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Everybody's Concern

We live on the Earth . It's our common home. If we look at our planet from a bird's-eye view , we'll see how wonderful it is. We can admire blue seas and oceans, rivers and lakes, high snow-capped mountains and fascinating valleys, endless forests and green meadows. For centuries man lived in harmony with nature until industrialization brought human society into conflict with natural environment. All intelligent, reasonable people realize if we don't find solutions to ecological problems, if we don't learn how to co-exist with our planet, it will lead to the ecological disaster and threaten our life on the Earth. That's why the United Nation General Assembly set up 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Their aim is to improve the quality of human life , to create a balance between the ecological, environmental and social needs.

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No doubt, proper ecological education is necessary in today's world. I'm glad that our school pays much attention to this question. Every two weeks we work at one goal of Sustainable Development. Our teachers and students at different subjects study its targets, discuss and offer some measures and tools for its better achievement.

It's often said , "We all are in one boat " , and I'm sure that nature protection starts at an individual level. Everyone should do something to reduce their carbon footprints. Some simple things will help us to do it . We can start turning off taps, lights, computer and TV-sets when we leave the house. We



can save water by taking shorter showers instead of baths. We can stop using paper towels and use washable cloth instead. While shopping, it's good to look for eco-friendly products and avoid buying genetically modified food. It's desired to walk more and drive less or use public transport as it will help us to cut back on fossil fuel emissions. To sum it up, I'd like to say we all live on this planet and we should do everything possible to keep it safe for ourselves and future generations I'm sure , that only with joint efforts we can achieve this noble aim.

**Olga Khatsuck,
Form 11"Z"**



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To Remember Our Roots

Our school is 31 years old. Is it an old or a young age for an educational establishment? I think that it is rather young. Our school was opened in 1990 as school-gymnasium # 30. In 2000 it became the first educational establishment of new type in Grodno Region. We, students, can boast of a lot of things which make our life and studies meaningful and enjoyable here. Our classrooms are equipped with modern computers, laptops and HD TV-sets. We have all sports facilities: 4 gyms, 2 swimming pools, a football pitch and a sports ground. We are lucky to be taught by highly qualified teachers who not only pass their knowledge to us but also bring us up how to remain decent and honest people in any challenging situations.

As families have their family albums to remember their milestones and not to forget any memorabilia, countries and cities have historical museums where important events of their history are recorded and precious exhibits are displayed. No doubt, schools should also have something to remind about their roots. That's why it was decided to set up the museum of gymnasium history. The idea came to Valentina Stepanovna

Makarova, the former Headmistress of the Gymnasium, in the early 2000s. It was then that the search for information and exhibits started. But it took 20 years to make the idea come true. At last the long-expected day came. It was the first of October, 2021, when our modern well-equipped museum opened its doors for the first guests and visitors. The exposition of the museum tells us about the most important events in the gymnasium history, inform about our achievements in different spheres: studies, Olympiads, project activities and sport. We can see some awards and souvenirs which have been given to our school for these years. Besides, the visitors of our museum will have a chance to look at the first curriculum and get to know what unusual subjects were studied at the Gymnasium 30 years ago. What's more, our museum is planned to be a place where our best teacher will share their experience with their young colleagues and other teachers of Grodno Region. I hope that in the future we'll open the exposition devoted to our school-leavers. And last but not least, we are planning to make our museum interactive not to lag behind the times. Welcome to our museum, our friendly students-guides are looking forward to your visits!

Nadezhda Matusevich, Form 9"М"





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Quiz Show “Travelling”

Have you ever dreamt of being a well- travelled person? I bet you have. Nothing can be compared with the excitement of travelling. Unknown places, unforgettable emotions, gorgeous views, epic festivals, enjoyable trips and what not! Every time you get to know something new, you gain valuable experience of the world.

That’s why it was not surprising at all that on the 16 of October the se-



nior students of our school jumped at the opportunity to participate in the quiz show for 8-formers: Travelling. It was an excellent chance to take a little break from studies and relax. virtually

Two teams were given an opportunity to visit 4 countries: Belarus, Britain, Australia, New Zealand - virtually. The format of the quiz show allowed its participants to make sure how well they knew those destinations, their landmarks, and to learn some unusual facts, customs and traditions of those tourist attractions.

While “travelling” our 8-formers were creative, inquisitive, persistent and friendly. They demonstrated a good

command of English, which made the communication possible. New “travelling” idioms made the pupils’ speech richer.

The event was really great! Smiling faces, fun, prizes! It proved that to hit the road you don’t always need to book tickets, hurry to the railway station and leave your hometown.

Do you still doubt that travelling in the middle of the school term is possible? There you are wrong!

Valeria Diubina, Form 9”Z”





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The 14th of October is Mother's Day in Belarus. Children congratulate their beloved mums on this day, give them presents and sometimes write letters in which they express their great love and respect for their mums. Here is one of such letters.

Thank-you Letter

Dear mum and dad!

I'm writing this letter to you: strong, smart, loving, caring, and happy people whom I call my parents.

Parents are a strange breed of people. They are the kind of people that would do anything to see you happy. Whether it is making funny faces until you crack a smile after a bad day, or bringing home your favourite ice cream. Parents are the type of people who love and care for you more than anyone else could, and we, their children, give this love back to them.

In this letter I want to express my gratitude to you, my mum and dad, for everything that you have done for me. First, thank you for raising me, for making me into the person that I am today. You have devoted all your life to my upbringing. You have tried your hardest to cultivate in me all the qualities that are inherent in kind, hardworking and suc-



cessful people. You've provided me with a setting in which I feel safe, loved, understood. You have always been the people I can easily rely on, share my problems, ask for advice and just have a heart-to-heart talk. You have taught me to cope with even the most insurmountable difficulties, to set and achieve my goals, despite my uncertainty. If you noticed any complex in me, you tried your best to help me get rid of it, so only thanks to you, I can boast of my healthy self-esteem now. Thank you for your support.

I also want to thank you for all the opportunities you have given me to succeed in life. You have helped me find my channel. From early childhood, I was engaged in various hobbies that I liked and you in no way condemned me for it.

I am so grateful to you for being always considerate to me. I love you with all my heart and sometimes I blame myself for not being able to fully give you what you have put into me.

With love, from your daughter,

Daria.

Daria Tikhonovich, Form 9"Z"





Different Countries - Different Traditions

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Remembrance Day

Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday of November in the UK. It commemorates British service members who have died in wars and other military conflicts since the onset of World War I. By tradition, a two-minute period of silence is observed throughout the country at 11 AM. Church services and other ceremonial gatherings take place during the day. A nationally televised remembrance service, generally attended by politicians, religious leaders, military personnel, and members of the British royal family, has been held for decades at the Cenotaph monument in central London. This year Remembrance Sunday was observed in the United Kingdom on Sunday, November 14.

The holiday has its origins in Armistice Day, which was dedicated to the commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the peace agreement that ended World War I. The first Armistice Day was held in Great Britain on November 11, 1919. In response to a politician's suggestion, King George V requested that the country should pause in silence for two minutes in acknowledgment of the war's fatalities. Thereafter a period of silence became the centre piece of Armistice Day events. During World War II it was decided that general celebrations would not be held on November 11. Instead, a proximate Sunday was observed as a "day of dedi-

cation". After World War II, the British government wanted to honour the participants in both World Wars that's why it was decided to replace Armistice Day with the new Sunday observance, which is now known as Remembrance Sunday. In 1956 the date was fixed as the second Sunday of November. In recent years Armistice Day has been revived as an additional occasion for silence, though Remembrance Sunday remains the main day of commemoration.

The most recognizable symbol of Remembrance Sunday is the red poppy. The flower became associated with World War I memorials as a lot of the flowers bloomed in the former bat-



tlefields of Belgium and northern France. In 1921 the newly formed British Legion (now the Royal British Legion), a charitable organization for veterans, began selling red paper poppies for Armistice Day. Its annual Poppy Appeal has been enormously successful since then. In addition to poppies which are worn on clothing, people also make wreaths of red flowers, which are usually displayed at memorial sites.

Holidays similar to Remembrance Sunday are still celebrated on November 11 in other countries, such as the United States (Veterans Day) and Australia, Canada, and France (Remembrance Day).

Anna Rybalko, Form 9 "M"



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Generous Autumn Gives Us Presents





I Love BELARUS

I love Belarus because it is a sunny and beautiful country. There are a lot of hospitable and kind-hearted people in it. They know its history, love and protect its nature. I'm proud of our Belarusian landscape. There are many blue lakes and rivers so people sometimes call Belarus «the blue-eyed country» and they have a chance to spend their free time on the banks of these beautiful rivers and lakes. When you explore some other parts of my country which are covered with forests and swamps, you will understand why it is called «the lungs of Europe». I care for the wild animals that live in my coun-



try. Some of them are listed in the Red Book, for example the European bison. Belarus has several national symbols. The official state symbols are the flag, the anthem and the emblem but there are also some non-official symbols: the European bison, the white stork and the cornflower. There are many monuments and historical places which tourists can visit in my Motherland, for example Nesvizh and Mir Castles, the Kolozha Church. These sights impress our imagination with their beauty and majesty. I love my country very much and I'm proud of it. I'm happy to live under a peaceful blue sky. Belarus is one of the best countries in the world.

Maria Popelushko, Form 7 "Z"



Why I Love My Country

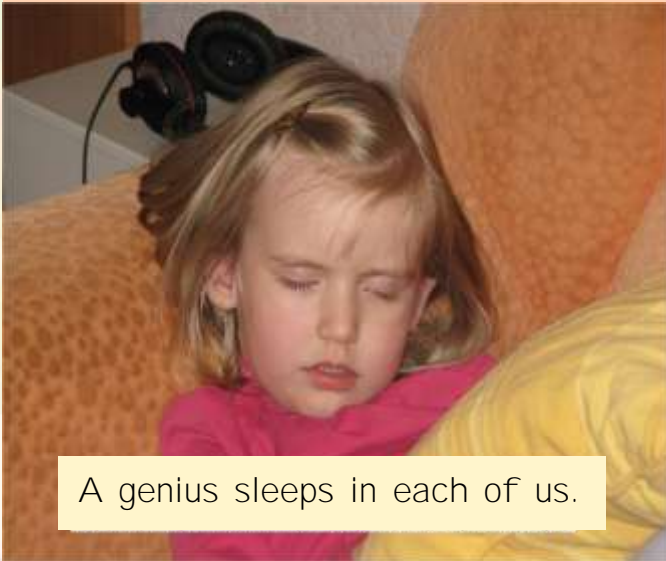
There are many different countries on our planet. Each of them is beautiful in its own way, each has something to be proud of. However, there is a small country on the large continent of Eurasia. This is my homeland – Belarus. And for me it is the best of all. I love my country because it is very remarkable. There are about 10800 lakes in Belarus. That is why it is called a blue-eyed country. Forests cover about 2/5 of our country. They're very picturesque. I also love my homeland for its hospitable and friendly people. Here you will always be welcome. We have a very diverse wildlife. And in the end I want to say that I love it just because I was born here.

Yelizaveta Goncharova, Form 8 "W"





Look and Smile



A genius sleeps in each of us.



An autumn forest is such a place that once entered you never look for the exit!



Follow the river and

you'll get to the sea.



ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY.

Better late than never.

The mirror is the best judge of true and natural beauty.



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