

A group of diverse school children are running away from the camera down a school hallway. They are carrying backpacks and some have their arms raised in excitement. The hallway has large glass windows on the left and right sides. The text "Schools in Croatia" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Schools in Croatia

Facts about our school

We attend the Primary school “**Josip Vergilij Perić**” in **Imotski, Croatia**. The building is very beautiful and it was built more than a hundred years ago. It is named after a politician and a poet whose painting you can see in the lobby of our school.

In front of the school there is a sculpture of Vlado Gotovac who was a famous Croatian politician and a poet.

In our school there are about 500 students. The headmistress of our school is **Mrs Monika Pavlović Grabovac**.





- In our school we have everything that we need. Besides many classrooms, there is a staffroom, a library and a small kitchen.
- The walls and the pinboards in our school are beautifully decorated thanks to creative students, teachers and staff.

Education in Croatia

- In Croatia pupils start primary school when they are 7 and they finish it when they are 14. When they finish primary school, they go to high school which usually lasts for 3 or 4 years.
- The pupils aged between 7-10 have one teacher who teaches all the subjects, but older students who are aged between 11-14 have different teachers for different subjects.
- We have obligatory subjects such as: Croatian, Maths, Art, Music, Science, Geography, History, Technical education, IT, P.E., English, Chemistry, Physics. We can also choose some optional subjects such as Religion, German, Italian and French.



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Daily school activities

- In some schools in Croatia students go to school in shifts. One week school starts at 8 a.m. and another week it starts at 2 p.m.. Luckily, in our school we always have lessons in the morning. The lessons start at 8 o'clock and we usually have six lessons a day. We normally finish at 1:15 p.m. but sometimes we stay longer.
- We have a break after the third lesson which lasts for 20 minutes. We don't have a canteen in our school so we usually buy a sandwich or a snack. During the break pupils hang out, make jokes and have fun.
- We don't have to wear a school uniform in Croatia. We can choose to wear the clothes that we like which makes us very happy.

Extracurricular activities

In our school there are many clever and talented students who achieve great results at school and they also attend many extracurricular activities. Students can sing in a choir, do different sports, play different musical instruments, act in a drama group and so on. A lot of students participate in different competitions and win awards. We are very proud of them.

Marija and Lucija have have been playing the piano for many years and they have won many awards at the music competitions.





Events in our school

During the year many events are held at our school.

There are many students **volunteers** in our school who are always ready to help. They often organize charity events to raise money to help poor children in Africa and needy students in our school.

We celebrate **the School Day** on October 4th. We don't have lessons on that day but there is usually a school play and there are some sports competitions.

In October we celebrate **The Days of Bread**. On that occasion the students and their parents make bread, bread rolls and different cakes at home. They bring them to school and give thanks to God for daily bread and food. They share the food and eat meal together.



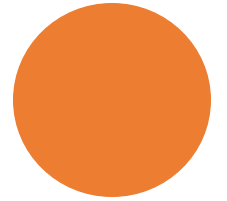
- On **November 17th** the students and the teachers pay respect to the **victims of the Homeland War** who died in the battles of Vukovar and Škabrnja in 1991. On that day the students and the teachers light the candles for the victims across the town. It is a national holiday.

- In February students and teachers make costumes for the **Carnival** and they take part in the carnival procession.

- On 23rd February the students and the teachers wear pink clothes to show zero tolerance to bullying. It is called the **Pink Day**.



- Every year there is a special guest who visits our school. It is usually a children writer who tells interesting stories to our students.
- We usually have several school plays during the school year.
- Every year students go on school trips with their teachers, but during the last two years we haven't travelled anywhere due to Corona virus pandemic.
- We hope that will change soon.



Thanks for
your
attention

The students of the Primary
School " Josip Vergilij Perić",
Imotski

