

The OG News

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Our School, Our Home

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year

Hello everyone and welcome to another edition of the OG News. We are so pleased to be back for another school year and can't wait to share what we have been up to this semester. All of our classes have been exploring the theme "Our School, Our Home" and have come up with some excellent interpretations.

Our newest school members-the 1st graders-have been exploring the concept of home. They discussed what makes them happy at home and created some beautiful illustrations to share with all of you. Our 2nd graders used their research skills to create a survey for their classmates determining who lives in a flat and who lives in a house. They made predictions, gathered data and are now sharing their results with you. Our 3rd graders went out of this world in their interpretations and asked what our school would like if it were in Space. They came up with some creative ideas and even practised their direction giving. Our 4th graders went out into the field to discover the home of Josef Lada-which coincidentally is in our very own OG backyard. Finally, our 5th graders flexed their writing muscles and looked at our place in our community and what home actually means.

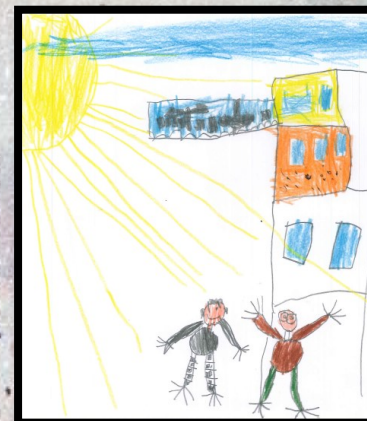
We have been doing some great work here at Open Gate and we are proud to share the results. Enjoy flipping through this edition and exploring our home and our school.

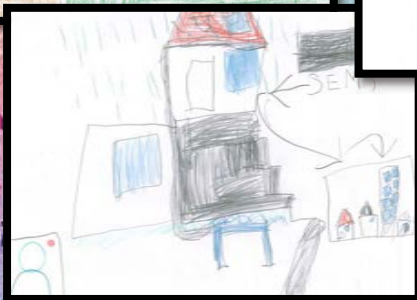
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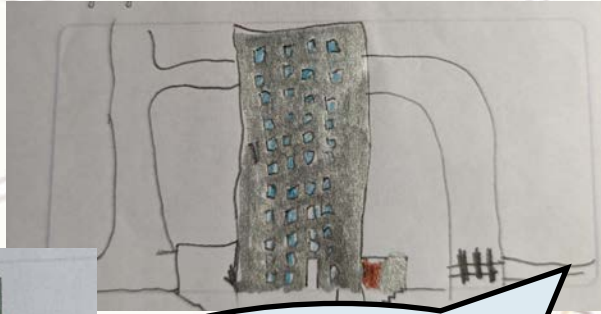
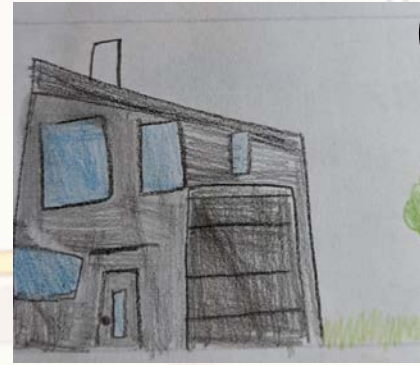
Class 1: Where We Live

Our newcomers to Open Gate took some time to share a little about themselves and where they live.





Class 2: Do you live in a house or a flat?



"I live in flat near some trams."



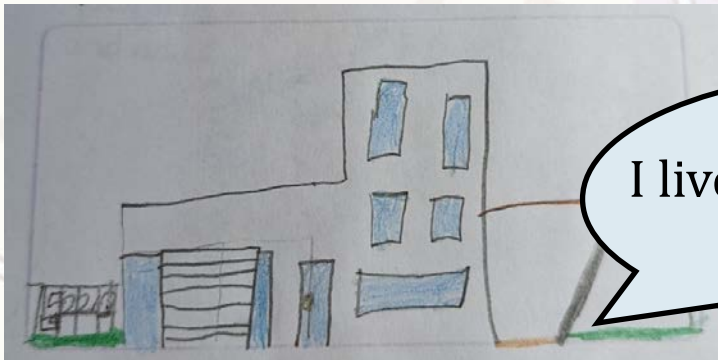
"I live in an orange and green flat."



Babice



I live in a white house.

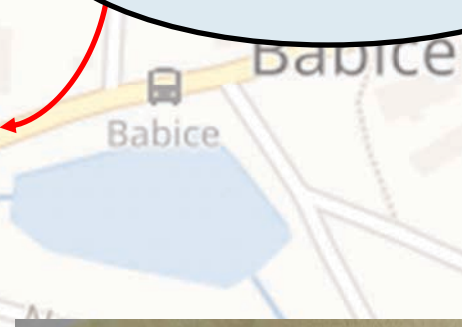


I live in a house with a big tree.



I've got a green house close to school.

Class 2 looked at where we live in relation to our school. We worked in groups and discussed what belongs in a village and what belongs in a city. We came up with many creative examples including traffic jams, tall buildings, old houses, and tractors. We then analyzed who lives in a house and who lives in a flat. We captured our findings in a table and reported our group results to the class.



I live in a flat.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

	STUDENTS (tally marks)	TOTAL NUMBER
FLAT		4
HOUSE		4

Tally marks: | 1, || 2, ||| 3, |||| 4, ||||| 5

Class 3: Imagine if your school was in Space

Class 3 students created their own schools in space! Using their imaginations, they designed their own school, created maps, and practiced giving directions in English!



Giving directions in English

A: Hi, where is the relaxation room?

B: Hi, go forward, turn right, go forward again then turn right and you are there.

A: Thank you

What is the name of your school?

Our school's name is Moon School.

How do your students get to school?
They ride in diamond cars!



What special classes does your school have?

We have jump class and a Minecraft room!

Class 4: Explored Open Gate's own backyard and discovered the Land of Lada

In the Land of Lada



The Land of Lada is full of beautiful forests and small streams. Also, there are lots of trails. You can get to Ladův Kraj by train. Some of these trails are really great for families, but some of them are really hard in Ladův Kraj.

You can find an interesting museum where there are paintings and a map of the Land of Lada.

Also in Hubačov there is a wonderful lake. At the lake you can see a wooden watersprite.

Everywhere you can see little cute villages. In Hrusice there is Josef Lada's house. In the museum you can buy lots of souvenirs. Outside the museum you can see how Josef Lada looked.

Josef Lada's region is beautiful so don't wait and go see it!

Journal of Our Hike

by Viktorie Loudová, Karel Prážak, Damian Lejnar and Denis Hromek

First we went to Říčany. From Říčany we took a train to Mirošovice. From Mirošovice we walked to the Hrusice Museum. In the museum we learned about Josef Lada. There we saw Mikeš the cat, the pig Pašik and Bobeš the goat. There we had lunch. After lunch we went to Hrušov. In Hrušov we had a snack. We went through a field. We saw beautiful flowers. We walked ten kilometres. And then we went to Mirošovice. There we had a school bus. The bus took us to school.



The Life of Josef Lada

Now we will tell you something about Josef Lada. Children really love his books and his pictures.

Josef Lada was born in 1887. It's sad to say, but he and his two daughters are all dead. One of the daughters died in a bombing in Prague during WW2.



Nupaky

When Josef was two years old he lost sight in his right eye.

He was an illustrator and an author. Before he became an illustrator he was an editor for newspapers. He wrote realistic stories. He took part in the most translated book in Czech history, *The Good Soldier Svejk*.



He had one sister.

Lada's Fairytale Characters

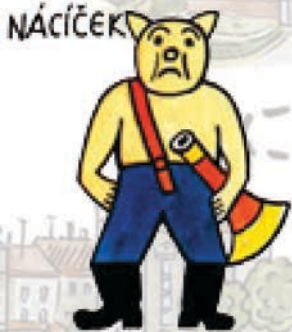
by Daša Darkina, Sofia Spoladore,
Mia Antonova and Sofie Bastářová

Josef Lada drew many fairytale characters, for example, Pašik the pig, Bobeš the goat, the blue fox, the water sprite and the most famous of the characters, Mikeš the cat!

Mikeš the cat went on many journeys. He started when he dropped cream. He was scared that grandma will be angry. Then he decided that he will go on a journey to buy a new pot.

Water sprite is the man and the fish together. Waters sprites live in the lake.

And the cat Mikeš has friends, like Pašik and Bobeš.





One day Mikeš the cat went outside of his old house and saw his friend, Pašík and Bobeš. He went a few steps and looked to the L and R, and then he turned around and...he saw a flying wheel think.

Wow! he said. I never saw it before.

Who cares said Bobeš.

Let's go in the wheel thing.

Ok said everyone.



The wheel thing went straight to a portal and suddenly...Mikeš saw another catgirl. Mikeš was hypnotized by her.

Mikeš Mikeš! Are you okay?

O-of course! said Mikeš.

"I think he fell in love," said Pašík the pig to Bobeš the goat.

"Hi there," said the lovely cat.

"H-i," said Mikeš. "What is your name?"

My name Vanila."

"Such a nice name," said Mikeš.

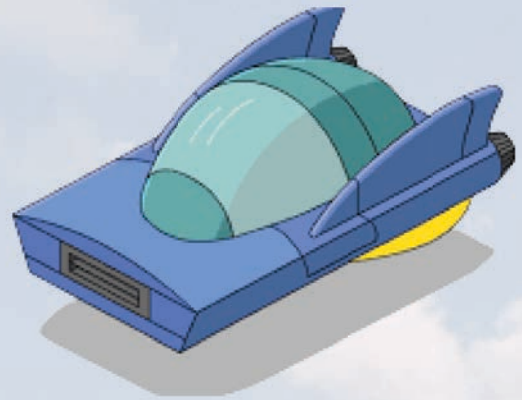


Suddenly they kissed. And Vanila took Mikeš and his friends to the flaing tesla.

As you think, he kissed her again.

After two weeks there was a wedding of Mikeš and Vanila. And they lived in a modern house.

Happily ever after. The end. With their iPhones.



Class 5: Thoughts about Home and Community

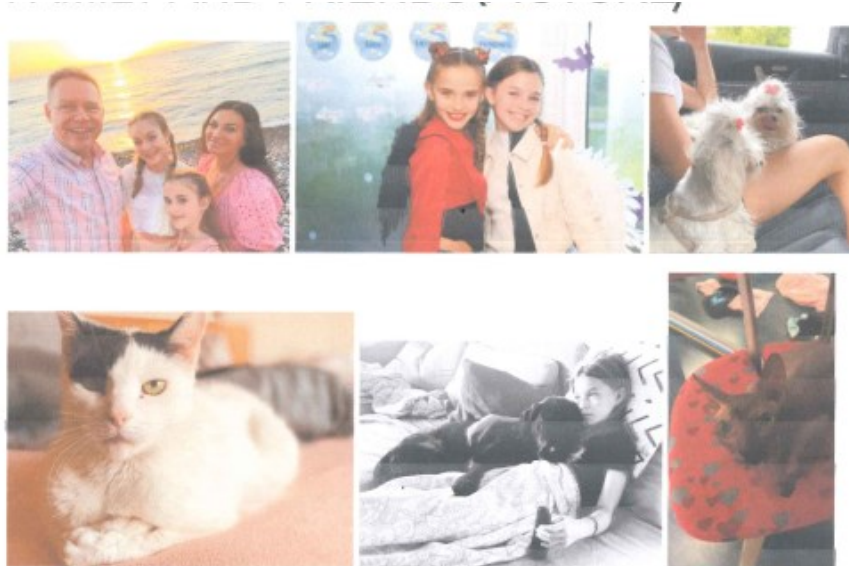
Community Help by Emiliya Rutskaya

Hello everybody, my name is Emily. I'm a 5th grader now and I was part of our community project last month. We worked hard on it one week and presented it to 4th graders on Friday. Each group created one poster and a little speech to it. You can see those posters on the wall next to 5th grade.

One group presented about some tips we can do for our community, another about helping our community. One also about being generous to our planet and helping your community picking the trash up, and the last group presented about taking care of the community. I hope they learned something from our project.

With Eric we also learned that home can be more than just your house, it can be where you have a caring community. I think it is very important to have a good community because it gives you the sense of belonging. I hope this article has inspired you to help your community, even here at school, because then you will feel





What Home Means for Us

by Charlotte Hassmannova and Nela Krupičková

Hello everyone, we would like to share our ideas with you what means home for us.

Home means for us our family, friends and our home where we live. At first, family means to us happiness, joy and love, so that's why family means home for us because when we don't have family around us for a long time it can make us sad, hopeless and it can make us cry!

When you think deeply our family buys us food, house, school things, our bed, animals, water, school and even a toilet, and they're doing many many more for us!

Now, friends means for us home because when you are, for example, sad they always help you (if they are real friends...)

Friends are even very good that they can play with you when you are bored.

Now, home where we live means for us home because we have our own bed, our own bedroom and our own images of memories.