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‘All children deserve a chance to learn to love reading.’

Four schools from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Sweden are involved in the project *Joyful Reading* financed by the Nordplus Junior programme. Rural Internet Access Points Association (Lithuania) is an official partner being responsible for the IT support. The main aim of the project is using new methods and innovative technologies such as tablet computers, games and interactivity to create a habit for young people aged 12-14 to love to read books.

On 1st October 2013 *Joyful Reading* started officially. Till 30th of June 2015 48 pupils and 10 coordinating teachers from Tartu Raatuse School (Tartu, Estonia), Grammar School of Nordic Languages (Riga, Latvia), Jovaras School (Siauliai, Lithuania) and Vålbergsskolan (Vålberg, Sweden) have to develop an interactive game, that will be integrated into the learning process in the partners' schools and disseminated to other schools in Nordic and Baltic countries. The game will be available to everyone on the internet and will be free to download on tablet computers and smart phones. Students and teachers from all over the world will have easy access and can integrate it into the school curriculum.

A lot of work has been done so far: the official homepage www.joyfulreading.se has been designed and regularly developed; 8 logos were created and sent for voting. Tess Rangedahl from Vålbergsskolan (Vålberg, Sweden) has won the logo competition.

Four meetings will have been planned during the project, one in each of the participating countries. The first official event was held in Siauliai, Lithuania in Jovaras School from 20th – 24th of January 2014. 16 books were presented as possible game topics. The pupils had to agree upon one book. As the result the educational game will be created upon ‘The Journey to the Centre of the Earth’ by Jules Verne. All the participants should start reading the book to be ready for the game scenario development during the 2nd activity in June in Vålberg, Sweden.

Everyone hopes and believes, that the project will help to promote reading, foreign language learning, lifelong friendship and partnership not only among the young people involved but also among people outside the project.



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