



Osnovna škola Barilović



European Christmas Tree Decoration
Exchange 2021



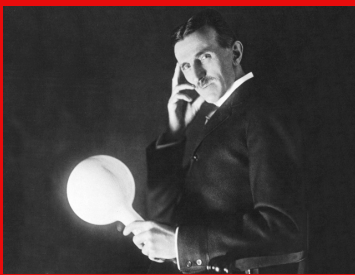
Where are we from?



Croatia
(Hrvatska)

Croatia is a small Mediterranean country, next to Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.

Our country is very popular during summer because of the beautiful Adriatic Sea, a lot of islands, beaches and old towns.



Besides the sea, there are many beautiful mountains, lakes, rivers and amazing landscapes.

Croatia is also homeland of great athletes and inventors. In 2018, everybody heard about our national football team and Nikola Tesla was also from Croatia.

Did you know that tie was first worn in Croatia?



Barilović is a village placed in the center of one of 21 Croatian counties - Karlovačka Županija, 15 kilometers southeastern of Karlovac.



Karlovac is a town from 18th century, known for its shape. It is built in a shape of a star, landing on 4 rivers: Kupa, Korana, Mrežnica and Dobra.

Our school is located at the top of a hill above the river Korana.

In our schoolyard we have a castle - The Old Town Barilović, built in 15th century.



Our School



We are small but active community.
There are 177 pupils and around 30 teachers in our
school.
Everybody likes to participate in different local,
national and international projects.
Our school includes also schools in villages Leskovac
and Belaj.





How Christmas is celebrated in Croatia?

We celebrate Christmas by spending time with our family, visiting friends and relatives.

The celebration starts the day before Christmas, when families together decorate the Christmas tree.

We put different balls and lights on the tree, but there are decorations under the tree too.

We build Nativity scene and put some nuts and fruits so the next year would be fruitful.

On the Christmas Eve, we eat Christmas dinner (some roast and French salad). Christians - catholics go to Mass that starts at midnight called Polnoćka.

On Christmas day we exchange gifts with our loved ones.



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In this project were included pupils from 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade.

We had so much fun making these decorations. We wrote Sretan Božić on them, wich means Merry Christmas in croatian!



We wish you Merry Christmas and a lot of joy!

SRETAN BOŽIĆ!