

"We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters or perish together as fools."

~ *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

~ *Henry Ford*

"Unity to be real must stand the severest strain without breaking."

~ *Mahatma Gandhi*

"You can't have unity without diversity."

~ *Richard Twiss*

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

~ *Mother Teresa*

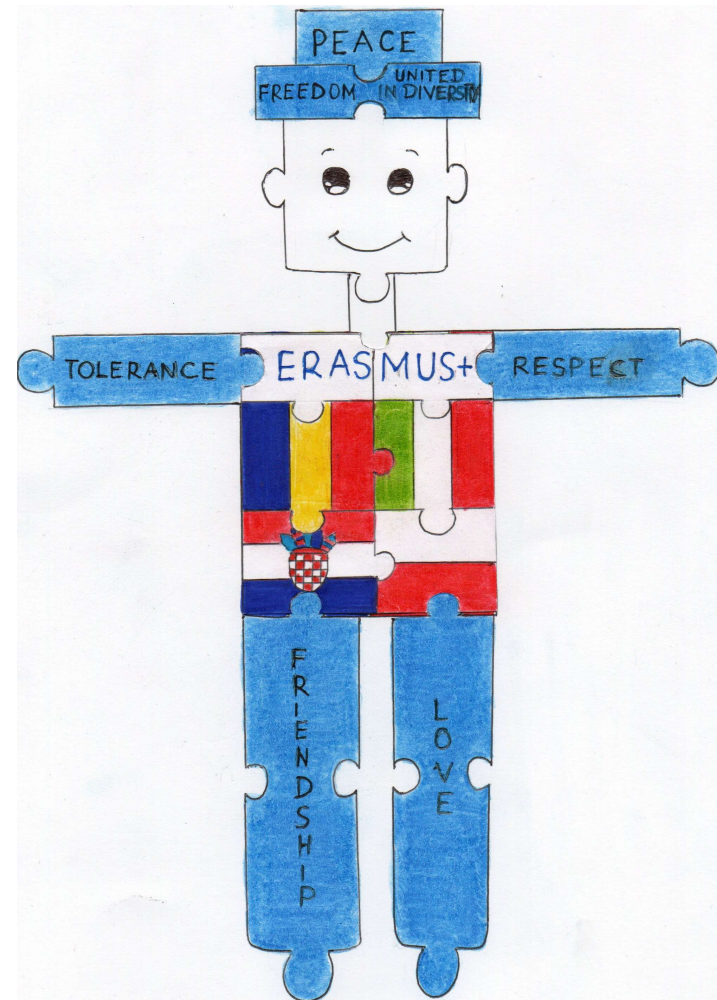
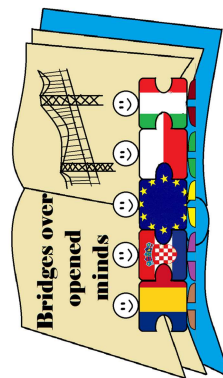
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Dear students,

I am asking you for tolerance towards others. Try to be good role models.

As you know, our school is attended by students from other countries, probably unknown to most of them. They have a different skin tone, but does it matter? Each of us requires and desires to be treated with due respect, but we do not always remember that others also deserve this respect.

It happens that the religion and color of the skin cause the lack of acceptance by their peers. Let us not let the youth in our school feel worse. You should accept yourself and your loved ones for who they are. You shouldn't pay attention to hair color or dress style.

Everyone is an individual and should live by their own rules. We meet thousands of people every day. On the street, we often see two people of different sex or the same one. We should not interfere in the lives of others, and we will not experience it either. We should accept people regardless of the person they love. People like to gossip, but we have to tolerate it and respect it.

So let's treat students from Poland and other countries equally. If you want to be accepted and tolerated, you also should do it. Take it to heart that we don't choose skin color, our origin, faith or orientation.

We were born what we are and we cannot change it. Each of us must accept us as we are. Everyone would like to feel good, be tolerated and treated with kindness among peers. Accept that not everyone's the same, and before you say anything, think about whether you want to hurt that person.

Julia

# TOLERANCE

I am writing this letter to you to bring you closer to the topic of tolerance in our contemporary world.

Tolerance is patience, empathy and understanding for diversity. This concept, however, appears most often in discussions about religious views or national minorities.

We cannot speak of tolerance only in relation to cultural or national matters, but we must look around ourselves. We are surrounded by people with different views, culture, skin color or a different orientation. Our priority should be to respect and understand their differences.

We talk a lot about tolerance today, but it often does not go hand in hand with actions. However, living in such a culturally diverse society forces us to learn respect, kindness and tolerance towards another person.

In the present day, people who are poor, disabled, of different nationality, addicted or have different views are exposed to the greatest manifestations of intolerance. It is a very common problem that affects many people around the world. Such people focus on the appearance and financial status of another person most often. They are not interested in what a person has inside or what they have to offer. They judge everyone in advance. They are unkind to others and do not respect people.

I believe that this behavior is not appropriate. People who represent such relationships with others can set an example for younger ones that they shouldn't be. Each of us, regardless of our views, deserves forbearance, understanding, respect and, above all, happiness.

Olivia

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

Everything that is different, new and unknown, awakens our curiosity and the will to know. If someone new moves to our town, if a new student comes to our school, we always arouse an irresistible curiosity to meet such a person, to learn something more about him. The same is true when someone meets a person with a different skin color, a different appearance due to, for example, being born that way, or when we come into contact with a person of any other religion. Accepting otherness, treating others with respect is nothing more than TOLERANCE.

Everyone likes to be liked, everyone wants to have colleagues, friends, people around them who we can trust, entrust with secrets, and talk openly.

I think we can be happy that we live in the times we live in. We have everything you can wish for and at your fingertips. In the past, you had to fight for everything, beg for your life. Old people in ancient times were removed from their social groups, because of diseases or ailments they were suffering from. They became redundant in the society in which they lived and the existence of which they had previously contributed greatly.

The same was done with young children who were born crippled and sick. Such people were killed. One could say that we are lucky to live in the present day. Sick children "end up" in orphanages or when they have parents they are especially loved by them, while the elderly and the sick can live in specially adapted care homes. Therefore, the concept of tolerance should not be alien to us anymore, because the progress of civilization is so advanced that no one pays attention to the slogan of tolerance. Unfortunately, this is a very wrong diagnosis.

We are not tolerant at all. The world around us is focused only on consumption, that is, taking from the world as much as possible without giving anything in return. It is also adopting the attitude "what is bad is not me, it's not my problem, the matter does not concern me, let others take care of it". This is nothing but cowardice, because running away from the problem. Today, everyone has to drive super modern family cars, have their own house with a beautiful garden and everything in this house remote controlled. You still need to wear great trendy clothes, shoes, be white, always healthy, smiling, get treatment in private clinics, have rich parents and live in a big city. Whoever does not meet these few basic conditions does not fit into the modern World. The world is huge and there is a lot of difference and diversity in it. Let us behave and live as befits modern civilization. Let us be open to others.

Wiktor