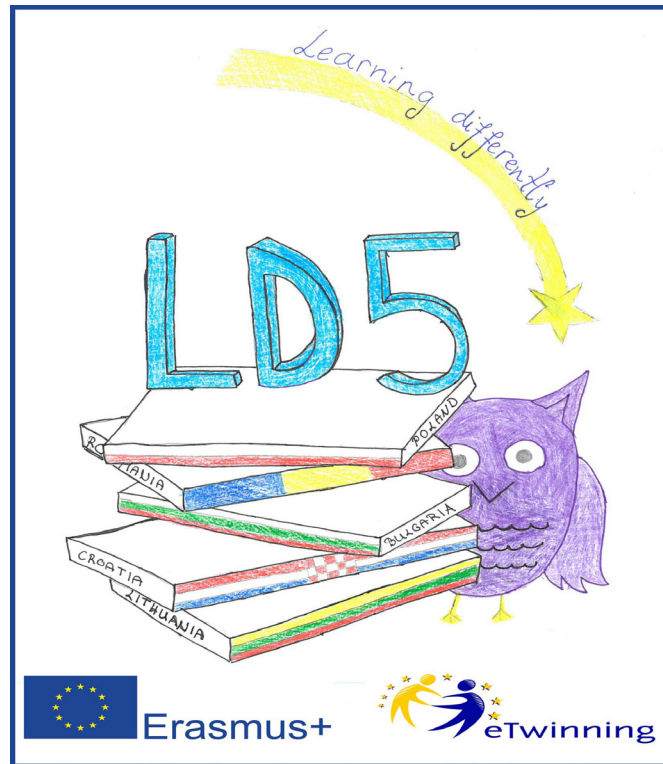




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GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: 4.2 million
90% of the population are Croats

Area: 56 542 km²



National flag

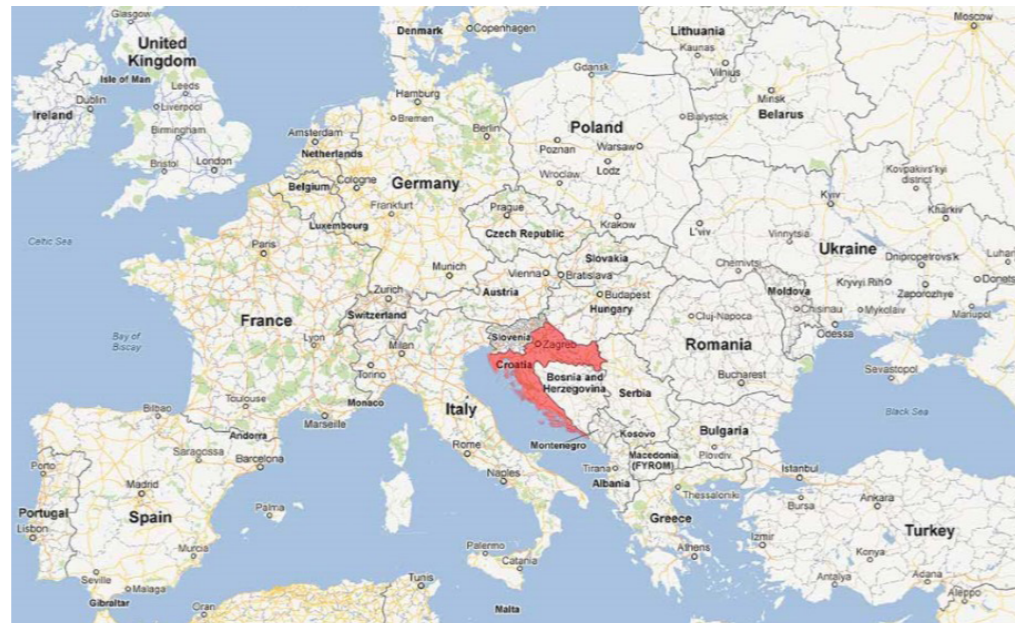


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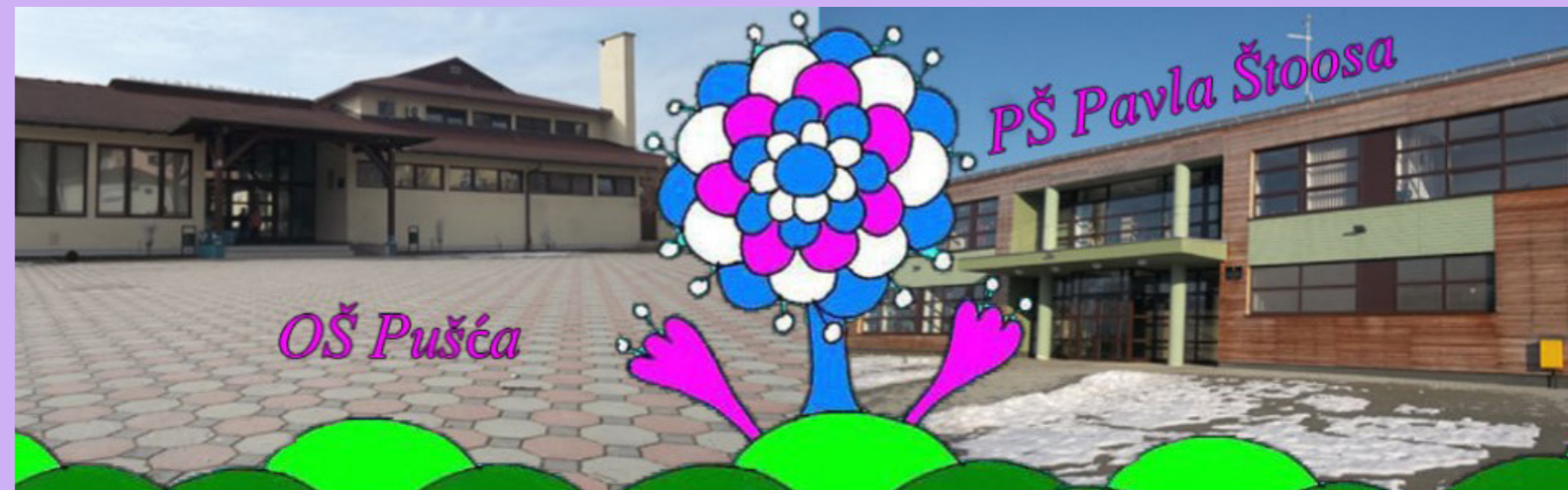
Currency: Croatian kuna (Kn)



Capital city:
Zagreb



About school



Pušća Elementary School is located in Donja Pušća, a village near Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, with a district school in the village Dubravica, located 7 km farther. It's a public school for pupils 6 to 15 years old. We have a total of 345 students in 23 classes. It is one of the oldest schools in the western part of the Zagreb County. According to oral tradition, education in Pušća dates back from 1848, while written documents about the existence of the school date back to 1858. Until 2002, classes took place in a school building that was built in 1913, after which the school moved to a new school building, which is one of the most modern and best equipped in Croatia.

In addition to 12 obligatory subjects, there are elective courses in German, Religious Education and ICT, as well as numerous extracurricular activities. There are about 40 teachers and three school counselors. Many of them are excellent methodologists, thus creating a culture of excellence in teaching. Our school motto is Seneca's famous quote: "We learn not for school, but for life". Students are at the center of our interest, and our mission is helping the children to achieve their educational goals and to develop their potential. Here they acquire the most contemporary knowledge of science, art and technology, which they can apply in real life. Furthermore, they learn various skills and develop positive attitudes.

We are particularly proud of the fact that we are a multicultural community in which children are taught to respect human dignity and equal

rights regardless of anyone's ethnicity or worldview. We have adopted a zero-tolerance policy for violence. Our goal is to develop students' awareness of their own rights, but also to show respect for the freedom of others. Moreover, we help the students develop their creativity and, above all, their critical thinking skills.

Teachers in our school believe that teaching is more than a job, it's a vocation. They are full of energy and enthusiasm, and they care about and respect their students. They are extremely motivated for their own professional development and lifelong learning. The headmaster recognizes their motivation and supports every initiative they aim towards their own professional growth and development. Many teachers often take part in various workshops, seminars and education courses outside school. They have given especially high remarks to projects and activities organized by the Forum for Freedom of Education (Basic and Advanced Mediation Training Seminar, Health Education, Primary Prevention of Substance Abuse, Volunteer Work with Children and the Youth, Public Relations in Education).

Since 2009, our school has participated in various international projects organized by the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (Comenius and Erasmus+) aimed at promoting social inclusion, active citizenship and tolerance.



Project team

My name is Matija Matalin. I am 13 years old. I attend Pavao Štoos Elementary School in Dubravica. I like to play soccer and ride a bike with my friends. I train soccer in Kraj Donji. I have a dog, his name is Grof. I like to play video games. I am happy when I am with my family.

Hi, I am Lana Jurić. I'm eleven years old. I live in Vučilćevo. I have a dog and three cats. I love my dog. My favourite school subject is Croatian. I don't like Math. I don't play any musical instrument. I love books, sports and spending time with my friends.

My name is Roko Belinić. I am eleven years old. I live in Croatia, in Pušća. That is a village near Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. My school is Pušća Elementary School and I am in the 6th grade. I have an older brother, Hrvoje. He is 14 years old. My parents' names are Martina and Josip. In my free time I play football in Sutla Šenkovec Football Club. I play computer games, too.

I'm Ivana Kobula. I'm in the 6th grade. I trained volleyball for a year. In my family there are my mom and daddy, my sister and my grandparents. In my spare time I watch TV. I like reading books during the holidays. I usually read books from Sanja Pilić. Every Sunday my family and I have a family lunch. I have three dogs and four cats.

My name is Anja Tušek. I'm in the 6th grade and I'm 12 years old. I live with my parents. I'm an only child. My hobbies are volleyball, folklore dancing and learning other languages. In my free time I listen to music and play with my dogs.

Hi, my name is Kaja Novosel. I am 14 years old. I have a younger brother(5) and a younger sister(13). My hobbies are MTV dancing, horse riding and playing the flute. I love reading SF and fantasy books, mostly Harry Potter series. I also love reading teen and romance books.

Hello, I am Antonia Mihok. I'm in the 6 grade. I live in Pušća and I go to school here. I play volleyball and traditional Croatian string instruments: brač and bisernica. I play the guitar, too. I'm a part of this project because I want to learn about European countries.

Hi, my name is Nina Pili. I live in Croatia and I'm 14 years old (8th grade). I have a younger brother and the cutest dog ever. I play the piano but my biggest love are horses. Riding horses has been my hobby for 5 years and I really love it. I'm a huge fan of books (like Harry Potter or The Hunger Games) and Netflix shows and series. I am a really happy person because I have great friends, but I would also like to meet new people. One of my biggest dreams is visiting Florida, London, Amsterdam, Tokyo, Prague... (well, the whole world). I hope that this project will help me visit new places. I am really excited and happy to be a part of that.

Hi, my name is Patricia. I am in the eighth grade and I am 13 years old. My birthday is on December 28. I have 2 younger brothers and a dog named Max. In my free time I play the piano. I'm in my sixth year of music school. I also play volleyball. I love to listen to music, read books and watch tv series. Currently, my favorite song is Livin' on a prayer by Bon Jovi. I know it's old, but I like it. At the moment I am watching Teen wolf and it's a really great show. I would totally recommend it! But when it comes to books, I just can't choose a favorite. There are just so many that I like! Some of them are Harry Potter, Hunger Games, Divergent, The Mortal Instruments and so on. I look forward to meeting new people and friends in this project. I think it will be great fun !

Hello! My name is Tea Pšeničnjak. I live in Pušća, and I am in the 7th grade. I live with my parents, my sister and my uncle in a two story house. In my free time I like to go hiking with my three-year-old pekingese, and sometimes I teach him some tricks (my dream is to become K9 trainer one day). I also like to play with my 3 cats. Before sleep, I usually check my phone and then read some books like Harry Potter or The Tales of Beedle the Bard by J.K Rowling. I'm also a self-taught piano player, but I still need a lot of practise. I used to draw, too. I like exploring the internet, searching for something new that I can learn. I'm also interested in cooking.

Hello!
I'm Lora and I'm 13 (soon 14). I live in Pušća with my mom, dad and a younger brother. I love to read and write. My favorite books are The Lord of the Rings, Hobbit, Warrior Cats and Harry Potter and I want to write my own book, too. I love Chemistry and Biology and I want to become a surgeon or a psychologist. I listen to music a lot and I enjoy watching Marvel movies. I go horse riding, too. It makes me really happy.

My name is Iva Sofia. In my free time I ride horses and play the cello. I have a brother and a sister. I am in the 6th grade. I like to read Harry Potter books.

Hi, I'm Antonio Mihok and I'm in the 6th grade. In my free time I like to play football, tennis, listen to music, ride a bike and do some programming. My hobby is tennis and I train at the Zapresic Tennis Center. Some of my favorite books are Nanny McPhee, Prohibited Door, and Apprentice Hlapić. In my family there are my mom Katarina, father Anđelko, brother Luka and of course, me. Although they sometimes get on my nerves, I still love them and I would never trade them.

Hi! My name is Vid Frkanec. I am attending Elementary School Pavao Štoos in Dubravica, one of the newest schools in our country. I am 13 years old and I am in the 8th grade. My teachers are my excellent mentors. I'm very interested in Geography and History, map production and designing and exploring books and websites connected with these subjects. Two years ago, I won the 7th place on Zagreb's district Geography competition.

As a little kid, watching my dad's playing saxophone, I got a strong desire to try that as well. Today, I am in the final year of Music school, playing solo but also with my friends in a quartet.

One of my hobbies, a passion actually, is football. I am a central midfielder and I adore this sport's spirit! I am a very passionate player, facing every opponent bravely, even the strongest ones.

I am the only child in my family, so I have all benefits and privileges. Ha,ha, I'm just kidding! At home, I help my grandfather in the garden, my grandma and my mom in the kitchen, and I take care of my little cousin, so my work is always rewarded.

Hi! My name is Martin Štritof and I am 13 years old. I live in Dubravica and I attend Pavao Štoos Elementary School. I have a brother, Ivan, and a sister, Dora. My favorite subjects are English, PE and ICT.

I really like sports. My favorite sport is football and I train in the football club Mladost Kraj Donji. I am really good at football, I ended first season with about 11 goals. My favorite clubs are Real Madrid, Juventus and Liverpool.

My hobby is riding a bike with my friends and playing computer games, such as Fortnite. I like to collect things that will be interesting to see in 20 years, like badges, coins, photographs... My dad collected things like that and I want to continue.

I like to explore nature and interesting places all around our municipality with my friends. I would probably be best described as an adventurous person who likes sports and hanging out with friends.

Hi, my name is Lovro Tunjic. I go to Pavao Štoos Elementary School in Dubravica. I am 14 years old. I love football and sports in general. My family is small, only my sister, my mom and dad. I don't like reading books, but I like to read comics. I also like spending time with my friends and family, riding a bike and playing with my dog. In this project, I hope I will meet new friends and travel.

My name is Filip Čutura. I was born in Rijeka, in Istria, but now I live here, in Pušća. It's really nice here. Actually, I hope to stay here in the future.

I live in a house with a huge backyard. In our garden we plant lots of vegetables. We also have a lot of plum, apple and cherry trees.

I mustn't forget, we have four cats (three older ones and four kittens), and a tortoise (lat. Testudo Hermani).

And now, my hobbies. I like making natural soaps and creams with my mum. I like reading, too. I am reading "The Chronicles of Narnia, The Horse and His Boy" at the moment. I also often play with my younger brother, Fabijan. He's 6 years old and he is in the 1st grade. Oh! I forgot to mention basic personal information about me and my family. OK, I'll do it now.

I am 11 years old and I am in the 6th grade of primary school.

My mum's name is Suzana, and my dad's name is Tomislav.

Well, I guess that's it.

Hi. My name is Robertina Filković, I'm 13 years old and I'm in the seventh grade of the elementary school Pušća. My favourite subjects are: History, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Math.

I live in the house with my parents Stjepan and Željka, my sister Klara and my three dogs: Rex, Bundaš and Arči. My hobbies are studying history and reading books. I like to read about the past and adventure novels. I like to spend my free time in nature or in the library.

I told you something about myself and now it's your turn to tell me something about yourself. Bye!

Hello! My name is Adriana Goruppec and I'm from Croatia. I'm in the 8th grade. My grades are good but I don't like going to school. I am an only child and I live with my parents. My mom is a Math teacher and my dad works in a car service. In my free time I often play football or hang out with my friends. I started playing football when I was 10 and currently I'm playing in a women's football team. I like meeting new people and I hope we'll be good friends.