

## Cultural Day

# Reading and Creativity - Languaging, or How Books Are Made

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### Abstract

*On Monday, 27.09.2021 a cultural day was carried out at OŠ Fokovci. Students from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade did various activities on the themes of languages, books and literature. The purpose of this culture day was to encourage reading and to make it more popular among young people, to understand the process of making a book, to get to know illustrations and comic books and to encourage multilingualism of students. Through these activities, the students were developing reading abilities, reading etiquette and they gained knowledge about literature. They learned how a book is made and they made one themselves.*

*On Monday, 27.09.2021, we carried out a cultural day for students from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade, with the intentions of encouraging and popularising reading among young people, understanding the process of making a book from the author to the reader, getting to know illustrations and comic books and encouraging multilingualism of students, with the offer of learning various languages and using these in different subjects during the time of studying on different levels, for the achievement of the best possible results.*

*For this occasion, we invited Anita Pertoci, who first presented her work as an illustrator to the students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Later she was joined by a therapy dog named Elli. The students from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade read her stories about dogs. Reading with paws (*Branje s tačkami*) is intended for children, who have any kind of difficulties with reading or lack motivation for it. Alongside they also talked about dog training and care.*

*In the meantime, students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade watched a performance of “Vojna pisateljev - writers' War” in the gym of the school. The teachers of our school presented languages to the students, namely: Hungarian, Chinese, Dutch and Russian. We held the language workshops for the occasion of the European day of languages. In the context of these language workshops we crafted a game “memory” and other learning tools, which will be used for learning languages. We learned about the basics and characteristics of languages, in vocabulary there was an emphasis on the theme **book**: author, illustrator, illustration, title, index, ...*

*The Students of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade put themselves in the role of illustrators and through that a beautiful picture*

*book was created. The students from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade wrote fairy tales, which will be combined in a joint picture book. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade got to know the poet Andrej Rozman – Rozo, and they also became poets themselves. Their poems are going to be bound in a book as well. For an introduction, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade got to know the work of Boštjan Gorenc – Pižama, who translates comic books “Dog Man” and “Captain Underpants” originally written by Dav Pilkey. They continued with getting to know the characteristics of comics and afterwards they created their own.*

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