

THE LEGENDS AND TALES OF MEDJIMURJE

The theme of our project day was The legends and tales of Medjmurje. First we collected and explored the legends and tales. We wrote them down and drew the main characters. Students from the first to the fourth grade were making comics. They chose two legends - Legend of the tailless carp, the pozoj of the god Perun and The legend of green dragon from Čakovec. After the comics were completed they presented them to the whole school.

Legend of the tailless carp, the pozoj of the god Perun

The waters of the Mura, the Drava and the Trnava are associated with a series of legends regarding strange creatures and water spirites. These beliefs are still known in Oporovec and a part of Prelog, as well as in villages near the Mura. For example, it is said that fishermen must not go fishing at noon because they could catch the tailless carp, that is a small dragon. In fact, it was believed that the ancient Croatian god Perun rode the šarkanj (carp), a dragon that came to be out of the tailless carp. Similar beliefs exist today on the Far East, which might indicate a common history.



LEGEND OF THE TAILLESS CARP, THE POZOJ OF THE GOD PERUN



The legend of green dragon from Čakovec

Čakovec is linked to the legend of the green pozoj (dragon), whose head is located under the Old Town of Čakovec, while it's tail is under Saint Nicholas church, even though some say it's the other way around. Only Dijak Grabancijaš can get rid of the dragon, but disturbing the dragon can be very dangerous, since it can cause earthquakes and natural disasters.



THE LEGEND OF GREEN DRAGON



Comics made by our students from 1th to 4th grade.
The inspiration was the green dragon of Čakovec.





Students from the fifth to the eighth grade were making props for the school play about Surka. Our Croatian language teacher wrote the screenplay based on The legend of Surka. Seventh graders were the actors in the play. We enjoyed the show very much!

Making props for school play....



Rehearsal of the school play...

