

Greetings from Croatia!

Dear friends,

We are from Primary School Gornji Mihaljevec which is situated in the north-western part of Croatia, bordering with Slovenia and Hungary.

We are a small school. There are only 141 pupils from the age of 7 – 15. We study German and English and participate in various European projects (Comenius, Erasmus, eTwinning).

Next year, we are going to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Croatia's membership in the EU (1 July 2018) so, during this school year, we are all going to work on the school project called „Europa za 5“. One of the activities to commemorate the event is participating in European Christmas Tree Decoration Exchange 2017. We first participated in it in 2015.

We are sending you a postcard and a decoration that represents Christmas apple *božićnica*. In Croatia, we started decorating a Christmas tree in the beginning of the 19th century. People used decorations that they have made by themselves. A Christmas apple was very convenient for decorating because it is a late maturing apple and it is beautifully red. Big apples were decorated with twigs and smaller were hung on a tree.



In Croatia, there are many Advent and Christmas customs and we are a nation with the most Christmas songs in Europe.

Visit our school website and read more about our Christmas customs and listen to some Croatian Christmas songs.

We are happy to share the joy of Christmas with you and learn something about your school and country.

Merry Christmas!

teachers and pupils of Primary School Gornji Mihaljevec