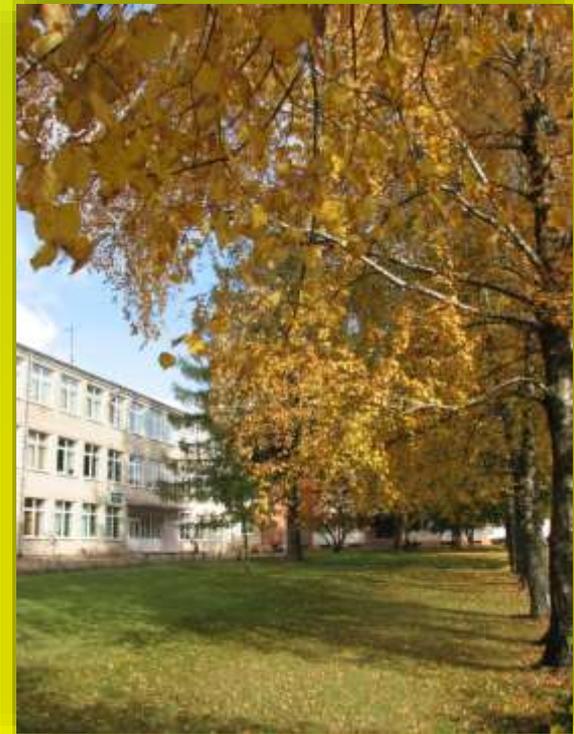




Lifelong
Learning
Programme

*My country, town, village,
school*

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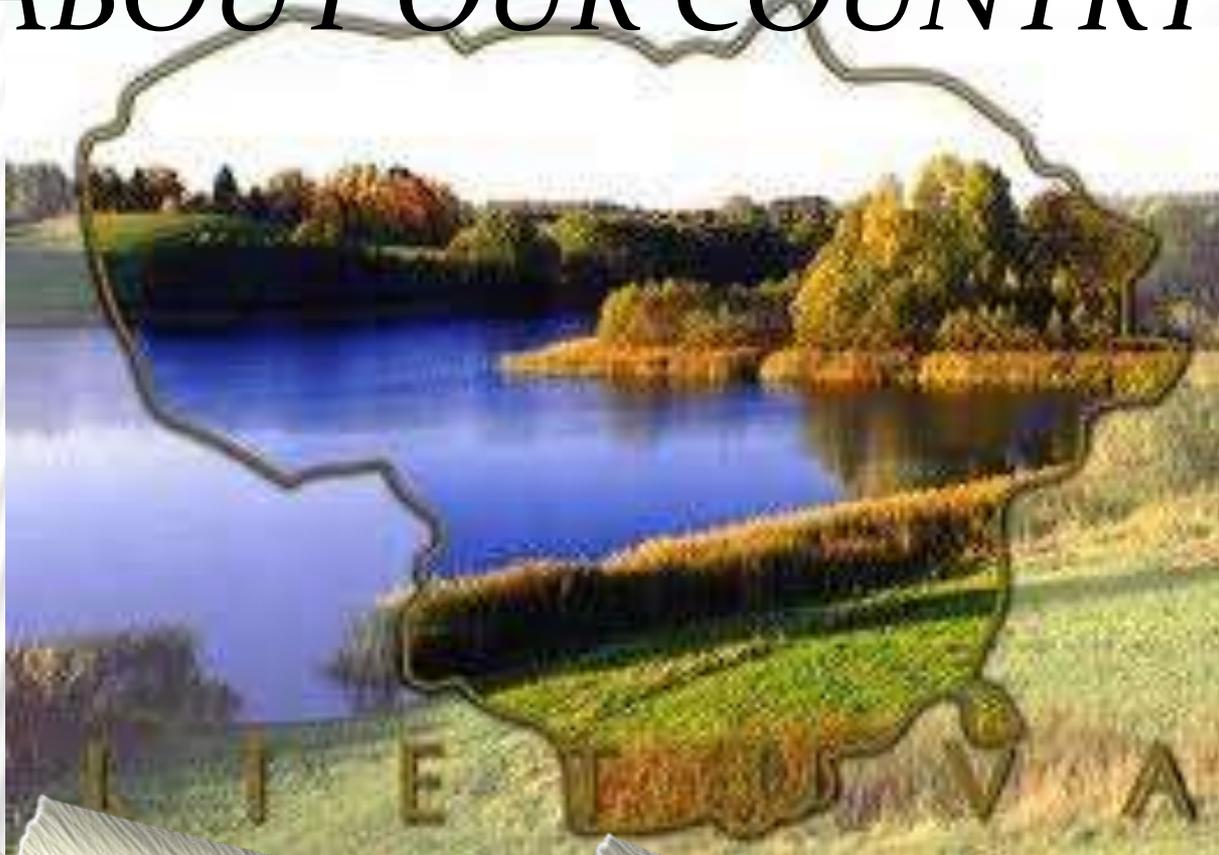
Hi. I'm
Justina.



Hi. I'm
Nojus
Kristupas

*We wish to tell you about our country, town, village,
school.*

ABOUT OUR COUNTRY



LITHUANIA

GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION

In the North , Lithuania has a border with Latvia; in the East and South – with Belarus; and in the Southwest – with Poland and the Kaliningrad region of Russia.



GEOGRAPHY

Lithuania is a Middle European country situated on the South-Eastern shore of the Baltic Sea.



LITHUANIA'S FLAG

The national flag consists of three colours: yellow, green and red.





GOVERNMENT

Lithuania is a multi-party democratic republic with a semi-executive president.

Legislative power belongs to the Seimas (the 141-member Parliament, which has 4 year terms), while executive power belongs to the Government.

Lithuania's Head of State is the President of the Republic, who is elected for five-years terms.

CLIMATE

The country's climate has four clearly defined seasons.





POPULATION

Number of inhabitants: 3.329 million.

Urban – about 67%

Rural – about 33%

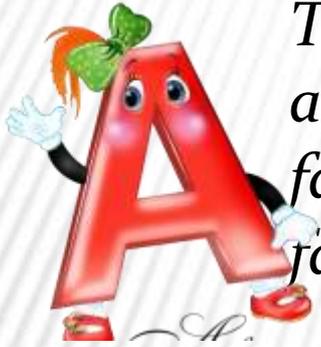
ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF LITHUANIA'S POPULATION

(2009 Statistics Department figures)

Lithuanians: 84% (2,815,700)

OUR NATIONAL LANGUAGE – LITHUANIAN

The Lithuanian language is one of the oldest and most archaic languages of the Indo-European language family and it belongs to the Baltic branch of that family.



Lietuvių abėcėlė

(Lithuanian alphabet)

Aa Aą Bb Cc Čč Dd Ee

Eę Èè Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj

Yy Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo

Pp Rr Ss Šš Tt Uu Uų

Ūū Vv Zz Žž

RELIGION

More than 85% of Lithuania's population associate themselves with one of 30 religions. The largest group is the Catholics.





*BASKETBALL –
THE MOST
POPULAR
BRANCH OF
SPORT*

*This branch of
sport is sometimes
called Lithuania’s
“second religion”.*



EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

The education system today

Lithuania's present-day education system is based on European cultural values. An educational reform commenced in 1992 fundamentally changed the education system that had been in the place until then.

In Lithuania there is a pre-school development program under which children aged from 1 to 5 (or 6) receive pre-school training. Children enter Kindergarten at the age of 6 years.



This is followed by a 12-year program of general education at the primary, middle and high school levels. Primary education commences at age 7. This takes 4 years.



The basic or mid-level education takes 6 years. After that students may continue in high school or technical high school education for another two years. Education is compulsory for all children up to the age of 16.



Professional education is designed to produce professionally qualified people and it can take from 1 to 3 years. Professional education programs are taught at professional colleges. Lithuania's Internet Portal



ABOUT OUR TOWN



BIRŽAI LAND

The history of Biržai, one of the oldest Lithuanian towns, lasts already for five centuries. It is the regional centre in the northern part of Lithuania. Today Biržai are famous not only for its past. It is a place where from old times people knew how to use the mineral resources for treatment.





The ornament of Biržai town, and the reflection of the past is the inheritance of dukes Radvilos from the 16th – 17th centuries the Biržai fortress palace protected by thick walls, water pits, preserved defence dikes, and Širvena Lake, the oldest artificial lake in Lithuania.



KARST SINKHOLES

Gypsum deposits under the ground are washed by water. When they are dissolved, sinkholes are formed sometimes sinking trees, buildings or animals. Such phenomena are called sinkholes.



Due to sinkhole phenomena in 1992 the Biržai Regional Park was established. Abundant reserves of Biržai Regional Park protect their geologic formation of land, the valley of Tatula and other rivers of this area, vegetation and fauna specific for the northern Lithuania.



Unique natural values in Biržai area provoke the curiosity of travellers, and attract numerous visitors who later may share their adventures with others. Here you will see Širvėna lake, the oldest artificial lake in Lithuania, the biggest sinkhole named “Karvės Ola”, numerous small sinkhole lakes in Kirkilai, a natural monument Smardonė spring, dolomite exposures at the banks of the Nemunėlis, and other traces of natural phenomena.



CULTURAL LIFE

A nice tradition is the festival of Biržai town taking place in August, and inviting the residents and town guests into a merry and exceptional event. The festival features craftsmen of some traditional crafts, artists; national artists, artistic groups, and of course you can taste the traditional Biržai beer.



Many kinds of sports were cultivated in Biržai area in various times, but the land became most popular due to the basketball, track and field sports, motor sports, aviation, marksmen, judo and other martial arts.





Biržai region from old times is famous about its breweries and indeed tasty beer. You can become familiar with the ancient brewing tools and hospitality traditions, participating at the educational programme “Žaldokalus” in the Biržai regional museum “Sėla”.



Festive mood is created when guests are invited to sit at a table dressed in white, and entertain themselves with the local beer, cheese and home made bread. The guests, together with the folk ensemble “Siaudela” play with local folk instruments, sing and dance.



ABOUT OUR VILLAGE



The main symbol of Pabirze is the tower of the church. They are seen from far away.



Pabirze is a small village with about 1000 people.



A photograph of a school building with a large tree in autumn, framed by a torn paper effect. The school building is a long, multi-story structure with many windows. The tree is large and has yellow and orange leaves. The sky is blue with some clouds. Two people are walking on the grass in front of the building.

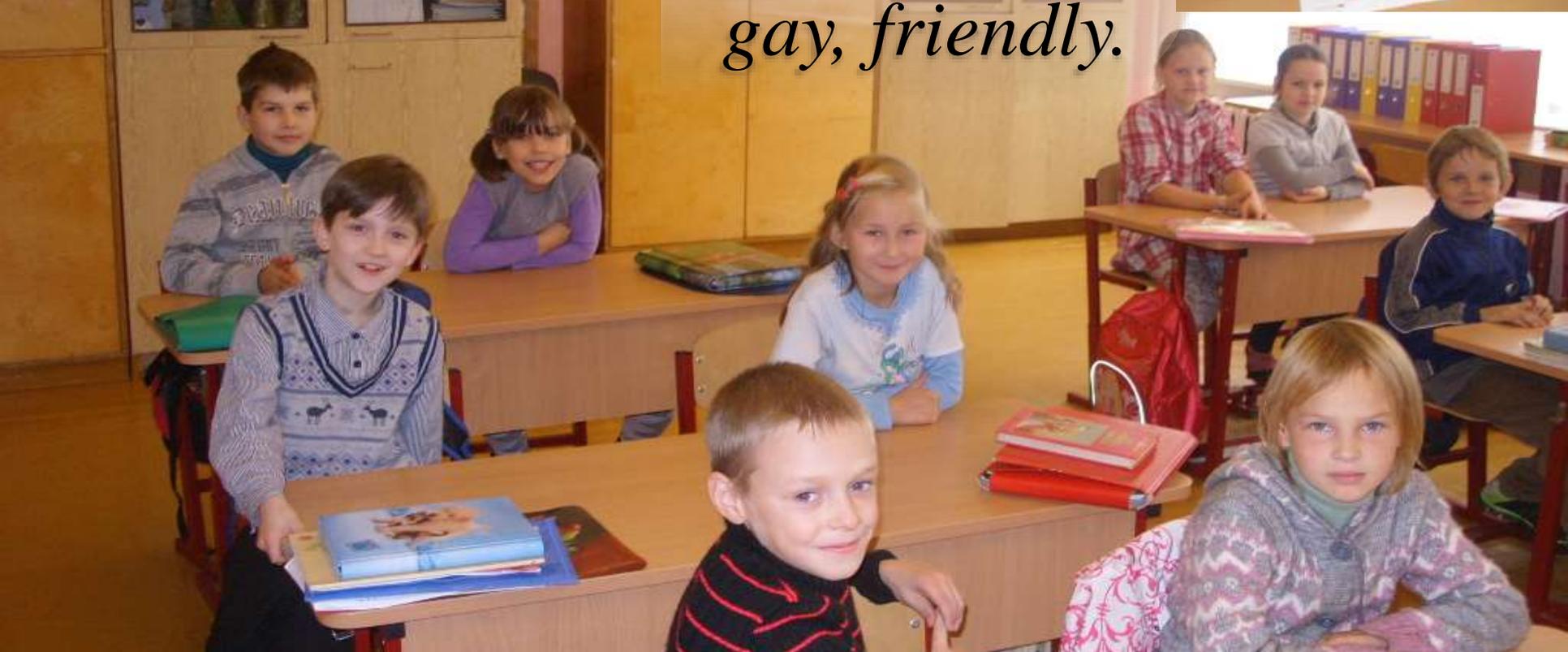
About our school

Pabirze basic school Internet Portal

<http://pabirze.puslapiai.lt.>



*There are
157 students
in our
school. We
are sincere,
gay, friendly.*





We are taught by 33 creative and well-trained teachers.

The whole upbringing is put on the students, their ability, interests.





*We celebrate
various
festivals
together.*



Our school is unique: this year we celebrated the 90-th anniversary.





But we are not old.



The classes are light, cosy, the teachers are strict but loving their profession.



The lessons are interesting.



Those who love sports are invited to the gym. those who love books will feel well at the school library.



We are very proud of our intelligent students, the winners of various competitions and contests.



We try to involve our students into a sensible activity.





Various clubs, circles invite students to come and join them according to their liking. We have sports, art, dance, cooking, healthy way of living, correspondence, acting, singing clubs.





We love travelling, so every form twice a year go on various excursions.





“ Let’s have a meal together-meetings around the European table“ such was our multinational partnership Project in 2009-2011. We became partners with Polish, Turkish, Romanian, British, Swedish, Bulgarian, French teachers and students.



Our school is a school without stress and fear, our students feel well, happy. And we are proud of each student from the youngest (aged 3) to the oldest (aged 16).







See you
soon in
Lithuania



Goodbye