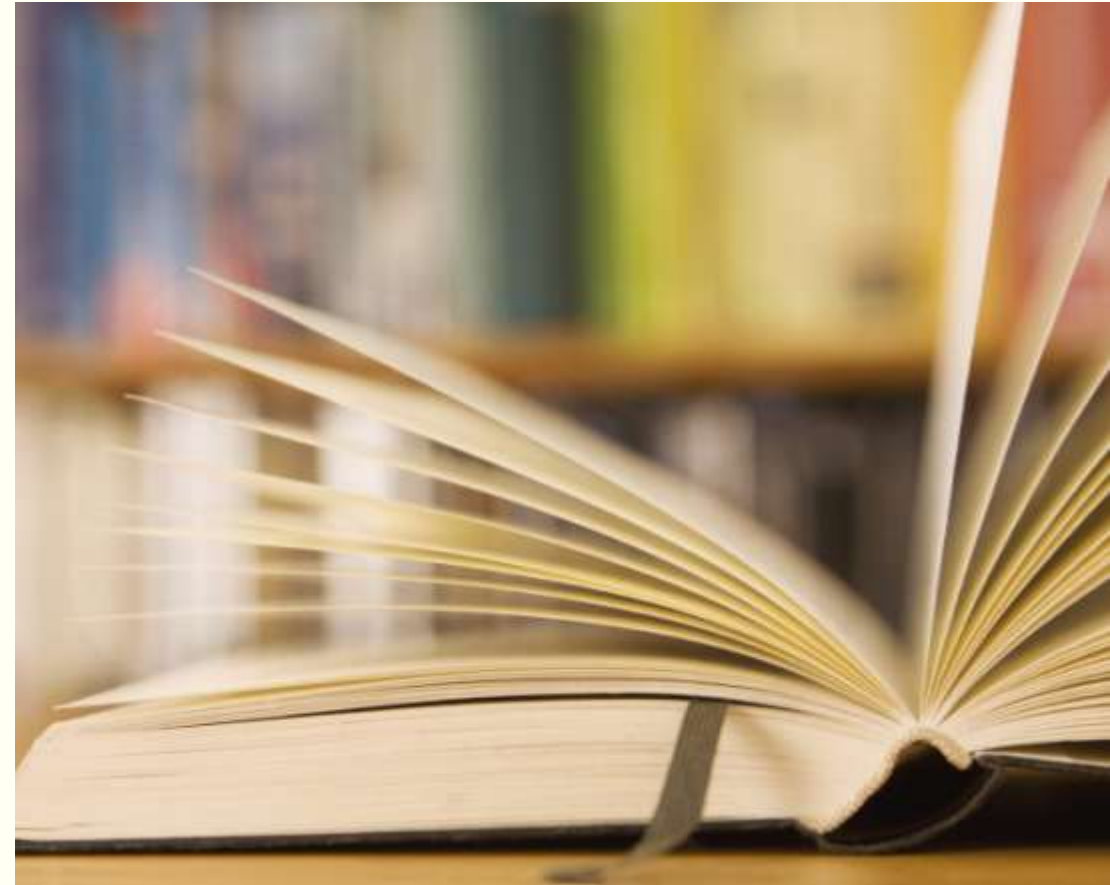




INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

Gragždų “Minijos” progimnazija

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What is intercultural education?

It is education which respects and recognises the normality of diversity in all areas of human life.

Intercultural learning is the knowledge about different cultures, their differences and similarities.

Putting into practice

Intercultural education is integrated with almost all subjects and with the general life of the school.

We try to develop inclusive learning environments creating an inclusive school culture. How?

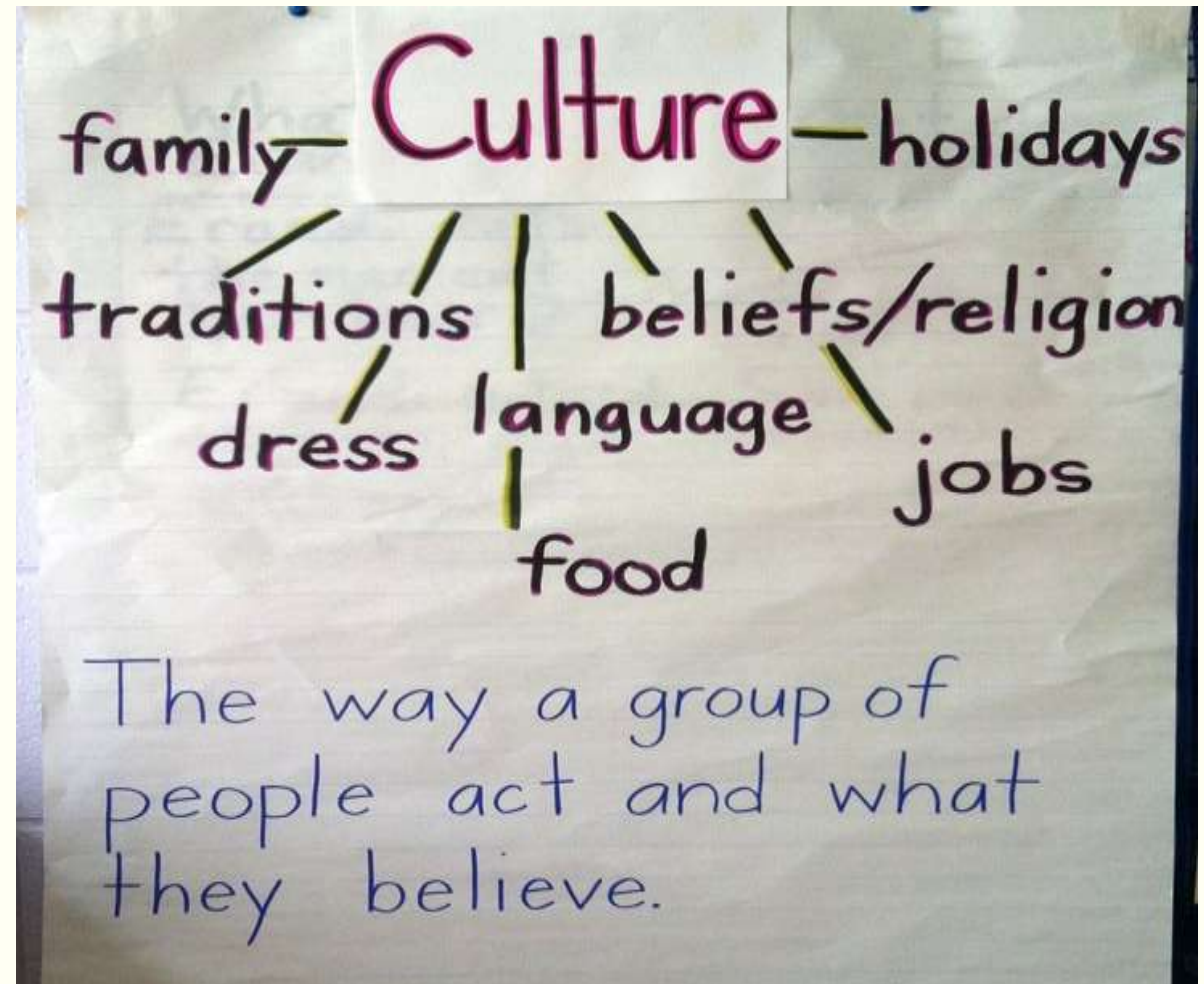
- In various ways through curriculum areas
- Developing intercultural skills through cross-curricular activities
- Coordinating a cultural celebration
- Participating in a virtual exchange etwinning
- Participating in European projects/ exchange programmes
- Hosting an Exchange Student

Intercultural education through curriculum areas such as English, History, Geography, Environmental and Scientific Education, Religious Education, Music, Arts and Science

- Geography: Human environments - to learn about and come to value the diversity of people, ethnic groups and cultures throughout the world.
- History: Human rights and responsibilities - developing a sense of empathy with those whose rights are denied; recognition of bias and stereotyping
- The Music curriculum focuses on the listening programme for children that includes examples of music from other countries.
- Religious Education notes the importance of tolerance towards the practice, culture and life-style of a range of religious convictions and expressions.
- Arts Education (as intercultural education) involves facilitating the emotional, cognitive and moral development of the young person.
- The Science curriculum, like intercultural education, is concerned with fostering the child's natural curiosity developing analytical and thinking skills.

The curriculum identifies that English is a key area in which the contribution to intercultural education culture can be highlighted

- The best ways to begin the dialogue on intercultural learning is to define the meaning of culture for students
- Students develop appropriate attitudes and values if these values are integrated within the everyday life in the classroom and deal with it in the content of the lessons



Encouraging students to explore culture in the classroom, can be one of the most effective ways

Learn about:

- religion,
- family,
- concepts of humour and shame,
- hospitality,
- table manners,
- dining,
- meeting and greeting,
- gender roles,
- gift giving ect.



Investigate customs and etiquette around the world / Europe

- Students work in pairs to create etiquette guides or role-play scenarios to develop understandings of differences and similarities in everyday behaviours of people from around the world.



Recipes around the world / Europe

- Food is a fun subject for students of all ages!
- Holiday recipes, quizzes based on food; typical dish from your country and more.
- Students work in pairs to carry out a research on fast food facts, gathering data and creating a powerpoint presentation



Project “Customs and traditions celebrating Christmas and New Year in different countries”

Content:

Content and interesting title

Vocabulary

Country. Some facts (territory, population and other in comparison with Lithuania). Place on the map.

Celebrating Christmas Eve and Christmas:

- some historical facts

- preparation (decorations, food, gifts)

- celebration itself (activities, traditions, customs)

- task for class

Celebrating New Year:

- some historical facts

- preparation (decorations, food, gifts)

- celebration itself (activities, traditions, customs)

- task for class

Feelings, comments, final thoughts, summary

Surprise



Christmas and New Year in Ireland



A close-up photograph of a Christmas tree. A large, shiny red spherical ornament is in sharp focus on the right side. The background is filled with out-of-focus lights in warm yellow, orange, and red tones, creating a bokeh effect. The dark green needles of the tree are visible at the top and bottom edges.

Spanish Christmas Beauty

Russian celebrations and traditions



MIRACLE TIME IN INDIA



Chinese Christmas



CROSS-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Synthesis of knowledge, skills and understandings from various subject areas



By developing cross-curricular activities that are both fun and motivating, teachers can easily integrate different subject areas—it only requires a bit of planning and creativity!

- A thematic approach “My Native Place”
- History, geography, arts, music, drama, dance, and media arts
- Class 7 students completed five projects, each lasting half a term, on the themes of ‘journeys’, ‘identity’, ‘positive images’, ‘art attach’, and the ‘the power and the glory’.



DANCES “OKI DOKI”

This is a fun, warm-up, cross-cultural activity. Through this project learners gain greater understanding of another culture's festivals and how they are celebrated



Coordinating a cultural celebration

- Project Partner Day
- A larger wholeschool project the 'Italian Week'
- participation in this school project aimed to know more life, national traditions and culture of other European countries will help them to strengthen their intercultural competence and cultural consciousness and tolerance.
- Coordinating a cultural celebration at your school can be of the most enjoyable ways to get students involved in learning more about a different culture.
- It was a project quiz time „Do you know...?“. Students answered the questions about the project partner countries.





“SAY ‘HELLO’ AND ‘THANK YOU’ IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES”

Encourage a little healthy competition among your students with a quiz or a game



QUIZ


- Gargždų „Minijos“ vidurinės mokyklos jaunieji žurnalistai (8 klasės mokiniai) atliko tiriamąjį darbą „Ar galiu vadintis europiečiu?“ , skirtą Europos kalbų dienai pažymėti.
- 1. Ar žinote kada minime Europos kalbų dieną?
- 2.Keliomis Europos šalių kalbomis moki pasakyti „Aš tave myliu“ ?
- 3.Kokia kalba kalba austrai?
- 4.Kokioje šalyje yra Strasbūras?
- 5.Kuo skiriasi Anglija nuo Jungtinės Karalystės?
- 6.Kokia kalba ir ką reiškia žodis „sklep“?
- 7.Kaip manote kokios šalies ši moneta?



PARTICIPATE IN A VIRTUAL EXCHANGE E TWINNING

The eTwinning platform is a safe platform for teachers and students to collaborate on joint projects, share ideas, communicate and develop their skills in a creative and fun way.

The eTwinning platform provides an excellent situation for teachers and learners to explore a topic across different curriculum subjects.



HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

exchange can be a life changing experience



PARTICIPATION IN EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Traditionally, school cultural exchange programs bring students to meet and interact in person.

Today cultural exchange programs may rely on online interaction or both – school visit and interaction on line.



PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN PROJECTS

It comprises practical aspects:
learning to negotiate with people from different
cultures,
living with people from different cultures,
living in a different culture,





INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE WILL
NOT BE DEVELOPED OVERNIGHT.
IT IS AN ON-GOING PROCESS