

Anta Bogicevic Elementary School

Voice of Youth

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"The man who is too old to learn was probably always too old to learn"

Fun Facts

Find out interesting facts about the fascinating world around you....

Our Young Poets



Enter the world of
verses and start imagining

Current Events

Get a glimpse of what we have done, learned and achieved. Delve into our world and be a part of our history.



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Welcome to our little corner!
A place where we can express our feelings, creativity and
our mind can speak itself.

It started as an idea to gather information and capture the thoughts of our pupils, their work and imagination, in order to save proofs of our doings and share them with You.

We gathered a small group of pupils to work on this project, which is our very first. We had difficulties in organizing the work and the process of all of this coming together wasn't easy at all. And even though small in numbers, we have persevered in this undertaking with pure willingness and kindness of the very few who participated.

To all of those who were involved and lent a helping hand, and all of You who took a part of Your time and dedicated it to reading this, we thank You sincerely!

Take a small journey through our thoughts and we hope You will enjoy it!



Current Events

26 September - European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages (EDL) was first celebrated in 2001 during the European Year of Languages. At the end of this campaign the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers decided to make EDL an annual event, to be celebrated each 26 September. Every year, millions of people in the Council's member states and elsewhere organise or take part in activities to promote linguistic diversity and the ability to speak other languages.

This was the perfect way to start the year. There is no better way than to raise the awareness of the importance of communication with other people from all around the world.



Our French teacher, Natasa Opacic, taught a class of 7th graders about diversity, importance and culture of the French language. The pupils' parents were also involved during the class.



The lesson was very well organized. There were a lot of different activities which were interesting and made children work together as well as with their parents. All the goals were clearly presented and both children and parents were instructed about their duties during the activities.

There were so many useful pieces of information about bridging intercultural gaps, and a lot of questions to be answered.

Why do I need French?



Where is French spoken?
Why is it important to learn a foreign language?

All the groups worked really hard and came up with interesting and useful answers and ideas.

Countries where French is spoken :
Belgium, Canada, France, Monaco, Polynesia, Algiers...

Why we need French : for work, making friends, getting to know a new culture...

Interesting facts : history, wine, perfumes, Eiffel tower...

The teacher showed a very dynamic work and was involved all the time helping around and giving useful advice. She tried to make the subject more accessible and understandable.

It was nice to see real teamwork, younger generations working together and showing team spirit with the older ones.

The general aim was to draw attention to Europe's rich linguistic and cultural diversity, which has to be encouraged, but also



and
reinforce intercultural understanding.

to extend the range of languages that people learn throughout their lives in order to develop their skills



Bullying



On 25 September, class 8-2 had an English lesson. The subject we talked about was bullying.

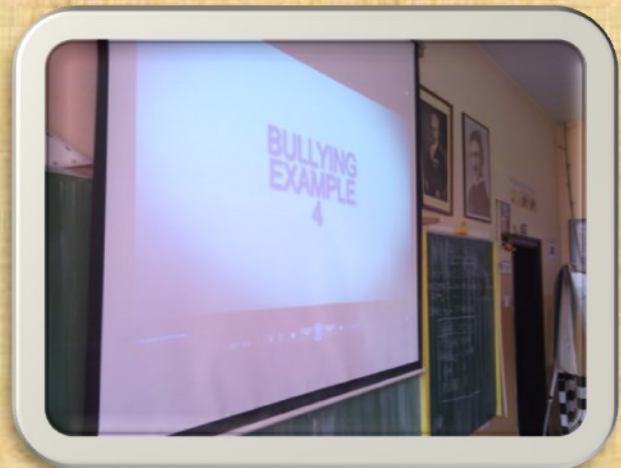
The lesson started with a short video showing typical cases of bullying which can be experienced mostly in the school environment.

The pupils talked in English about the examples they saw in the videos.

Furthermore, they worked in groups of 5 or 6 where each group had a different assignment.

All of them watched a different video with a certain type of bullying and had to answer the questions 'Which type of bullying it was' and 'How they would solve the problem'.

The videos showed physical bullying, verbal, shaming others etc.



Hopefully, the pupils could recognize themselves in the role of a victim or even a bully. We came to a conclusion :

A) BULLIES ARE :

Intelligent, good-looking, fashion leaders in their school;

B) VICTIMS ARE :

Different, new pupils, shy. Pupils who usually spend time alone.

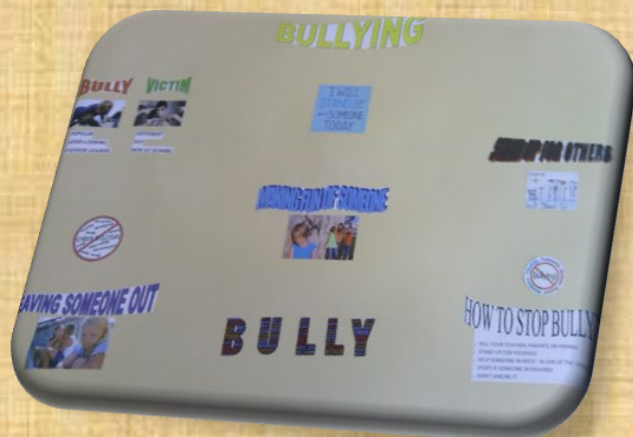


Upon further discussion, the representative of each group took their stand in front of the class and pinpointed the main things about their assigned video :

- types of bullying - shaming others, humiliating, physical bullying etc.
- Ways of solving problems - talking to the headmaster or your parents or even friends and standing up for others and for yourself.

One of the products of this lesson, besides raising the awareness of problems our friends and classmates have, was a paper board showing main points of our discussion through various pictures and expressions.

The finished paper board was hung in the classroom where other pupils can take a look at it and familiarize themselves with some of the new expressions or simply start thinking about the problems around them.



Being alone or lonely, scared or shy, or simply different in any way is a very hard thing to endure.

Unfortunately these things happen on a daily basis in every school in the world.

What we can do is help others by listening to them, spending time together, giving them moral support and being their friend.

Hopefully the message will get across...STOP BULLYING!

CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S WEEK



On Monday, 1 October 2018, once again the celebration of Children's week started. This year the main theme was "I have the right to live happily and healthy". To show our involvement, contribution and to celebrate, a series of events followed during the week.

One of the events that marked the beginning of the week was a little musical number performed by the third graders. In front of the school entrance they sang and danced to welcome everyone.



It was amazing to watch such happy little faces smile and welcome everyone sending a beautiful and positive message. By joining hands they sang and danced to the sound of songs they like most.

Younger pupils were excited to witness such a joyous event. Alongside them were their beloved teachers and some of the parents. All together they made this occasion even more beautiful.





On 4 October the first and second graders together with their teachers and parents, took part in a masked ball, organized by the Teachers' society together with the local community.

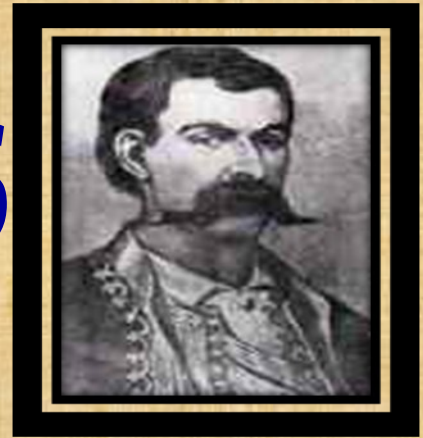
Our young pupils showed real ingenuity in making their costumes and coming up with beautiful ideas. The colourful picture took place in a pedestrian zone where everybody gathered to celebrate together and show off their costumes. Robots, super heroes, witches and princesses made this event exciting which brought a smile on everyone's face.



The pupils performed different acts in front of the cheerful audience. One big Thank you has to be addressed to all of them and their parents for this enormous effort in helping us celebrate children's week.



Anta Bogicevic Days



The first school in Loznica was founded at the end of the eighteenth century, to be exact in 1795. A man from Trsić, Grgur Grgurović, opened the school in Loznica which was attended by one of the biggest reformers of the Serbian language, Vuk Stefanović Karadžić. In the book 'State schools in Serbia from 1804 till 1815' Andra Gavrilović says that there were forty schools in Serbia at that time, 15 in the cities and 25 in the villages.

In 1951 The Council for Education and Culture of Loznica made a decision to open a school where children could be educated till the eight grade, which from there on carried the name of a great Serbian commander-in-chief (a duke) in The First Serbian Uprising, Anta Bogićević, who stood out as one of the best commanders in defending the City of Loznica from the Turks in 1810.



Today the school includes 31 classes and about 830 pupils. The staff consists of 52 teachers and classes are held in 2 different buildings; the old building where classes are held for the pupils of the first four grades and in the new building for the students of the last four grades (5th-8th grade).

Every year in October, an entire week is dedicated to this great name that our school has carried for over two centuries.

To that end, numerous events are organized to make this week memorable.

On Monday, 15 October and artistic event marking the week ending of the day founded.

The 2018-2019 the 223rd anniversary civic' School's founded in all sorts of



ber 2018, a cultural marked the beginning with the celebration that our school was

school year marked of The 'Anta Bogin, and we celebrated!



The school hall was full and the necessity for an extra seat arose. The show was put on by the teachers and pupils of the 4th grade, together with the choir and music teacher, Zorica Vrankovic.

The headmistress called out the winners of literary and art contest 'This is my world'. They were rewarded with a book.

The show started with the choir singing 'Kids are the World's Pearls', followed by a recital, a guitar solo, and as the last act was a dance performance to the song of Ariana Grande.

Just like every year the audience made the atmosphere even more beautiful and we can only hope that this tradition will continue with the same enthusiasm.

SCHOOL DAY



The events that started on 15 October, 2018, all lead to the final event which happened on Friday, 19 October 2018. It was a celebration of the 223rd anniversary of The 'Anta Bogicevic' School's founding.

A lot of guest as well as pupils' parents and our youngest pupils attended the event.

It started with a bouquet of flowers being put in front of Anta Bogicevic's bust, by one of our history teachers, Goran Djuric.

Further more there was a short lecture about 'The history of Anta Bogicevic'.

As it happens every year, a local TV house came to record all the events preceding the celebration on the 19 October as well as the mentioned day.





The headmistress opened the program with her gentle speech and welcomed everybody.

A few words of our school's achievements ensued as a beautiful reminder of all the hard work being done.

Ljubinko Djokic, assistant to the Mayor of the city of Loznica, showed great honor by attending the event and giving a short speech.



The school choir, under our music teacher, Zorica Vrankovic's baton, sang many old traditional songs, starting with the hymn of our republic...

An adaptation of a play by Jovan Sterija Popovic, 'Pokondirena tikva', performed by our gifted pupils, closed the program.



The entire school staff including some of those in retirement, always comes together to take this event into a lovely memory with a group photograph.

This traditional happening always gathers a lot of people who love and carry this institution in their heart.

Charished memories as well as new bonds are formed between teachers and pupils, employees and guests, young and old.

One thing we all wish, is that this tradition will never end.





International Day For Tolerance

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights

On the occasion of The International Day for Tolerance, 16 November, students' parliament in cooperation with teachers, held a presentation on the subject of Discrimination & Tolerance. All the pupils from the fifth till the eighth grade attended.

Through hard and dedicated work, the parliament came up with a series of presentations, lectures and activities in order to tickle the imagination of other pupils. Apart from the introductory word, video clips, pictures and variety of texts, the eighth graders, members of the students' parliament, asked a series of questions in order to include others into discussion. The aim was to make them aware of discrimination we meet in everyday life.



Everywhere you step you can see some examples of it, racism, xenophobia, sex discrimination, disability discrimination, religious discrimination, even intolerance between rival sports clubs fans.

The fifth graders showed huge enthusiasm in discussion and understood the severity of the subject matter showing excellent examples of how to solve the problems and include others in our everyday life and make them feel welcome, which contributed to charming atmosphere of cooperation among older and younger pupils and their teachers.



Apart from the members of the parliament, some other eighth graders participated, who in a very creative way demonstrate another example of discrimination through an interesting performance of rival football club fans interaction.



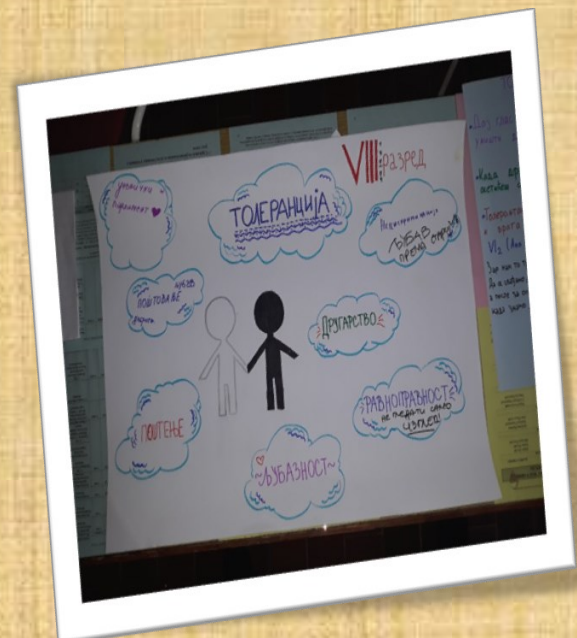
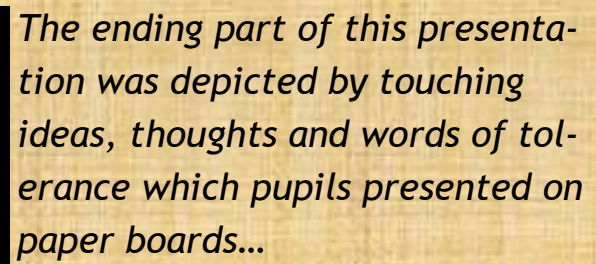
Through a simple everyday example, the pupils could identify with it and more easily understand an example of intolerance.

The pupils displayed a knack for acting and in a very captivating and charming way made everyone laugh.



This way some of the pupils who are not usually included in these activities, or are extremely shy, got the chance to be creative, make new friends and gain valuable experience.





Francophone Song Competition



Students from our school, Bojana Vujinović 8-3 and Irena Vujinović 7-2, took part in The Francophone Song Competition, on March 2, in Novi Sad. The competition is organized by Institut français de Serbie.

Every year, some of our students show interest to take part in this competition. It is always wonderful to see them developing diversity in foreign languages, as well as gaining new experience.

They presented themselves and our school with a French song, in front of the jury consisting of well-know professionals in music industry and the French language.

They achieved their goal of being a part of students from all over the country, having fun and getting to meet a lot of friends of similar age. The impressions this competition has had on them were wonderful, and certainly gave them strength and will to explore the world of languages and set new goals in their school life.

Learning something new is always valuable, and hard work gets rewarded.

They came full of exciting news for us and pictures to show how they spent their time in Novi Sad.

We all hope this will invoke interest with other students, not only to travel and meet others, but to get to know the French language better.



Science for the youngest ones

Traditionally, every year in the month of March, our school organizes a science fair called 'Science for the young ones'. This manifestation will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 11am. As it happens every year, a lot of visitors are expected to come, students accompanied by their parents.

The school door is always opened for you to come, meet us, get to know us and share this exciting little adventure in the company of our young, and future scientists

ОШ "Анта Богичевић"

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Старији другари, учитељи и наставници показаће вам кроз демонстрације и огледе занимљиве ствари из света науке. Поставке су прилагођене узрасту деце и замишљене тако да и деца учествују у њиховом извођењу.

Дођите и уверите се:

- предмет без погона може се кретати узбрдо,
- видите како настаје вулкан,
- сликајте се са моделом људског скелета у природној величини или баците поглед кроз микроскоп,
- видите јаје које се само усправља и стоји на врху
- решите "мозгалице" заједно са наставницима

математике,

погледајте предмете који су користили наши преци,

видите како се преламају ласерски светлосни зраци и

азне оптичке илузије

и још много тога!

Дођите да се дружимо и забавимо!

(Школско игралиште, код цркве, биће отворено за паркирање.)

Детаљније информације на сајту школе:

www.antabogicevic.rs



Volleyball



Our school has always tried to promote healthy lifestyle. The students need to take care of themselves and to that cause, a lot of different sports are practiced at our school.

Each year, hundreds of students show interest in many different sports, and our PE teachers work closely with them, organizing trainings and taking them to various competitions.



This March we had a very successful team, both in male and female category. The female team won the competition, and the male team came in second.



We hope to continue this tradition in the future, and to interest new students to take active part in school life as well as in their health.



Yearly Concert

Once a year, our music teacher, Zorica Vranković, prepares a magnificent concert in collaboration with the school choir, which he conducts.

It always takes place in the grand hall, welcoming all the parents and students in a cosy atmosphere.

What makes this event special is the coming together of all the teachers and students ready to contribute to making this event unforgettable. Music, art teachers, students, and all of those who helped to make it multimedia ready.

Another aim of this event, was to show students what it means to be musically cultural and possess musical bon ton, as well as the life and work of a famous Serbian composer, Stevan Stojanović Mokranjac.



There was a bundle of children's songs, patriotic songs, spiritual and modern. All of them will remain in the memory of the audience for a long long time.



Creative Multimedia Classroom

For two days, our school was the host of a seminar by a Journalism school from Novi Sad. The name of the seminar is "Creative multimedia classroom", and what sets it apart from most of other seminars is that both students could attend.

About thirty twenty students prove their digital through hard IT techniques in



educational process. teachers and tried to improve competence work, and use

It was really refreshing seeing so many students taking interest in a seminar, something that is not easily accessible to them. Furthermore, they could see what it feels like spending a day in their teachers' shoes.

For four of our students, the work continues during the summer camp on Kopaonik. We hope they will spend time with us sharing their experience and maybe teaching us something new.



Some of the words that made the biggest impact on us were the words of our instructor, Stefan Janjić, "Your students are great. They developed critical thinking, and are able to make the connections. Bravo!"



Easter Fair



Every Easter, students of our school engage in activities to make this holiday memorable and fun for everyone; colouring the eggs, making bunny-shaped toys, and sweet treats.

Alongside all of that, we had in mind a school project of gathering funds to help the Student parliament buy the equipment for the school publick speaker system.

A reward in itself was watching with just what enthusiasm and eagerness the youngest students worked to contribute and sell the goods in order to collect the money.

The Easter fair lasted from 22 April to 24 April, 2019; just before the Easter break started for them to have a nice time with their families.

Happy Easter!

