- school year
2013/14
- Homework for 1. THK, 2. THK, 3. THK i 4. THK → to conceive a new tourist event in Prelog

- do it in an original, interesting and professional way

January, 2014
February, 2014

- 3. THK i 4. THK read their homeworks, write comments and transform ideas into a unique project called GASTROMANIJA
February, 2014
- teacher Sanja Pigac forms Organizing committee
-> The topic will be beans „ričet”
-> devided the tasks and assignments
-> agreed on the jury members

- Through school’s Facebook page we present the idea and look for help in naming the project

The most original suggestion was given by teacher Valentina Pirc Mezga
→ Gastromanija Srednje škole Prelog
- School starts preparations for Gastromanija

- We are expecting a positive response from the Ministry

March, 2014

- teacher Sanja Pigac sends the proposal for Gastromanija to The Ministry of Tourism’s competition
March, 2014

- Posters are made and the students and teachers are animated to take part in Gastromanija
- Students of economic classes also helped in preparations with their professional expertise
March, 2014

- Facebook page Gastromanija was made:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gastromanija-Srednje-%C5%A1kole-Prelog/608084865950202

- Interest for Gastromanija is rising
April, 2014

- writing press materials
- Writing invitations
- Working on precalculations
- communication with the town and the tourism association
- sending emails and invitations
April, 2014

- forming 6 teams at school
- 5 teams of students and 1 team of teachers
- rules are explained
- teams decide on the names
April, 2014

- Each team, except the teachers’, will have an eight-grade student as a member

- Details were set on the ingredients and their acquisition
April, 2014

- Organising teams to visit 29 primary schools
- Handing out materials and getting information on Gastromanija
April, 2014

- Students handed the invitation to mayor Ljubomir Kolarek, who will also be a member of the Gastromanija’s jury

- The mayor congratulates the students on the idea and organisation of Gastromanija
April, 2014

- Work meeting in the town’s tourism association with Ivan Gradečak

-> all the details concerning the space and logistics were arranged
April, 2014

- School received an excellent news that the Ministry of Tourism has awarded us 15 thousand kuna for Gastromanija
- Visiting primary schools is in full swing
April, 2014

- We have first candidates from primary schools for our teams
- all schools were glad to welcome us
- we left invitations for students on the schools’ notice boards
- eight-graders were especially interested in how it is being a student in Srednja škola Prelog
We explained that the tourism and catering jobs have good employment prospects.
April, 2014

- Meeting of the Organizing committee with the principal Tomislavom Gregurom
- we informed him on the things done so far, while he surprised us with the logo, banner, T-shirts and the news on the arrival of the new sound system
April, 2014

- On the 8th of April, Gastromanija was presented to the public at a press conference held in our school.
- Press materials were sent to the media which were not present.
Invitation for Gastro patrol was given to Marijan Belčić, journalist from newspapers Međimurje, teacher Valentina Pirc Mezga and chefs Danijel Narandža and Ante Žvorc.
April, 2014

- local radio Studio M informs the public about Gastromanija in their daily and weekly shows
- principal Tomislav Gregur made a special appearance on the radio concerning Gastromanija

http://www.prelog.hr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1861%3Aotvoren-sajam-cvijea&catid=73%3Aprelog-vijesti&Itemid=95
http://www.medjimurje.hr/clanak/prelog-gastromanija
http://www.prelog.hr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1861%3Aotvoren-sajam-cvijea&catid=73%3Aprelog-vijesti&Itemid=95
April, 2014

- on the 10th of April, students were guests on a radio show Ciciban at the local radio station Studio M, Donji Kraljevec
April, 2014

- after Easter holidays, Gastromaniacs got the T-shirts
- 36 T-shirts bought for the people who will cook
April, 2014

- last week was packed with work, all the musicians and workshops had to be organised in order to present the school on Saturday

- our hosts also had intense preparations

- students put posters in busy places in their towns and villages
April, 2014

- two teams had to buy all the necessary items at the local shopping center
- all the chosen ingredients were delivered to school, we only had to make a choice
April, 2014

- choosing the awards was a real treat
- the team assigned for packing waited at school

April, 2014
- great organisation skills were at work
- satisfied with their work
April, 2014

- printing teams’ names and working on small details

- jury will be given a paper for assessing with very carefully selected criteria
Saturday, 26th April – Gastromaniija starts

Gastromaniija

26th April, 2014
April, 2014

- giant Gastromanija banner dominates the empty town square in the early morning

- the weather does not serve us, but we are still hoping for the sun
April, 2014

- organizing committee at school, seven o’clock in the morning

- all the ingredients for the teams are packed
April, 2014

- all the teams are given the same ingredients

- part of ingredients will be shared (spices)
April, 2014
- Gastromanija participants at Liberty Square

- they are preparing pots and fire
April, 2014

- while some are working, others are hugging and having fun

- beans ričet is slowly simmering
April, 2014

- everybody was busy and happy all the time
April, 2014

- photographic visit into the pots
April, 2014

- all the participants were hard-working
- everybody wants to be the first
April, 2014

- various workshops at the square
April, 2014

- decorating cakes and setting the table
April, 2014

- carving vegetables,
- making souvenir boxes,
- raising money for the school
- we also made paper flowers, interesting baking shapes and had a fortune-teller
April, 2014

- testing egg quality and giving advise on body weight and healthy diet, Globe group, Mock company and so on
- we also had music and dancing
April, 2014

- the atmosphere was really great, and the hosts were glowing

- some of the teachers sang
April, 2014

- hostesses and the organizing board supported the participants

- Every problem was solved calmly so that everything could function properly
- hostesses had to hand out promotional materials and conduct a survey

- twin sisters from 1. THK did an excellent job
April, 2014

- interesting talks between teachers and our future students
April, 2014

- luckily, there was no rain
April, 2014

- from 8 AM until noon, the square was full of people
April, 2014

- despite all the fun, all the participants could not wait for the jury’s decision
April, 2014

- ALL THE TEAMS

“HA CA Tilošanec”

“Grahova družina” or the Fellowship of the Beans
April, 2014

- ALL THE TEAMS

“Princeze na zrnu graha” or the Princess and the Pea

“Team Naranđa”
April, 2014

- ALL THE TEAMS

“Mlade nade” or Young hopes

“Grahove D(M)ušice”
April, 2014

- our potential future students were very curious about all our activities
April, 2014

- the youngest had drawing workshops while the teams worked
April, 2014

- the teachers were excited because some of their former students were a part of the jury
April, 2014

- here comes the jury, everybody is excited
April, 2014

- every member of the jury has to try every plate
April, 2014

- the tasting is finished and the grades are given

- Music on stage, handing out beans to the crowd
April, 2014

- shy audience at first, then quickly started tasting our beans
- Some tried the beans more than once and claimed that all the teams did an excellent job.

- In less than 10 minutes 280 portions of beans were eaten.
- the jury arrives on stage, followed by team leaders
- here are also primary school participants, as well as the awards
April, 2014

- all teams received awards and a big applause
- the jury awarded the first prize to Grahove D(m)ušice
- the photo of all the participants and a big applause from the audience in the end, hopefully until next year
April, 2014

- News article was published on the Internet page of the town Prelog and there was a talk about us on the local radio “Studio M”

- http://www.emedjimurje.hr/skolski-kutak/gastromanija-ss-prelog-zavlada-cijelim-prelogom

- http://www.prelog.hr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1861%3Aotvoren-sajam-cvijeja&catid=73%3Aprelog-vijesti&Item


- http://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mnovine.hr%2Fvijesti%2FMe%25C4%2591imurje%2FDru%25C5%25A1tvo%2FRi%25C4%258Det%2520najbolje%2520kuhaju%2520Grahove%2520D%2528M%2529u%25C5%2525A1ice&h=0AQFt5ies&s=1

- Međimurje, Večernji list, Međimurske novine i portal E-međimurje all wrote about us
Project evaluation

a) By the number of handed portions → all 280 portions were handed in less than 10 minutes

b) By the number of visitors → numerous citizens and primary school students came to Gastromanija, despite the weather

c) Surveying the audience, primary school students and participants → survey results in appendix
Results of the survey for primary school students:

1. How did you find out about Gastromanija?

   - a) primary school: 37%
   - b) media: 13%
   - c) Facebook: 27%
   - d) other: 23%

2. How would you grade "Gastromanija"?

   - a) interesting: 90%
   - b) boring: 10%

3. Have you learned something through "Gastromanija"?

   - a) yes: 83%
   - b) no: 17%

4. Does "Gastromanija" increase your interest in becoming our student?

   - a) yes: 80%
   - b) no: 20%
5. Do you find this type of events useful for Prelog?

- a) yes: 97%
- b) no: 0%
- c) don't know: 3%

✓ Survey was based on the sample of 30 primary school students
Results of the survey for adult visitors:

1. How did you find out about "Gastromanija"?
   - a) media: 23%
   - b) Facebook: 27%
   - c) other: 50%

2. How would you grade „Gastromanija“?
   - a) interesting: 97%
   - b) boring: 3%

3. Do you think that similar events have a positive effect on cultivating our traditions?
   - a) yes: 93%
   - b) no: 7%

4. Is it good that the students organize these type of events?
   - a) yes: 100%
   - b) no: 0%
5. Do you consider these type of events useful for Prelog’s tourism offer?

- a) yes: 97%
- b) no: 3%
- c) don't know: 0%

☑️ Survey was done on the sample of 30 adult visitors
Results of the survey for participants (students and teachers):

1. Did „Gastromanija“ enable you to show your creativity?
   - a) yes: 83.33%
   - b) no: 3%
   - c) partially: 13.67%

2. Did "Gastromanija“ give you a chance to broaden your work knowledge?
   - a) yes: 66.67%
   - b) no: 3.33%
   - c) partially: 20%

3. Were you satisfied with organization of "Gastromanija"?
   - a) yes: 94%
   - b) no: 3%
   - c) partially: 3%

4. Would you take part in the same or similar event?
   - a) yes: 94%
   - b) no: 3%
   - c) don't know: 3%
5. What else would you add in order to make the same or similar event better and more interesting next time?

- 16.67%: no answer
- 43.33%: more workshops and teams
- 13.33%: making the event a tradition
- 6.67%: more music
- 6.67%: nothing, everything was great
- 6.67%: more teams with less members
- 3.33%: it should last longer
- 3.33%: cook other meals

The survey was made on the sample of 30 participants.
Fulfilles goals

• Developing students’ creativity
• Conceiving and carrying out individual tourist product
• Fostering students’ communication and organizing skills
• Encouraging meeting people and spending time in company
• Including the public into school’s activities
Fulfilled goals

- Presenting school
- Motivating primary school students to study tourism and catering in secondary school
- Nurturing traditional gastronomy
- Being an active participant in the strategy of development of continental tourist events
- Enrichment of continental tourism’s offer in the Republic of Croatia
CONCLUSION

• The event was a complete success
• Based on the number of visitors and reactions of the public, the primary school students and the participants itself expressed in the survey, the event should take part again next year and become a continuity in the tourist offer of Prelog and Međimurje
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