

A SHORT INTRODUCTION OF OUR SCHOOL AND OUR VILLAGE



OUR VILLAGE

Our village is situated in the East-West of Hungary in Győr-Moson-Sopron county not far from the Austrian order. This area is called Small Plain – in Hungarian „Kisalföld”.

The village has a population of 1020 people. We have got a beautiful church, it is more than 200 years old. Around the church you can see a nice park. Here can be found the Millenium Cross and the monument of Heroes lost int he first World War.

In the main street there is an old house. The famous actress Mary Jászai used to stay here at her relatives in the 19th century. Her memory is kept alive in a small room by her relatives.



In the village there are a nice kindergarden, a Village hall, a Health Centre, a railway station, a post office, two shops and two pubs. Most of the people commute to work to the nearest towns called Csorna, Kapuvár, or Győr.

It is a nice village, we like living here.



FERENC MÓRA PRIMARY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARDEN

Our school is named after the famous Hungarian writer called Ferenc Móra.

He is well-known in Hungary among children because of his novels for youngsters.



This year 97 children attend our school. Students come not only from our village but also from three neighbour villages. It is recorded that the first school building was built in our village in 1696 next to the ruins of the catholic church. It means that our school is more than 300 years old.

We have got eight classes, ten classrooms and a big gym. Students learn Maths, Hungarian Grammar, Literature, History, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Art, and foreign languages English or German from the age of 10.

We have got RE lessons as well but our most favourite is PE. We also sing in our school choir.

We play handball, football and basketball. Our football teams, not only boys but also girls' are very succesful, they von many cups. We are very proud of them.

Every year we can go skiing to Slovakia for a week and we can go swimming to the nearest little town called Kapuvár in summer.

We start school at 15 to 8 in the morning, and usually have 5 or 6 lessons every day. After the lessons some of the students go home, but some of them stay at school and have lunch here. After lunch they have some free time to play and relax together and then they do their homework in two groups with the help of a teacher. These children go home at 4 in the afternoon, because their parents are away from home all day.



We have been working for 10 years with the same Austrian partnerschool. Every year we have got a common project on different topic. During the school year we usually meet once in Rábatamási and once in Vienna. We have already participated in two Comenius project. The first one was „Our Culture and Our Europe with partnerschools in Greece in Preveza, in Tres Cantos in Spain, in Marvao in Portugal, in St. Arnthal in Italy and in Wroclaw in Poland.

The next Comenius project was „Let’s Play, Play With Us!” – together with the same Polish school, with our German partner from Berlin, with a partner from Norway in Bergen, Wales in Barry and Scotland in Edinburgh.

Both of these programmes were great, we had so many unforgettable experiences. We had two wonderful trips with a lot of children– twice to Wroclaw and once in Berlin.

We are sure that this Comenius project will be also fantastic.



LIFE IN OUR SCHOOL



Competition



School leaving ceremony



On a trip in the national park



Building a snowman

CHRISTMAS IN HUNGARY

Christmas is the greatest family festival for everybody in Hungary. It is solemnly celebrated with ancient customs and traditions.

Four weeks before Christmas we make an advent wreath with four candles and every Sunday we light a candle. We also decorate our classrooms and school.

Santa Claus /St. Nicolaus/ comes and visits every house bringing presents on 5th December in the evening. Children clean their boots and put at the door or in the window. In villages sometimes awfully dressed „bogeymen” accompany Santa Claus helping him.

The 13th December is Luca-day the nameday of Luca, the day of witches.

It is one of our ancient customs from pagan times. At dawn boys go from house to house carrying straw with them telling short, funny poems and wishing good luck, good harvest during the next year, health and happiness for all the members of the family. During this day girls try to predict their fortune, their future husband's name by putting several names of boys into dumplings and choosing only one from them. These are very old customs and we try to keep them alive acting at school with the children.



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TEMPUS KÖZALAPÍTVÁNY

The last day at school before Christmas is 21st December. We have shortened lessons and then we have a celebration at school. A lot of parents come to school to celebrate together with us. We play nativity play and sing carols together. The next day is the first day of winter holiday.

We look forward to Christmas Eve – decorate our christmas tree, our house, cook delicious dinner – traditionally fish, poppy seed cake, stuffed cabbage – and in the evening we give and get presents. In the evening we go to church to the midnight mess, to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

On 25th and 26th families spend time together. During our winter holiday we usually have snow, and it is a great fun to snowball, go sledging, build snowmen or just walk and admire the white scenery.

Christmas holiday is always a great time and we hope you enjoy yours, too.

Very best Christmas wishes from your friends in Hungary, Rábatamási.

