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Extracurricular activity

SUCCESS project

Hello! My name is Diana Krasteva from 5a grade and I'm in the club "The History of my city" on "SUCCESS" project with Mrs. Gencheva as a supervisor. On Friday, 02/22/2013 we went to the Museum house of Hristo Danov. There was a guide who told us about his life and work. He walked us around the house, which was huge. He explained to us that Mr. Danov had a large family who, even after his death, continued publishing textbook literature.

Back in 1857, together with the teacher Joachim Gruev, Hristo Danov created a literary company of publishing and selling textbooks business. So, almost immediately, the first bookstore was opened in our city. Since then the newspaper called "Maritza" has existed which is still our today's newspaper.

For us it was new and curious to learn more about our native hometown - a city with a wonderful history and traditions.

ETHNOGRAPHY club

In February, the children's club "Ethnography" visited the celebration of mummers in the town of Rakovski. They became a part of the parade, which was attended by many people from different parts of the country. They saw various rituals associated with exorcism. They put scary masks on their heads and helped for the expulsion of the evil forces with their bells.

Nina Tareva - primary teacher

Head of "Ethnography" club on "Success" project

Our students participated in a project of "Revival" library.

Baba Marta made us happy with bright sun and traditional *martenitzi*. On March 1st the students from 4c grade participated in the opening of the project of "Revival" library for advertising the application of our city as the cultural capital of Europe in 2019. The children congratulated the passersby with the holiday and gave them *martenitzi*. The students received smiles, greetings and

even *martenitzi*. They were especially excited by several foreign guests of Plovdiv, who accepted the *martenichki* with enthusiasm and curiosity.

School for Parents

Strategies for dealing with bullying between peers

- Do not be afraid not to show any fear to the hooligan
 - Do not reply to insults because it also provokes the aggressor even more.
 - It should be clear to the bully that his behavior will be reported to a teacher or a parent. Children are afraid of spilling their classmates because they believe that they will ridicule or annoy them more. But revealing the abuse to an adult is the only way to stop it.
 - Talk to teachers or the headteacher to make sure that measures will be taken against such future events.
 - Encourage the children to develop their interests and abilities. Make them participate in activities outside school that they like.
 - Remind them that you'll always be there if they need you. Just to listen to them, your presence will help.
 - Teach children to support each other. Bullying at school is reinforced by the fact that it is ignored.

Zdravka Petrova, guidance counselor, by materials on the Internet

PATRIOTISM

Day of Forgiveness

Fortunately, one of the major spring festivals in the Bulgarian folk calendar, is still alive. All over Bulgaria it is called with different names like: Shrovetide, Forgiveness, Pokladi, Oratnik.

Mardi Gras has a variable date - it depends on Easter and takes place seven weeks before the biggest Christian holiday – Jesus Resurrection. This year Mardi Gras is on March 17.

Since ancient times Bulgarian people have celebrated the coming of spring and the awakening of nature.

A series of holidays, rituals and customs, preceding Easter, begins with Mardi Gras.

Rare and expensive cat breeds

If the idea to have a "thumbnail" copy of a wild beast in your home is not weird to you, it is appropriate to have a Chauzi cat breed, a distant relative of the famous swamp lynx. It is estimated that by the early 70s of the last century this breed safely has inhabited Egypt, not being of any interest for the local residents. Its representatives are the result of crossing perennial swamp lynx, living from the Nile Valley to Turkey and the Caspian Sea, with ordinary cats.

Chauzi have inherited from their ancestors a muscular and long body and strong legs, a graceful body with the color and look of a predator and all this combined with a good nature and hardly audible purr -a simply irresistible combination. And although not reaching the impressive sizes of their wild ancestors, they outperform twice the length of the normal cats.

Vessela Russeva – a primary teacher, by materials on the Internet

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