

# *LEARNING LANGUAGES AT ESAYAN HIGH SCHOOL*



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*Once again, we head  
towards the most magical  
time of the year. We all love  
Christmas time!*

*May this holiday season  
sparkle and shine, may all  
of your wishes and dreams  
come true, and may you  
feel this happiness all year  
round.*

*Enjoy our Christmas  
issue...*

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# Erasmus+



*This year we've made a start on our Erasmus+ programme. Erasmus+ aims to improve the quality of teaching and learning from pre-primary through to secondary level in schools across Europe. The programme provides opportunities for schools to work together with partners in Europe and to develop the professional skills of their staff. Our Project is called 'The European Job Market for Youth.'*

*We want the young generation to develop a sense of European identity through international cooperation- something Europe needs more urgently than ever! The motivation of the project is also the youth unemployment rate. The main target of our project is to prepare our students for the European job market. After our project, our students will be able to apply internationally.*

*They will then have the following skills in respect of organizing, communicating, self-competence orientation, applying and intercultural competences. Furthermore, they will have gained knowledge of European companies (entrepreneurship) and their way of working.*



*The 1st round of the programme was held in Lubliniec, Poland on 7th and 11th of December 2015. The teachers and students from Croatia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Turkey met in Lubliniec.*

*Our programme was very well-organised. First day, after warm welcoming ceremony, we toured around school. Then each partner school had their presentations according to the project. Following days, our students had the opportunity to attend workshops about 'Coaching and Career Path' and 'Professions of the future and studying in the UK'. Also, we had a wonderful time in Cracow, we visited historical places and found the chance to see the Christmas Market. Besides them, we danced, played games and really enjoyed a lot in there. Our students not only experienced school life in a different country but also benefited from Polish family life in the houses and made great friendships. They came back to Turkey with unforgettable memories and new experiences.*

*Next mobility will be in Finland. Our Project students are looking forward to their visit to Finland on March the 13th, 2015.*

# *Best Memories From Poland*



# Etwinning Projects In This Academic Year



Our 5th-6th and 7th grade students have taken part in a project called *'A Map Of Europe Through Postcards 2'*.

As part of this project students of almost thirty countries have sent postcards or photos to learn about Europe! We have already received many postcards from all around Europe.

## *eTwinning Projects...*



*'Windows on Europe, getting to know each other'*

*Senior 1A students have taken part in this project with partner schools from Italy and France. The project aims at getting in touch with students of different European countries using English and technology as means of*

*Our Etwinning Club Has Been Awarded Its Second National And European Quality Labels With The Following Project...*



*The project 'A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words' is the result of the online collaboration of Turkey, Greece, Poland and France starting in October 2014 and ending in May 2015.*

*Students selected photos on assigned topic either drawn from the Web or taken by themselves, attached short descriptions or stories and published them on a visual platform where all participants could be inspired to interact, evaluate and contribute with more photographs and comments or stories. They used these pictures as a stimulus/source of inspiration to produce various writings in English to talk about themselves, their hometown through photo-stories of people revealing cultural lifestyles, milestones of their country's contemporary history, outstanding personalities (portraits and identity) and the world through snapshots of breaking news. They also took part in photo-story competitions, a debate called 'Pictures vs Words' after watching a film related to the title of the project.*

*As for the final product of the project, all students got engaged in writing a collaborative story writing activity.*

# Best Christmas Story Competition

*We held a story competition for the 6th,7th and 8th grades and here are your friends' stories who won a prize:*



## *SANTA CLAUS*

*When I was a little child, I didn't know who Santa Claus was and I didn't believe in Santa Claus.*

*There were different stories about Santa. He gave stories to the good children, but he didn't give any presents. I didn't believe in Santa Claus.*

*One day, I was in bed. I woke up to drink water. I drank my water and I went to bed. When I went to my bedroom, I saw Santa Claus and he gave me a present.*

*After that day, I started to believe in Santa.*

*MADLEN BOYACI- 7TH GRADE*



## *A LETTER TO SANTA ...*

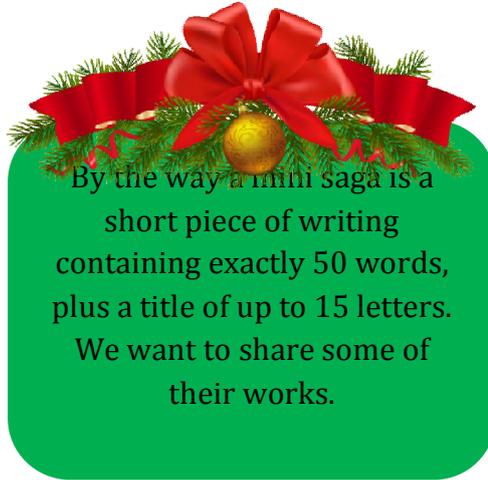
*Hi Santa! I'm Aris. I'm a child. You know children usually want expensive presents for Christmas. But, I'm not in this group. Dear Santa, I don't want a present from you. I only want to be with my lovely friends and family. I don't want to lose them. That's all I want from you. Dear Santa, I believe you can make it. Almost all my friends believe you don't live. Maybe you don't (%95 ;) ) but you live in our heart because the children around the world get excited and wait for you because you are their first hero. You have always been my hero and it will be same forever. So I hope you can make my wish come true.*

*Love,*

*Aris Nisan*



**Grade 11 FLD has a creative writing project. Their teacher send them an image and ask them to write a mini saga.**



By the way a mini saga is a short piece of writing containing exactly 50 words, plus a title of up to 15 letters. We want to share some of their works.



### The Joke

The man was passing through the street when a van full of flowers was going towards him. He screamed. he Didn't know what to do. Suddenly he threw himself to the ground and covered his head. But the van passed him over. He heard a laugh and someone said "cut".

Margarita Sardaryan 11FLD

### Do you believe in the power of books?

Hi I'm Amanda.I've been writing for 5 years.I will bring out my book at the end of this year.I'm very excited about my launch.My book is going to talk about rebirth,dying,living,forgetting something or somebody. On the first page I wrote: "First you feel like dying,then you feel reborn. It is not only a book,when you are reading it, you will smile and cry but this book will make things more sensitive.

Talia Gevik 11FLD





### Mixed Feelings

It was winter, a snowy day in December. I was returning home from school. When I was going down narrow and slippery stairs, I received the news of the birth of my nephew. I was very happy and I ran. I slipped and I fell from the stairs.

Gulin Dulger 11FLD

### Experience and Naivety

It was a nice day and I was at the station in my pram. Instead of my mom, an elephant was pushing me. She looked very strong and smart. I knew that I could learn new things from this huge experienced friend. I was glad that we were walking together in this life.

Sarin Özoglu 11FLD

### *People or Places?*

For me it's easier to write down about living in a city because I'm not living in the countryside so I can't actually compare them. I can say that it's good to live in the city center because everything is much easier to reach. But I think that people who live in the countryside are healthier than us because in the countryside it's easier to have organic food, fruit and vegetables. There are some completely different things to consider. Let's think about two men. One is living in the countryside and the other is in the city center. I will call "Jack" the one who lives in the countryside, and "Mark" the other person. First of all, Jack is healthier than Mark because he eats organic, homemade food but Mark usually eats fast food. On the other hand, Mark is more sociable than Jack for sure. Because he lives in a place which is more crowded than Jack lives in and Mark is more available to do socializing events because he lives in the heart of the city and everything is easy to reach. These differences could make characteristic changes in human beings. I mean Jack should be more friendly than Mark because the relationships between neighbours are better and sincerer than Mark's place. Considering these things, even living in a countryside has some good points. I'm happy to live in a big city but of course there are some points that I don't like. Traffic is awful, and everywhere is so crowded that sometimes it's hard to walk. I don't like to be in crowded places a lot but I had to get used to it and so I did. But if we leave all these comparisons, all I know is that the place is less important than the people around you. If you have good friends and good people around you, they're both fine.

Berkay Fıstıkçı 1 FLD



## Differences Between Places

First, let's talk about the life in the countryside. In my opinion living in the countryside is healthier than living in the city because there is fresh air in the countryside and food is organic. People who live in the countryside can grow fruit or vegetables on their own so they don't have to eat GMO foods. Of course life is more difficult there. People can't go anywhere by metro because there isn't metro. They can't socialize as others do in the cities. There are no cinemas, clubs, discos, theatres, concerts etc. Things that people can do in countryside are limited.

In the country everything is different. Here life doesn't stop. You can see people in the streets walking around, hanging out with friends, enjoying almost anytime during the day. In the city, there are clubs, theatres, cinemas, discos, concerts and other things. People enjoy and hang out mostly at the weekends because most of them work from Monday to Friday. Saturday nights are alive. Probably it's the most energetic day of the weekend. After a tiring week, people get out at night and meet with friends. City life is more problematic because of traffic and crowd. A lot of bad things can happen like theft, robbery, murder, bankruptcy. People living in the city have to be more cautious.

I have been living in a big city for 12 years, I love here. The soul of the big city is different and exciting. In summers when you put your head on your pillow, you can hear the loud music that comes from a club near home and it makes you feel happy. It makes you dance. My dream is moving to New York City. I hope it will come true and I will do my best for it.

Margarita Sardaryan 11FLD

### *Jelousy*

*You were my life  
You were my kite  
Wondering in the air  
Like a rain drop*

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*Forgive me as you did  
Many times before.  
Jealousy is sin  
But until you hug me.*

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*You were my life  
You were my kite  
Wondering in the air  
Like a rain drop*

*Sarin Özoglu 11FLD*



## Who is your favorite writer?

My favorite children's writer is Müge İplikçi. She is 49 years old. She is Turkish. She has a lot of books about children: Saklanbaç, Köprü Kitaplar, Yalancı Şahit, Uçan Salı, Acayip bir Deniz yolculuğu, Kömür Karası Çocuk. My favorite book is Acayip Bir Deniz Yolculuğu. I read this book last year. I liked the book because it was funny. It is about a boy, this boy is afraid of vaccine at school. The story is very interesting.

ALEN NİŞAN -6th GRADE

## Hans Christian Andersen

Andersen was born in 1805. He was Danish. When he was 11 years old, his dad died. He worked with his mother. In 1823 Andersen went to Copenhagen University. He wrote lots of books for kids, "Kibritçi Kız", "Uçan Sandık", "Yalnızca Bir Çalgı", "Karlara Kraliçesi" etc. He liked writing books. In 1875, he died in Copenhagen.



I read Kibritçi Kız. The ending was sad. First there was a girl. She lived in streets. It was snowy. She sold matches. Then she used matches. Finally she didn't have matches and she died.



Lara Kır- 6th GRADE

Hello ! My name is Lukas Şarklı. I'm 17 years old and this is my second experience and maybe this will be my last time in this project but I learned a little bit Polish too. I can say that I had really have fun when I was in Poland I miss all but thank you Esayan Armenian High School for selecting me. My host is my best friend now we talk on Skype everyday he tell me everything and he said me its not last time in Poland you should come again when you want you have home in Poland.

Thank you Erasmus+

I joined this Project hoping that I can improve my English and meet new friends. It was like a dream we did alot in Poland. I learnt about their food, traditions and their culture. I learnt some Polish but it was a difficult language to learn. We had a great time in Poland.

Sarin Özoğlu





## All Time Favourites

Holidays are great for watching movies, listening to songs and reading books. And here is our all time favourites and what are yours?

### Top 5 Songs

"Happy Xmas (War Is Over)" - John Lennon  
"Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" - Bruce Springsteen and Bon Jovi  
"Do They Know It's Christmas?" - Band Aid  
"Joy to the World" - Michael Bolton  
"Last Christmas" - Wham!

### Top 5 Movies

Love, Actually  
Home Alone 1  
The Polar Express  
Sleepless in Seattle  
You've Got Mail

### Top 5 stories and novels

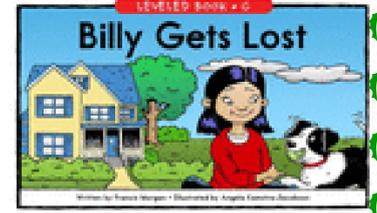
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens  
The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry  
How the Grinch Stole Christmas! by Dr Seuss  
This Year It Will Be Different by Maeve Binchy  
The Little Match Girl by Hans Andersen



# STORY TIME WITH Raz-Kids

## 'BILLY GETS LOST'

*Billy was a black and white puppy. He lived in a big house with a blue roof. One day, Billy chased a bull. He saw a cat and he chased the cat through a farm and a forest. Billy got lost. He didn't find his house with blue roof. He asked the fox, the cow but they didn't know his house. He asked the owl and the owl helped him. Billy found his house and he was very happy.*



*I liked this story because it was interesting and fun. I think it's a nice story because the dog is lovely.*

**ALEN NISAN-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

## 'CATCHING SANTA'

*On Christmas Eve, the Hoppers didn't want to sleep because they wanted to see Santa Claus.*

*They tried to stay awake and see Santa Claus filling their stockings.*

*Then, their father came and said, 'If you don't sleep, Santa Claus won't come.' So all the Hoppers went to bed except Snubby Nose. He went downstairs silently and he saw Santa Claus coming down the chimney. He was scared so he hid under the stairs.*

*The next morning, the Hoppers came downstairs except Snubby Nose. They couldn't find Snubby Nose but they found a note in his stocking. The note said Snubby Nose was under the stairs. They found him.*

*All the stockings were full of treats and they all had a merry Christmas.*

*I loved this story because I love Christmas and stories about Santa Claus.*

**MIREY INTIBA- 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

## Christmas Spirit

It was Christmas Eve, December 24. The weather was snowy and unbearably cold. the whole Family was ready for the Christmas Eve and while they were climbing the stairs, John, the youngest member of the family, whispered to the man who was standing alone at the edge of the stairs 'Merry Christmas.'

Berkay Fıstıklı 11 FLD