

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The largest of the northern Dalmatian islands, Dugi Otok (which translates as Long Island) is characterized by sheer cliffs and sandy beaches.

BRIJUNI

Brijuni Islands consist of 14 islands located between Pula and Rovinj. The nature has made sure to make a small paradise with the harmony of flora, fauna and historical monuments.

SUSAK

Susak is a natural phenomenon created from sand.

BALJENAC

Viewed from the air, the island of Baljenac looks like a giant fingerprint. A low dry stone wall covers the entire island and it looks like a lace made of stone.

SILBA

There are no cars or hotels on this island. In July and August, not even bikes are allowed. This is the way the locals want to preserve their peace.

GALEŠNJAK

It is known as the Island of Lovers because of its specific heart shape. It attracted the attention of the world and the local public in 2008 when Google Earth declared it one of several natural heartwarming phenomena.

