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Introduction; Getting to know



TOWN SLAVIČÍN AND OUR SCHOOL

Slavičín is a town in Zlín District in the Zlín Region of the Czech Republic. It has a population of about 6,400 people.



Coat of arms



This is our school and its logo.

Our school consists of two parts - a grammar school and a secondary vocational school where students can study engineering or computer science.



OUR STUDENTS



Hi!

My name is Johana, I am 15 years old in August. I am in a first grade at or high school (Grammar school). I live in a small Czech village called Krhov in the middle of the mountains White Carpathians.

I have two siblings, my older brother Roman and a younger sister Valentine. I have three horses and two dogs ,since I was a child, I have been equestrians and horsemanships. Do you have any pets?

I like to go with my family to the High Tatras for hiking and skiing. My dream place would like to travel is Calgary in Canada.

Hi,

my name is Josef, but people I know online usually call me Joe. I'm 17 years old and I'm from a little town called Brumov-Bylnice. In my opinion, it sucks to live in a small city, as you don't have many things to do. And that's probably why I spent my last few years of my life playing videogames, 8 hours a day...well... sometimes.

You're probably thinking that I'm addicted, I should stop, get a job or in-case if you're a gamer - What game do you play and like the most? This question is easy to answer – Counter Strike. It started as a “fun on weekend” activity and developed into “I'm going to get paid to play this game”.

Hello,

my name is David Horňák. I am 17 and I live in Štítná nad Vláří. It is a small village in the east of the Czech republic. I like local surroundings and nature. There is football field, elementary school, swimming pool, ski area and shops of course. :D



Hi,

my name is Alena and I'm 17 years old. I live in Slavičín. It's a small town in the southeast Moravia. I'm 2nd grade student at our High school. I have one sister, her name is Zuzana and she is 13 years old.

Hello,

My name is Ondřej. I am 15 years old and I live in Czech republic. Also I have a sister and a brother, both older than me, and I also have a dog named Baryn (yeah I know it sounds wierd but whatever lol).

Hi,

My name is Pavel. I am 15 years old, I was born in town called Zlín and I live in small city called Brumov-Bylnice.

One day I would like to become a professional soldier in my country, but I am not sure if I really want this. I have only been in high school for a while and thanks to covid so I am just deciding what I want to be.

My family has four members. Me, my dad, mum and my older sister, ofc I have a grandparents but they dont live with us anymore. We are a one big happy family.

Three years ago, we moved away from our grandparents and left our dog here. His name is Denny and he is a beagle. He is a very nice and good companion, but he often runs away. He always returns home.

Hello buddy,

my name is Martin I'm 15 years old and I Live in the Czech republic.

Hi,

My name is David, I'm 18 years Old. I live in Czech Republic, in a village at the border with Slovakia called Nedašov. It's so far from our capital city Prague. I live with my grandma, uncle, two dogs and five cats :D I have a lot of animals at home.

I also love to play football. I love swimming in summer and too in winter :D, and I play football and I play the guitar in my free time.

In the winter I like to ski and skate, but thanks to the corona it is not possible now.

Hi,

Name's Daniel. I'm 17 and in like a month I'll be 18 so that's kinda cool I suppose cuz you know the law says I'm an adult now. There are few things I'd like to start doing after I reach this milestone. For example for the past month I've been studying poker meaning not just

how to play it but also how to count possibility and the whole psychology behind it and stuff so I believe I could be able to win few bucks but you know. I'll see how things go. Anyway I live in this little boring city in Czech Republic called Brumov-Bylnice (google pronunciation is kinda funny).

Hey,

my name is Adéla but I like Áďa more. I am 14 years old but I am turning 15 on april 9th. I live in a small town called Slavičín.

Hi!,

my name is Viktorie. It's Victoria in english, but Viktorie in czech. You can call me Viki. 😊
I'm from Czech Republic, which is known for Prague, beer and socks in sandals. I turned 17 in January.

Hey ,

My name is Veronika and I am 16 years old. I live in a small spa town called Luhačovice. There are a lot of things I can do here. I often go to the local swimming pool or take a walk along the colonnade.

Hello,

my name is Marie. I'm 17 years old. I live with my family in Slavičín. It's a small town in the southeast of the Czech Republic. It is located 22 km from Zlín, which is regional city and about 6000 people live here.

Hi,

My name is Jana, I am a girl, and I will be 15 in February. As you can know i want to be a lawyer, maybe in some company, im not sure. . I have 2 sibilings, but i will have another one and i am the oldest child. Two of them are my step sibilings, but that is nothing i want to talk about, sorry. I have a dog, his name is Tim and he is a maltese dog. He is so cute and i love him. I have friends and i trust them and i am grateful for the. I send them my notes ussually, but they can explain me for example Math, sometimes it is a hard work.

Hello,

My name is Marta. I am 16 years old and I live in the Czech republic. I have two sisters and one brother. I also have a cat. It's funny. My sister has a rabbit.

Hi,

my name is Matyáš Liška. I'm 16 years old and in March I will have 17 years. I live in city Bojkovice and I'm sure you certainly don't know where it is.

Hello,

My name is Nina, I am almost 15 years old. I live in Czech Republic in a small village near Slovakian border. My family consists of me, my dad, mum, two sisters and two brothers. I have been a vegetarian since I was born but nowadays, I'm trying to become a vegan. I like heavy music (metal, rock, punk, ... and old music). I am fond of the old school stuff.

Hi,

My name is Barbora I am 15 years old and I live in Slavičín, It's a small town near Slovakia. I like sports, I like playing badminton, riding a bike, inline skating and swimming in the pool. My favourite sport is firesport. Firesport doing a 7 years. In competition, I placed on the podium several times.

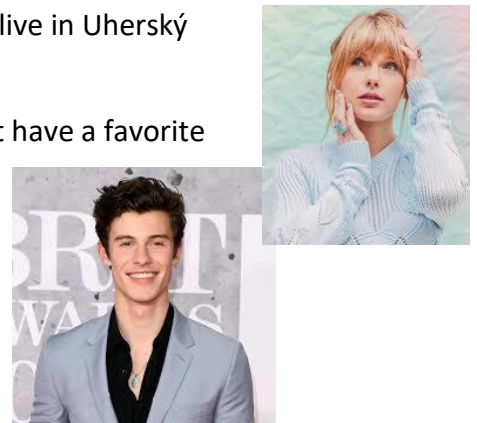


Hello,

my name is Marie and in English „Mary“. I'm 15 years old and I live in Uherský Brod. This town is near to Slavičín where I study high school.

I love listening to music. I listen pop and pop-rock music. I don't have a favorite singer, but I like Ed Sheeran, Jonas Brothers, Shawn Mendes, Taylor Swift, Green Day and others. I also play the flute for 9 years and a little bit piano and guitar. I go to dance group every week, where we dance our nationals dance.

I have cat and cute dog and I love to go for a walk with him. Sometimes we run together. Do you have a pet too?



I don't do any sports but I like running. When I run I clear my mind and I have a better day.

And I also love spend my time with my best friend. She lives in Uherský Brod too and she studies there. We don't study at the same school, but I have a very good friends at my school.

Hi,

My name is Martin and I live in a small town called Slavičín with my parents. I have a sister, but she no longer lives with us. She and her husband built a house and they have a terribly cute dog. In my free time I play the guitar and write songs.

Hi,

First I would like to introduce myself. So, my name is Julie I'm 16 years old and I'm study at Slavičín. I'm first grade student a tour high school. I live in city called Uherský Brod it is something about 25 kilometres from our school, so it's kinda far way, but I travel every morning together with my bestfriend by train, so I don't really mind. My family isn't big. I have only one younger sibling. What about your family? I have a dog her name is Jessie, she is a yorkshire terier.

Hi,

I'm Adéla. Quite introverted girl but when I'm with my friends I'm crazy. I will have 16 in march. I live in little town Slavičín in Czech republic. I have one younger sister. Also I have four years old dog. Her name is Kessy. My hobbies are play on flute. I play since 3rd grade. I also trying to do yoga. I really like listening music. I listening almost all kinds.



Hi,

I'm a seventeen years old girl scout called Yvet (It's a short version of Yveta). I love nature. It's like a second home to me so I spend all of my free time there. And Scout is like my second family. I'm such a fan of bushcraft, trekking and backpacking. All I need to do this stuff is some backpack, sleeping bag, campaign mat, hiking boots, water and food.

Hello,

My name is Tereza. I am 16 years old and I live in Šanov. It is a village on the border with Slovakia. I like sports, I like playing tennis and badminton, riding a bike and skating and swimming in the pool and sea. I love skiing.

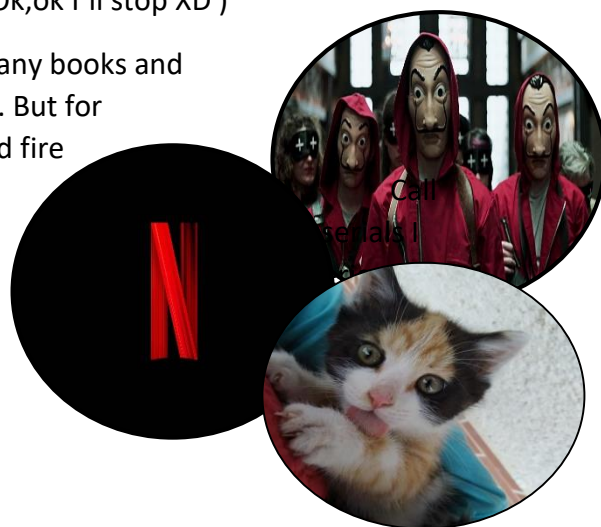
Hi,

My name is Zuzana, I'm 16 years old and I'm looking forward to write letters with you! I live in Czech Republic, in a really small town called Slavičín. It's very far from our capital city Prague. I live with my mom, dad and with my younger.

Famous film or book; Hobbies and interests

Here I can follow up with Music. I couldn't be without music, let alone when I'm running or walking. It's helping me to think. Music and movement. I have very diverse taste on music. I can listen everything, except rap and metal. My favorite interpret is The Driver Era, american alt rock duo (I'm listening one of their albums, X, right now. Hey, Mr. Preacherman, I've been play with heart like a violin....Ok,ok I'll stop XD)

How I said before, I'm bookworm too. I like many, many books and writers. If I wanted to list all of them, I'd be here all day. But for example, some of my most favorite are A song of ice and fire (Game of thrones), RubyRed series or YA books like me by your name and Love,Simon. From watching lots of Netflix original mainly spanish series (La casa de Elite...) and from films i love film. (Broňa B.)



I like singing, watching serials and movie. My favourite serial are Riverdale, The Big Bang Theory. Favourite movies are The Fast and Fourious, Spiderman- Far from Home. My favourite singers are Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Ed Sheeran.

My favourite actors are Tom Holland, Cole Sprouse, Paul Walker. (Barbora Š.)



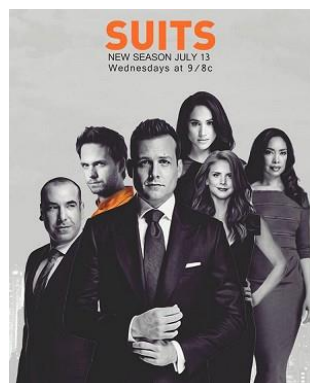
I have a lot of popular singers from the Czech Republic, France and America, but I think maybe Eva Farná is one of the best singers in the Czech Republic. My favorite song is Vánoce na míru (Christmas at peace). And the best American singer is Taylor Alison Swift is an American singer, songwriter, songwriter and actress. She was born on December 13, 1989 in the United States. My favorite song from her is You Belong With Me. (Barbora P.)



My favorite music genre is Lofi and I love books written by John Flanagan (rangers apprentice and brotherhood). I watch anime instead of classic movies and play a lot of games like league, Valorant, or R6. (Martin G.)



My favourite films are Transformers, Harry Potter and maybe something else, but i can't remember anything. I do not like sad films much, because they make me cry, heh. Also i don't like horror films, yes I am scared, but i saw for example IT, Annabelle 2 and maybe something else. Well, my favourite bands are Linkin park, Five finger Death Punch and Bullet for my Valentine, also I like other singers, but again i don't have one favourite type of music. Honestly I like studying, but I think it is a good thing, sometimes. My favourite subjects are Czech language, Chemistry and English. We play volleyball in school, but I am not good at volleyball, but sometimes, when I have time and energy, I like running or just do some workout. I love skiing, last year we were in Italy and it was amazing. (Jana J.)



(Price and Prejudice)



I really like reading books and I watch movies . My favorite movies is Letopisy of Narnia. My favorite is the first part. Lion, witch and wardrope.

I also want to read the book The Chronicles of Narnia, I haven't read the book yet.

(Marta S.)

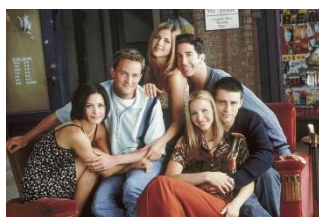


My favourite actors are Jason Statham, Ryan Reynolds, Vin Diesel, Keanu Reeves and Daniel Craig of course I have more favourite actors but I just choose some of them. My singers are Casonova Bulhar, Grey, Yzo, Nik Tendo, Ektor, Dorian, 6ix9ine and Eminem. To be honest, I don't have any favorite writer. To be honest I don't have any favorite book. My favourite film in this year is Tenet.

My favourite hobbies are playing the piano, bass, painting and walking in the forest. I like playing PC games as well.

I have a rabbit and a guineapig. I am an introvert. I like computers and programming. I enjoy watching anime. I don't have any favourite films, because I don't watch them.

(Matyas L.)

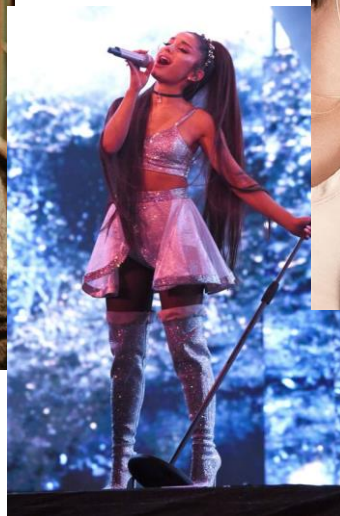


In my free time I usually watching movies or serials. My favorite serials are Friends, Stranger Things, Big Ben Theory, Titans, Money Heist and others. Me and my best friend, we both love, when we can relax and watch some movies. (Marie M.)

I like watching movies. My favorite movies are After kiss and After We Collided (I absolutely love Hardin Scott from this movie) and Fast and Furious all parts. I can't wait for more episodes (Lucie H.)

I love going for walks with her. I play the piano for 9 years and also I can play guitar which I playing for about 7 years. These days I don't do any kind of sport, maybe the main reason is that I'm just lazy. But back in the time I was playing a tennis a lot. Tennis is one of my favourite

sports. I also played basketball. When I was younger maybe in the kindergarden or 1st grade I was a figure skater, I really love it, this sport is so beautiful, but I didn't have a lot of time for it. In my free time I usually hang out with my friends or I'm watching films. I probably don't have like favourite film, because it changes every second. I also love listening to music or reading books. My favourite singers are probably Shawn Mendes, Ariana Grande and Taylor Swift. And my favourite book is probably The fault in our stars, if you don't read it I would highly recomanded to you, It' really beautiful book or you can also watch a movie. (Julie F.)



I like dancing. I've been training disco dance for eight years. My team contests on lot of competitions. We won title of Master of Czech republic in disco dance. I've been doing gymnastic too. I very like sports. I like skiing, snowboarding and skatefiguring in winter. In summer I play volleyball and tennis. Sometimes I'm very lazy. I love sleeping and watching serials on Netflix. My favourite series is Gossip girls and Outer Banks.

With my family we hike around the Czech mountains. I've been on Sněžka – this is the highest mountain in Czech republic. It is in Krkonoše Mountains. But I like heat and sea too. When wasn't covid pandemy, we went to sea every year. We were in Italy, Spain, Mallorca and France.

I like animals. I have small rabbit. Its name is Cookie. It's black and very cute. My brother has two hamsters. They are black and brown. My mother takes care of our fish in aquarium. I hate spiders. It's scary for me. I have some good friends. We are going to parties, cinemas, before covid pandemy exactly.

This covd time is very boring for me. We can't go to shoppi ng center, restaurant, cinema, theatre, some concert, festival. This year I should go to concert of The Chainsmokers with my friends, but it was delayed. We can't go to school, we must study at home by distance form

by PC. This is very tiring for us – me, my teachers, my classmates, my parents.
(Linda Z.)

I often go to my friends and we always have a good time. Usually we organize such a small "party" without alcohol, of course, and sometimes I sleep there. My dream is that I want to move to America and live there. I find a friend there, take him and have 2 children with him. I want to have my own well-known company around the world with my own brand of clothing and cosmetics. I know it may not come true for me, but it's nice to dream about it. At the very least, I have the motivation to do everything I can to achieve that. And who knows, maybe one day it will come true for me. I also like watching movies. My favorite movies are After kiss and After We Collided (I absolutely love Hardin Scott from this movie) and Fast and Furious all parts. I can't wait for more episodes. What is your favourite movie?



And I like to listen to songs. I prefer English songs to our Czech ones. I don't have a very popular genre, but I probably listen to sad songs the most (although I'm not sad, I just like them), electronic or pop. My favorite artist is JXDN Jaden Hossler. My favorite song from him is Angles & Demons. What do you like to listen to songs and what is your favourite artist and song?

I am also interested in fashion and makeup. I would like to think about what flies for the style of clothing and makeup. I always try on myself or someone in the family, some interesting makeup and clothing style. Are you also interested?

I also try to cook. Sometimes I don't do very well. But sometimes something is really good. But my mom isn't very excited about it, because I'm always dirty in the kitchen and I never want to clean it.

(Lucie H.)

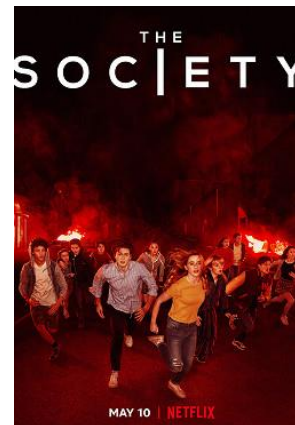


We play the piano and we enjoy spending time with our family. I also like watching movies and series, mostly series on Netflix. My favourites are Stranger Things, The Society and Lucifer. But besides Netflix movies, I like series called The 100, which I think has one of the best storylines of all time... Are you into movies too? You can give me some tips what can I watch. 😊

My other favourite activity is listening to music. I listen to music a lot. Almost everytime I can. My music taste is very diverse. I don't have favourite artist, but right now I listen to a lot of stuff from iann dior.

As I wrote earlier, I visit my family, especially my grandparents almost every week and we do a lot of activities together. It depends on the weather. If the weather is sunny, we go out to their garden and we sit by the fire and we talk or sometimes we go out for a walk. But when it's rainy or cloudy, we stay at their home and we play some card games. I also help my aunt

and I take care of my little cousins. It's so much fun and I love spending time with them. It's cool to watch how they grow up so fast. (Alena V.)



My hobbies are planes and computer gaming. My favourite game is Rainbow Six Siege. My favourite colour is grey and my favourite food is spaghetti and pizza. My favourite sport is scubadiving or freediving. I have got fish. Its name is Roman. (Jan V.)

I really like play some video games like CS:GO, Valorant and watching fantasy serials and films. I think you also like games these days in covid. Btw I really like sports like Basketball and I am working on myself at this time. (Pavel. T.)

My favorite films would probably be the trilogy of the original Sam Raimi's Spiderman. I love the camera work, characters in those movies are so real and I don't care what anyone says about special effects - I think they still hold up. I think new movies about Spiderman featuring Tom Holland are also not bad. I used to do endurance running and volleyball. My role model is Madison Outhier. (Johana T.)



Places worth a visit in the Czech Republic

Our capital city is Prague. Its beautiful historical city.



Places of interest in Prague:

Prague Castle (Pražský hrad) – one of the most famous castles in the Czech Republic, has a great history and these days our president is based there.

Charles Bridge (Karlův most) - is the oldest standing bridge over the Vltava river in Prague.

Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí) - is a square in Prague in the center of the Old Town and the historic center of the city in general. The Old Town Square is surrounded by many historic buildings.



St. Vitus Cathedral, heavy gothic building in Prague, part of one big complex – Prague castle. It's where the main office of our president resides. In the past it used to be a throne for the most powerful emperors and kings not only from Bohemia but all around Europe. There are a lot of interesting relics and spectacular decorations inside it but probably the most precious thing by far are the Crown Jewels that are hidden in a secret room inside the building. Interesting fun fact also might be that the Prague castle is the largest in the world, according to Guinness Book of Records.

Another castle that definitely deserves shoutout is **Karlštejn**. This majestic, beautiful, gothic building was founded in 1348 by Charles IV. As the Prague Castle it's used for storing very expensive national jewels, treasures and relics.



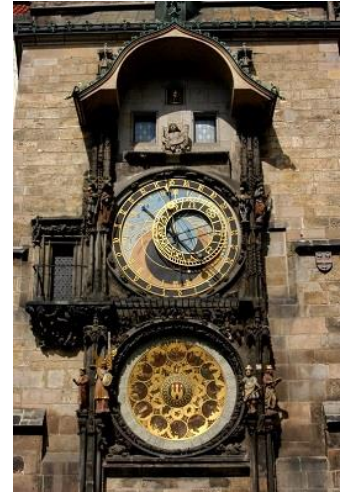
Charles Bridge



Wenceslas Square, National Museum



Astronomical Clock



Prague Castle



The dancing House



If you wanna see the real Czech Republic it is necessary to leave Prague. Even though we are a small country we have lots of different dialects and our traditions are a bit different. But the differences in traditions aren't as radical as differences in vernaculars. For example... "Girl" is translated in standard Czech as "holka". But in my vernacular is "girl" translated as "cérka". It's a completely different word. BTW most of Czech people don't know what that word means. However it's a completely normal word in the part of Czech where I live.

The first place I would like to mention is our beautiful ZOO. This ZOO have lots of animals in there. You can see there for example many snakes, elephant, penguins and monkeys with red butts too, it is so crazy.

All exhibits are adapted to look like in real nature.

My favorite place is in this ZOO is big greenhouse with so many tropical animals (piranhas) and beautiful plants.

Often you just meet monkey right before your feet and they do crazy things with other monkeys. Most interesting thing there is a pool full of stingrays hich you can stroke or even feed them!

A few photos from the zoo:





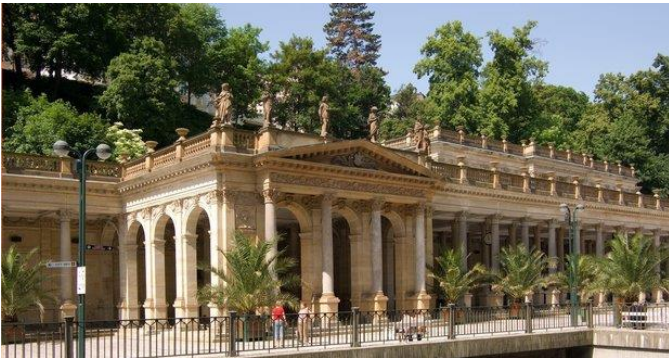
Next place worth a visit is the Flowery Garden in Kromeriz. It is a beautiful garden full of flowers and a greenhouse that has a huge history. You can visit the greenhouses in winter, but in spring you can see beautiful gardens. Personally, I really like it when I see what work it gave. You can also see many old and interesting buildings by the garden. Fairy tales and movies are filmed here.



Radhost is a small mountain with a statue of Slavic god called Radegast. At the end of the long trail there is the statue, a restaurant with beer named Radegast and also a beautiful view. But first you have to get to the Pustevny and then you can go up to the statue. There is also a chairlift for those who don't want to walk. There is also the VALAŠKA trail next to the trail, where it is very nice. It's a beautiful walk with the family for almost half a day.



Spa Karlovy Vary - This place is named after the same king as the Charles bridge.



Spa Luhačovice - Luhacovice has long history and a lot of famous people lived there. It's a spa town. People arrive to this town to get some procedure, drink and taste mineral streams like Vincentka or Pramen dr. Stastneho. But with my friend I would take her to amazing cafeteria to taste their cafe. And I must not forget dam, which is also great place to visit.



If you want to see some piece of Moravia as well, so visit the town named **Vlčnov**.

There is a tradition called the ride of Kings. This is our festive clothing.



Lednice castle (Lednice means fridge in Czech but it has nothing to do with).

This place is amazing.



Pálava - There are these big wine sets and beautiful nature.



Sněžka – the highest mountain of the Czech republic.



Hluboká nad Vltavou – there is this beautiful castle.



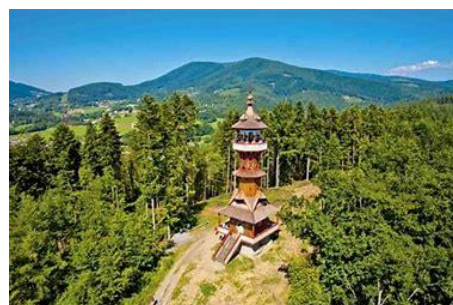
Aqualand Moravia –It is a aquapark with pools, obviously, and with lots of water slides, but this place has some negative things too, of course there is always so much people and long queues and it can be expensive sometimes, honestly. But it is not only aquapark, there is a beautiful nature and their area is awesome too, you can visit paddle boat and you can try water sky.



One sight from Slovakia. Spiš Castle, in the east Slovakia. I was born in little city, only 15km from it. And I have really nice memories from that castle. My parents regulary took me there. So, it is the castle, more like a ruin (but the largest ruin in middle Europe!), from 11th century. It is entered in many monument lists, like the UNESCO list. Althought it is no longer stand whole, it is beautiful. And when you see original drawings and have a imagination, you can imagine what it was look. It is there lots of legends abou castle too.



Jurkovic Lookout Tower- This lookout tower is well hidden in the woods near the Wallachian Open Air Museum. The views from the top are amazing. It is located between trees. It was built 8 years ago. It is beatiful building in the middle of Beskydy.



National food and recipes

Now just briefly about the traditional Czech food. The main and the biggest meal of the day is lunch. It consists of soup, main course and dessert. But we eat desserts just occasionally.

I think our bread is kind of unique but I can be wrong. However I absolutely love fresh bread.

Also we eat dumplings. It seems familiar to bread but it is something completely different. We eat dumplings with sauces. For example "svíčková", "koprovka" or we eat them with sauerkraut and meat. It's called "vepřo knedlo zelo".

In my opinion, the most traditional food in the Czech Republic is sirloin, so I'll write you a recipe for it, you can try to cook it. If you cook it, then write me in the next letter how you like it.

SIRLOIN SAUCE

Ingredients: onions

salt

3 tablespoons plain flour

3 tablespoons sunflower oil

50 g bacon

900 g beef sirloin

300 ml thick cream

Bay leaf

4 pcs of new spices

lemon juice

300 ml broth

4 pieces of whole pepper pepper

300 g root vegetables

cranberry compote or currant jam

sugar



Procedure: 1 step: Salt the sirloin with salt, cut through 2/3 of the bacon cut into wedges and fry in oil on all sides. After a while, remove the meat, add the rest of the diced bacon, cleaned with sliced vegetables, onion and fry until light brown.

Step 2: Then put the meat back in, add the spices, lightly cover and simmer in the oven. Pour the juice over the meat and cover with broth as needed. Remove the soft meat, simmer the juice into fat, dust with flour, fry and gradually dilute with the rest of the broth and cream.

Step 3: Season the sauce with sugar, lemon juice or vinegar and cook well. Then press the sauce through a colander. Pour it over the meat and heat on the plate. Cut the meat into slices. Serve with dumplings and cranberries or currant jam.

Now onto the Czech traditional recipe - **Pork, dumplings and sauerkraut**. This amazing dish is hard to make, so if you'll ever want to cook it, you might need some help :D – nonetheless it's really tasty and it's one of my favorite dishes.

Here is a quick HowTo tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkCtjHuJ-s>



EGG MUFFINS

I prepared a short recipe. It is not our national dish, but it is very good and easy to prepare.

I call them egg muffins because they are for breakfast.

You will need 5 eggs, 100 grams of ham, 100 milliliters of milk, half a teaspoon of yellow pepper, 30 g of spinach, 5 cherry tomatoes, salt, pepper

garlic, coconut oil spray. Mix all the ingredients together and pour into a muffin tin wiped with coconut oil. Bake in an oven preheated to 170 ° C for 25-30 minutes.

And now you're done.

This is what XD looks like



PUMPKIN SOUP

I'm gonna show you easy recipe that you can easily prepare at home!

It's my favourite soup made of pumpkin.

You will need:

- one medium sized pumpkin
- not salted sunflower seeds
- salt
- pepper
- ginger
- water



Take your pumpkin. Cut it roughly on 3x3 cm dices. Take of the middle with seeds and put it in your pot. Put in water (it's upon you, but I recommend less if you want to have it creamy). Add in salt and pepper (again, it's upon you how much). Turn on heat and let it cook for 10 – 15 minutes. When is pumpkin soft and squashy add in ginger. Then you have to mash it until smooth. Then add in some sunflower seeds and it's done! You can eat it with toasted bread or anything you like! I hope that you will try it and then do not forget to text me back how was it!

BÁBOVKA

It's recipe on Bábovka (gugelhupf cake). You will need 4 eggs, 4/5 vegetable fat, 1 cube of soft cottage cheese, 1 and 1/3 cup of powdered sugar, 2 cups semicoarse flour, 6 tablespoons milk and 1 baking powder. It's really easy. Whip the fat with sugar and egg yolks. Add cottage cheese and whip again. Then you add milk and flour with baking powder and whipped egg –



white. Pour the dough into a cleared, coarse-flour mold and bake. Sprigle the baked gughupf cake with sugar and we can eat.

BÁBOVKA

Recipe for our traditional and yummy cake – **BÁBOVKA**

It 's easy to make and if you make it, let me know how it went 😊

Ingredients:

4 eggs

240 grams of sugar

1 package of baking powder

1 package of vanilla sugar

1 cup of milk

½ cup of oil

360 grams of flour *This is the special form for bábovka, but you can improvise 😊*

Lets go!

-Mix the eggs with sugar

-Add the vanilla sugar, flour, baking powder, oil and milk and mix it all together.

-Put this mixture in a butter spread form and bake for 175 degrees celsius until it's baked.

Tip: You can pour a little of the mixture to the side, add cocoa powder and then pour it on the mixture in the form.



POTATO PANCAKES

I like food. My favorite food is Potato Pancakes. There is a recipe.

Ingredients

1 kg of potatoes

cup of milk

1 egg

4 cloves of garlic

flour

marjoram

salt, pepper

oil for frying

optional: salami, bacon or ham

Instructions:

1. Peel raw potatoes, wash and shred. Pour off some water from shredded potatoes.
2. Season with salt and pepper. Add egg, marjoram and minced garlic.
3. Add milk and flour. Dough shouldn't be too thick.
4. Panfry in heated oil in shape of pancakes.
5. Potato pancakes serve fresh and hot.



POTATO PANCAKE

This recipe is for our typical food called bramborák.

For this meal you will need:

1 kg of potatoes

100 – 150 g of plain flour

1 egg

Salt



Cumin

2 – 4 pieces of garlic

Oil

First of all you have to peel and wash the potatoes, then you grate potatoes in to a bowl. You ice the flour on potatoes than you add egg, cumin, salt, and grate garlic. You have to mix it all together. Than you have to put oil on the pan and wait till pan starts heat. You put a mix on a pan and you're frying till your bramborák turns out gold.

HONZA'S BUNS

Ingredients

1 package fresh yeast
250 ml lukewarm milk
140 g butter
500 g all-purpose flour
(medium ground)
pinch of salt
60 g granulated sugar
3 egg yolks
bit of vanilla and grated
lemon zest
melted butter for the
casserole and brushing
the buns

For quark filling:

250 g soft quark
60–100 g powdered
sugar
2 egg yolks
tablespoon raisins soaked
in rum

For plum-jam filling:

jar plum-jam
tablespoon rum

For poppy seed filling:

250 g ground poppy seed
500 ml milk
100 g sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
bit of vanilla or vanilla
sugar
tablespoon raisins soaked
in rum + tablespoon of
rum from the soaking
mixture
tablespoon cocoa

It is a recipe for Honzovy buchty, my grandma bake them and they are so delicious, so i decided to share them with you:

Mix the yeast with a bit of sugar and lukewarm milk and put the mixture on a warm place to let the yeast ferment. Melt the butter in the rest of the lukewarm milk.

Put the flour with a pinch of salt into a bowl, add the remaining sugar, egg yolks, some vanilla grains or a bit of vanilla sugar and some grated lemon zest. Pour in the warm milk with melted butter and the fermented yeast mixture. Knead until having smooth dough, sprinkle with some flour and let rise until doubled in bulk.

In the meantime, prepare the filling. To make quark filling, beat the quark with sugar and egg yolks until smooth. Soak raisins in rum, sieve and blend in the mixture. To make plum-jam filling, mix the jam with a bit of rum. Making poppy seed filling is the trickiest. Mix ground poppy seed with milk and sugar, cinnamon and vanilla, cook the mixture over low heat and finally add raisins, bit of rum and cocoa for better taste. Let it cool.

When the dough is ready, put it on floured pastry board. You can either roll the dough to a thicker layer and divide it to get equal square pieces, or, using a tablespoon, pinch off balls directly from the dough to make flat square pieces. Place a tablespoon of filling onto the centre of each square piece, bend the edges over the filling, press together using your fingers and make a roll. Grease the bun with melted butter and place it into a baking pan, one next to another. Finally, brush some more melted butter over the top of all of them. Bake in a preheated oven at 180°C for about 25-30 minutes, until they take golden-brown colour. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving.



APRICOT FILLED CURD CHEES DUMPLINGS

I want to introduce you to one of our typical and traditional Czech meals. This recipe for curd cheese apricot dumplings is really quick and delicious.

Apricot Filled Curd Cheese Dumplings

Ingredienst:

- 200g of fine wheat flour (or 100g of semoline and 100g of fine wheat flour)
- 250g of curd cheese
- 1 egg
- icing sugar
- blueberries
- pinch of salad
- 100g of butter
- 40g of sugar
- apricots (or any other fruit you like)
- sour cream

1. Put egg, sugar, melted butter and curd cheese to the bowl. Whisk it all together, so long until the mixture is smooth.

2. Then you can add flour and stir it again so long until the smooth dough.

3. Roll the dough and divide it into smaller parts. Every part spread by your fingers, put pitted apricot into the middle (you can put sugar into the apricot) and wrap it into the dumpling.



4. Cook it in boiling salted water for 6-8 minutes.

5. Serve dusted with icing sugar, melted butter, sour cream and fruit e.g. blueberries.

FRGÁL

Frgál is a type of sweet pastry traditionally made in Wallachia

Ingredients:

On 3 frames

500 g semi-coarse flour

2 yolks

125 g butter

75 g icing sugar

0.25 l milk



35 g of yeast

1 pinch salt

1 teaspoon lemon peel freshly grated or bought dried

The filling is according to your taste cottage cheese, plum jam, pears, poppy seeds

1)

We prepare yeast from yeast, a little sugar, milk and flour. Wipe with butter, leftover sugar and egg yolks. Add fermented yeast and other ingredients and let it rise for about 2-3 hours. Roll out the leavened dough directly on the erased plate to a diameter of approx. 35 cm and cut a circle. We try to leave the edges of the frame a little higher so that the filling does not leak out. The dough can be filled with cheese, poppy, dried pears, or just blueberries.

2)

The recipe for the fillings varies. My favorite is pear.

The most popular is about ** cheese **: for one frog we mix a spoonful of sugar, vanilla sugar and about 50 g of fat, add 2 cottage cheese (the best are classic cubes, I have a bad experience with a tray - it's sparse), 2 egg yolks, raisins soaked in rum, or dilute with a little milk. Gingerbread can be grated on the curd for grating.

3)

Finally, sprinkle the frgál with crumbs (semi-coarse flour, icing sugar, butter), let it soak for a while and bake in a preheated oven at 180 ° C. A real frit should have a higher layer of filling than dough on the cut. After baking and a short cooling, it can be greased and dripped with melted butter, to which we add rum.

It's quite a tedious pie, but it's worth the effort. Probably every family in Wallachia has their own and best recipe for frgál, so the result of this recipe may be different from the frgál you have already eaten somewhere.



DESSERT – BEBE ROOF

I have one favourite recipe from my grandma. It's called „*roof from bebe biscuits.*“

Ingredients: 500g of quark, 1 pack of light Bebe biscuits and 1 pack of dark Bebe biscuits, 150g of powdered sugar, 2 bananas, 200g of butter, 1 dark chocolate bar

And the process is following. Mix sugar with quark and butter and then you can season it with rum. You place light biscuits (3x7 biscuits) on the foil. Glue one dark to each light cream biscuit. Spread the rest of the cream on the biscuits and place the peeled bananas in a row. Grab the foil and fold it together from both longer sides so that the biscuits at the top join into the roof. After freezing in the fridge, pour the chocolate icing over the dessert and let it cool down again.

And here you have Bebe roof.



GARLIC SOUP

As traditional food, I would like to choose a soup called Česnečka.

Česnečka is a clear garlic soup with potatoes made from chicken stock, loaded with fresh garlic. Dried marjoram and some bay leaves are added as well. A handful of rye bread croutons are thrown in a soup as the last step.

Ingredients:

Fresh garlic, peeled cloves, cut into little pieces

Brown potatoes, peeled and diced

Chicken stock, for more flavor and rich taste

Dried marjoram

Black pepper, ideally fresh ground

Bay leaves

A sprig of parsley, to garnish the soup

Pork lard or vegetable oil

For bread croutons, you'll need one or two slices of stale rye bread. If you don't have rye bread, white bread will work as well.



Making česnečka

Peel the garlic cloves and cut them into thin slices.

Peel the potatoes, dice them into small cubes.

In a soup pot, melt the lard over medium heat.

Add the potato cubes and sauté them until lightly golden brown. Stir frequently.

Add the slices of garlic, bay leaves, and sauté for 1 minute (no longer!).

Pour in chicken stock, bring to a boil.

Reduce temperature, add salt, pepper, and marjoram, cook for 20 minutes, or until potatoes are soft.

Serve with rye bread croutons, garnish with chopped parsley leaves.

POTATO SALAD

As a recipe, I would like to recommend a traditional Czech **potato salad**, which is made mainly for Christmas on Christmas Day.

For three servings you need:

10 potatoes

4 carrots and 2 parsley

a small can of peas

2 onions

4 pickles

salt

pepper

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

You cook and cut the potatoes, add the chopped carrots and parsley, cut the onions and add to the salad, add a can of peas, cut the pickles and finally add the mayonnaise, mix everything and season with pepper and salt.

It is often served with a fried carp.



PIROHY

Ingredients:

- 250g of flour
- 250g of potatoes
- 125g of bryndza
- 1 egg
- salt
- plum jam
- butter

Process:

We cook the potatoes gently. When they're cooked, crush them.

Put the 2 tablespoons of potatoes aside and the rest mix with bryndza.

The potatoe we put aside, we put together with flour, egg and salt. And make a dough out of them

We roll out the dough and cut out circles from it. We can use glass cup or something like that.

We fill the circles with a mixture of potatoes and bryndza, or with plum jam (must be jam from plut. Anoreth type of plum may leak).

We cook in boiling, salted water, until they floatto the surface

Cooked pirohy pour melted butter and we can decorate it with cream and fred bacon. And serve. Bon appetite!



KYSELICA SOUP

Kyselica is traditional soup with cabbage and meat.

0,4 kilograms smoked meat, 0,3 kilograms cabbage, 0,25 liter cream, 0,05 kilograms flour, 1 onion, oil, pepper and salt

Pour cold water over the smoked bone, add spices and cook until the meat falls off the bone. Strain the bone and spices, add the sliced cabbage and rinse according to the acidity. Mix the cream with plain flour and cook for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, remove the meat from the bone and finely chop it. Roast the chopped onion and meat, add to the kyselica and cook for 10 minutes. Finally, season with salt, pepper, marjoram and onion.



PANCAKES

I prepared short recipe. It's not our national food, but it's very good and easy to prepare. I call them morning pancakes, because I eat them for breakfast.

You'll need 100 grams of plain flour, 150 milliliters of milk, half a teaspoon of baking powder, 1 spoon of honey and one egg yolk. Whip the snow from the yolk and carefully mix with all the ingredients. Then you just take the pan and try it. You can smear the pan a little with oil, the pancakes won't stick so much.

And now you're done. You can add some fruits or just maple syrup. :) This is how they should look like.



National Holiday and Festivals

EASTER

Easter in the Czech Republic is the most important Christian holiday a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is also a period of folk traditions associated with welcoming spring.

Some traditions:

Knitting „pomlázka“. Pomlázka is a tool entwined from several willow streams of twigs.

According to tradition, boys and men should knit a „pomlázka“ on White Saturday. On Easter Monday, men whip women. Whipping symbolizes the strong health, flexibility and freshness that they pass on to women for the coming year.

And this is pomlázka.



Another tradition is dyeing eggs, woman dye eggs and then give them to men on Easter Moday after whipping.



Another tradition is baking a lamb. The lamb is a symbol of Jesus. It is a symbol of innocence and our salvation.



Easter in Czech republic

Traditions

Czech Easter symbols
Many Czech Easter symbols are related to spring and the beginning of new life. Some of the best known are:


Lamb cake, Easter sweet cake
Czech easter food are lamb cake (Beránek) and Easter sweet cake (mazanec). Beránek is white cake is baked in a lamb mold for Easter and can be decorated to look like a little lamb. Mazanec is a sweet bread with rum-soaked raisins and dried fruit and topped with slivered almonds. It's round with a cross on top, to represent Christ. And it is eaten throughout the Holy Week.


Easter eggs.
Wax batik - this technique is among the most common in Bohemia and Moravia. Elaborate designs are drawn onto white eggs with colored molten wax

Pussywillow
Young, live pussywillow twigs are thought to bring health and youth to anyone who is whipped with them. An Easter pussywillow (from "make younger") is a braided whip made from pussywillow twigs

The Days Before Easter Sunday
Ugly Wednesday
Green Thursday
Good Friday
White Saturday







Correct: The days before Easter Sunday (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy (Easter) Saturday, Easter Sunday and Monday.

HALLOWEEN?

Unfortunately, we don't celebrate Halloween in Czech republic. But still, this is somehow my favorite holiday! I would love to spend Halloween in the USA or England one day, because this is a big season for them. Kids go trick or treating and there are decorated houses. It must be so fun! I wonder if you celebrate Halloween in Turkey.

We do have a holliday instead of halloween thought. It is called Dušičky, which mean souls. We always go to the cemetery and light up a candle at the grave of someone we knew. I think

it is nice that this is dedicated to the souls that left us. It is kind seeing people remembering them.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is very popular here. As in many other countries we decorate a christmas tree. Some families match up their christmas trees in two or three colors but we always have all colors because my younger sister. Before Christmas we have a Advent. It's a period of four Sundays before Christmas Eve. We have an Advent wreath with four candles and one of them we lit every Sunday. We also decorate our houses and gardens but not much as in USA. And shops are full of Christmas lights, decorations and people are everywhere.

Typical dinner here is a potato salad and fried carp. Soup is different in every family. Someone has fish soup, vegetable soup and my **family** has mushroom soup. After dinner we wait for a Christ Child who bring us presents. Here we call him Ježíšek. After open our presents, we go watch a TV. Our traditional Christmas movies are Pelišky, Tři bratři and Tři oříšky pro Popelku. I think it's the most famous czech movie. It was translated to many languages maybe also in your.

(Viktorie V.)



Christmas is an festival/holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ and in Czech Republic is celebrated on December 24.

The oficial day (December 24) is called „ Štědrý den“ and on this day, most Christians celebrating it a little bit more different than me and my family, because we are an atheists. So we don't go to church on midnight.

But our habits on Christmas is basically the same. We cook Christmas sweets (my favorite is called „ perníčky“ and it is delicious!) we also decorate the Christmas tree, listening carols and finally, the gifts.

When I was little my parents told me to write a letter to „Ježíšek“ (Baby Jesus) and put it behind the window and when I was a good child, he will bring me a gifts. As a child I was

fascinating by it, because the letter always dissapear. But nowadays I know that the letter and the gifts were always work my parents, but as you know I have a little nephew so the tradition about Ježíšek is still in our house.



National Holidays:

Date	English Name	Remarks
1 st January	New Year's Day	Czechoslovakia split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
March, April	Good Friday	Good Friday is public holiday since 2016.
March, April	Easter Monday	
1 st May	Labour Day	
8 th May	Liberation Day	1945, the end of the European part of World War II

5 th July	Saints Cyril and Methodius Day	In 863, Church teachers St. Cyril (Constantine) and Metoděj (Methodius) came from the Balkans to Great Moravia to propagate Christian faith and literacy.
6 th July	Jan Hus Day	The religious reformer Jan Hus was burned at the stake in 1415.
28 th September	Statehood Day	In 935, St. Wenceslas, Duke of Bohemia, now patron of the Czech State, was murdered by his brother.
28 th October	Independence Day	Independence Day and Creation of Czechoslovakia in 1918.
17 th November	Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day	Commemorating the student demonstration against Nazi occupation in 1939, and the demonstration in 1989 that started the Velvet Revolution.
24 th December	Christmas Eve	Christmas is celebrated during the evening of the 24 th .
25 th December	Christmas Day	
26 th December	St. Stephen's Day (Czech: "The Second Christmas Day")	

Festival

So now I tell some information about my favourite festival. The festival name is ZLÍN FILM FEST (it is a movie festival). This year is 61 grades, so I mean in 1960 was started this fest. Every year me and my family go to the fest. Its free but the way. Fan fact on the square walking some character from fairy tail.

Now I thinking about most popular celebrity in Czech (when I wite this letter). And I introduce Zdeněk Miller. He is creator of fairy tail named Krteček. In different counties is Little Mole, but this name is incorrect for me. Funfact Krteček was in the ISS (International Space Station). Krteček is my favourite fairy tail in my childhood. I was exhoused, when I found in internet a

fairy story about Krteček and Panda. That's unbelievable what Chinese create. I embed some picture of the series.



Famous people from the Czech Republic

There were born a lot of famous people.

Petr Čech is a football player (goalkeeper).

He was born in 20.5 1982 in Pilsen. He is former football player and in these days he is working like a technical/performance advisor in Chelsea. Chelsea's club record for the number of zeros caught in all competitions. He holds the English Premier League record in the number of collected net accounts. He won 4 times Premier League, once Champions Leagues with Chelsea, 3 times Community Shield and 4 times FA Cup. He has 2 children with his wife Martina Čech whom he married with in 2003.



David Pastrňák

I am presenting the best czech ice hockey player, David Pastrňák. He is 25. He is very talented. He scored more than 200 goals in NHL. Ice hockey is most famous sport in Czech republic. What about hockey in Turkey? Is it playing in Turkey?



Tomáš Töpfer

I would like to describe you my favorite Czech celebrity. I choose Tomáš Töpfer. He is my favourite actor in old films. He is also businessman, screenwriter, university teacher educator and theater director. He was born in 10th January 1951 in Prague. He was playing in my favorite Czech seriál. It is called Četnické humoresky and it is about fate of gendarmes from gendarmerie search station and especially one of them, Karla Arzíma, which is played by Tomáš Töpfer. It is combination of detective and comedy. I really like it.



Karel Gott

He was born on 14. July 1939 and he died on 1. October 2019. He was the most famous czech singer. He won many awards and sang in six languages. There are some of his the most popular songs: Trezor, Být stále mlád-Forever young, Ta pravá. And his last song Srdce nehasnou with his daughter is my favourite.

His name is Karel Gott. It is the most famous singer in our country. He was born in Plzeň and died two years ago in Prague 😞. He is very famous for his Czech hits, the most famous song *Být stále mlád - Forever Young*. Information about his death was also recorded in Russia, Bulgaria or Croatia, where he had fans.



Ester Ledecká

She is a Czech snowboarder and alpine skier. She was born in 23th March 1995. In 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, Ledecká won gold medals in the super-G in alpine skiing and in the parallel giant slalom in snowboarding, becoming the first person to win two gold medals at the same Winter Olympics using two different types of equipment (skis and snowboard).



Jaromír Jágr

Because now it's the hockey championship, so I thought I'd introduce you a good hockey player. Jaromír Jágr is a Czech hockey forward playing for the Czech extra-league club Rytíři Kladno. He won the Olympic hockey tournament and the world championship with the Czech national team. He is a globally respected and recognized figure in the field of sports and is one of the best hockey players of all time. He hasn't played in championships for a long time but when he played he was one of the best and he still plays well. The last time he played in the championship was in 2011 and they were third. Do you like hockey? I like to watch hockey in TV, especially the championship. I'm a fan but to be honest I don't know much about it I just like to watch it.



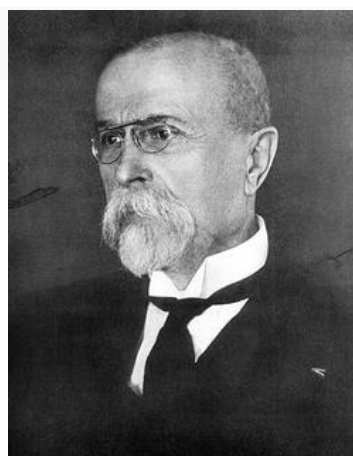
Jiřina Bohdalová

I would like to introduce one of the Czech personality. Her name is Jiřina Bohdalová. I didn't know who to write about, so I'll take a little humor. Jiřinka celebrated her 90th birthday this year, which is why she is being talked about in the Czech Republic. She is a well-known Czech actress who became famous mainly for fairy tales for children. Among the most famous are: Rákosníček, Rumburak and Saxána and a lexicon of spells. I like Jiřinka and I hope that she will celebrate 90 years at least again 😊



Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk

Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, first president of Czechoslovakia. He was philosopher, sociologist, educator and politician. And feminist.. He even take surname of his wife, Garrigue. It was something crazy in that time. That is one of the reasons why a choosed him. Man and feminist? That´s something what you don´t see everyday XD. And sure, he was hero for my nation. He was on start of independent state of Slovaks and Czechs and he also contributed to the establishment of the republic.



Bolek Polívka

My favourite famous personality from the Czech Republic is Bolek Polívka. He is actors. He plays in many Czech movies, serial and comedy. I like him, because is funny and always laugh at his movies.



Václav Havel

He was born on 5th October 1936 and unfortunately died 18th December 2011.

Havel is in Czech Republic such a big person. He was the ninth and last president of Czechoslovakia and the first president of the Czech Republic.

As a writer of Czech literature, he is known for his plays, essays, and memoirs. He wrote books like Vyrozumění (The Memorandum), Zahradní slavnost (The garden party), or Audience (which I recommend to all ten!)

After the Prague Spring (= mass protest in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic), he became more and more active against the government. In 1977, he became famous internationally for his work on the human rights manifesto, Charter 77. He became known as a leader of the opposition in Czechoslovakia.

Václav Havel was imprisoned several times in 1977-1989 for his views and actions. In total, he spent more than 5 years in prison.

The Czech Republic separated from Slovakia, even though Havel was against separation. The Czech Republic also joined NATO (March 1999). The country also became a member of the EU (in 2004).

He is considered by some to be one of the most important intellectuals of the 20th century.

He had done so much for our state, our country changed greatly during the thirteen years he was president. And I am so happy that we could called him our president.

