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## **School year 2023 / 2024**

## **Schuljahr 2023 / 2024**

### **Editor's word / Redaktorins Worte**

Our new issue's out! In this issue we present foreign language activities of our students in the course of the school year 2023/2024. In the 5<sup>th</sup> issue of our school bulletin named Edi you can find the opinions of our students on the importance of learning languages, information on the Sips Mobility programme and the 6<sup>th</sup> Croatian CLILIG Championship our school took part in. There are also interesting foreign language essays our students wrote, an example of the foreign languages bulletin board and a vocational English corner.

Unsere neue Ausgabe ist da! In dieser Ausgabe präsentieren wir die Fremdsprachenaktivitäten unserer Schüler im Schuljahr 2023/2024. In der 5. Ausgabe unseres Schulbulletins namens Edi finden Sie die Meinungen unserer Schüler über die Bedeutung des Sprachenlernens, Informationen über das Sips-Mobility-Schüleraustauschprogramm und die 6. Kroatische CLILIG-Meisterschaft, an denen unsere Schule teilgenommen hat. Außerdem gibt es interessante Fremdsprachenaufsätze unserer Schüler, ein Beispiel des Anschlagbretts für Fremdsprachen und die Deutsch-für-den Beruf-Ecke.



## The importance of learning languages



### Our students' opinions / Die Meinungen unserer Schüler:

It's important to value our mother tongue because it carries our culture and identity. Learning it every day helps maintain fluency and expression skills. As for how many languages to know, it depends on personal interests and goals. Some people enjoy learning multiple languages to connect with other cultures and people, while others prefer to focus on one or two languages for a deeper understanding. There's no universal number of languages everyone should know. It's important to find a balance based on our interests, time, and available resources. Learning new languages can be challenging, but also incredibly rewarding, opening doors to new possibilities and perspectives. I personally would like to know more languages, maybe 3 or more, and I would like to speak them very well.

Marcela Hegedić, 4B

Knowing two or more languages is useful for everyday people because it helps with better communication, improves thinking skills, and can make finding a job easier. It also lets you connect with different cultures and people, making your life more interesting and adaptable in our globalized world.

Petar Mešnjak, 4B

Languages are the most important means of communication among humans. Everyone has their mother tongue, which is used in daily life. It is necessary to be fluent in your mother tongue because it gives you a way to communicate with the people in your family and country. People all across the world should aim to be fluent in at least 3 languages, including their mother tongue. At least one of those should be English, Spanish, or French, given their frequent usage worldwide.

Lorena Kendel, 4B

I think it is important to learn your mother tongue in order to communicate better with other people. The most important foreign languages are English and German. I learned English from films and video games the most. I think it is important to learn English to communicate with people who don't speak my language.

Vili Malez, 3C

I think that it is very important to know your mother tongue well and we always have something to learn about it. It is good when we know many foreign languages because of communication and work. The 1<sup>st</sup> foreign language which is great to know is English and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is German.

Mateo Bokun, 2C



## Sips Mobility

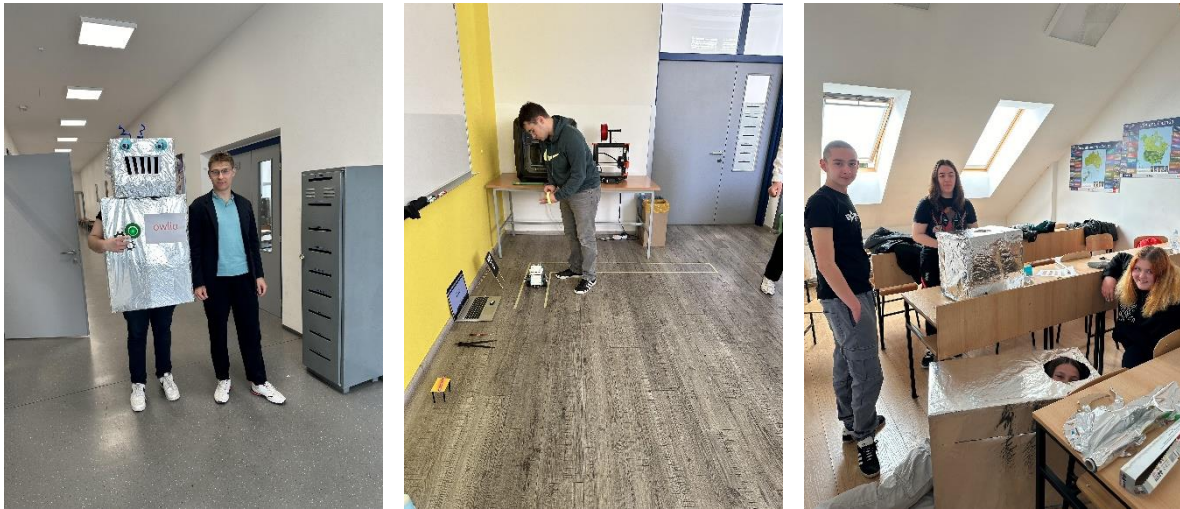


As we have read above, there are many reasons to study languages, one of them being participation in the student exchange programmes. In the winter months, our diligent students were given an opportunity to take part in one such program – Sips Mobility. Thus, the lucky ones visited Portugal, Czechia and Finland gaining valuable work experience and getting to know other cultures as well as school systems.

Wie wir oben gelesen haben, gibt es viele Gründe, Sprachen zu lernen, einer davon ist die Teilnahme an Schüleraustauschprogrammen. In den Wintermonaten erhielten unsere fleißigen Schüler die Gelegenheit, an einem solchen Programm teilzunehmen – Sips Mobility. So besuchten die auserwählten Glücklichen Portugal, Tschechien und Finnland, wo sie wertvolle Arbeitserfahrungen sammelten und andere Kulturen sowie Schulsysteme kennen lernten.



## 6th Croatian CLILiG Robotics Championship / 6. Kroatische CLILiG-Robotik-Meisterschaft



Students from the Mechanical Engineering and Traffic School Varaždin participated in the 6th National CLILiG Robotics Championship this school year. The project task was: Robots are increasingly present in almost all spheres of human life, including schools - how and why should we use a robot in German language classes? We had to present the elaboration of the task in two short video clips. One video was a story elaboration in German, and the other was a recording of the robot's actions following the story from the video in German. Armond Kramarić (3C) was our German language teacher, and Petar Burek (4C) was the robot named Sipko. Botković Ivan, Kramarić Armond, Lazar Leon, and Vajdić Sven, students from the class 3C, programmed the robot. We participated in the project together with Andrija Kačić Miošić Elementary School from Donja Voća, and our team was named VOSiP. Students from classes 2D and 4C helped to make our robot out of cardboard boxes as well as other props for the videos. In the competition we won 7th place out of a total of 14 teams, which included elementary and secondary schools from all over Croatia.

Die Schüler der Maschinenbau- und Verkehrsschule Varaždin nahmen in diesem Schuljahr an der VI. Kroatischen CLILiG-Robotik-Meisterschaft teil. Die Projektaufgabe lautete: "Roboter werden zunehmend in fast allen Lebensbereichen, auch in der Schule präsent sein. Wie und warum sollten Roboter im Sprachunterricht (DaF) eingesetzt werden?" Wir mussten die Ausarbeitung der Aufgabe in zwei kurzen Videoclips vorstellen. Das erste Video war die Präsentation der eigenen Beispiele zum Thema auf Deutsch, und das andere eine Aufnahme der Aktionen des Roboters, der die Geschichte aus dem Video auf Deutsch verfolgt. Armond Kramarić (3C) war unser Deutschlehrer, und Petar Burek (4C) der Roboter namens Sipko. An der Programmierung des Roboters beteiligten sich Botković Ivan, Kramarić





Armond, Lazar Leon und Vajdić Sven, Schüler der Klasse 3C. Die Schüler der Klassen 2D und 4B halfen bei der Herstellung des Roboters aus Kartonschachteln sowie bei anderen Requisiten für das Video. Wir haben gemeinsam mit der Andrija-Kačić-Miošić-Grundschule aus Donja Voća am Projekt teilgenommen und unser Team VOSiP genannt. Bei dem Wettbewerb belegten wir den 7. Platz von insgesamt 14 Teams, die aus Grund- und Mittelschulteams aus ganz Kroatien bestanden.



## **SELECTION OF BEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE ESSAYS BY OUR STUDENTS:**

### **AUSWAHL DER BESTEN FREMDSPRACHENAUFsätze UNSERER SCHÜLER:**

#### **Our role models and inspirations**

In this composition I will write about a person who is my greatest inspiration and who supports me most every day.

I am inspired by many people, but there is no one like my dad. He gives me the best advice, although I don't often listen to him, but I should. My dad is my greatest inspiration because he shows his love for our family every day, and that is very important to me. This is important to me because he sets an example for me to live by and that is also how I will love my family. I don't think anyone could have explained to me better how to live and how to treat others than my dad.

The person who inspires me will always be my dad, and I will always try to be as good as him.

Kristijan Jagić, 3F

Bob Marley is totally awesome and super inspiring! He's not just a musician, he's like a whole vibe. His music is all about peace, love, and standing up for what's right. It's crazy how his songs from back in the day still resonate with people today.

Bob Marley came from a tiny village in Jamaica and ended up becoming a global icon. And it's not just about his music, it's about the message behind it. Like, "One Love" isn't just a song, it's a whole philosophy about unity and equality. Plus, Bob Marley wasn't afraid to speak his mind. He used his voice to stand up against injustice and fight for what he believed in.

That is the reason Bob Marley is definitely my hero. He showed me that you don't have to be the biggest or the richest to make a difference. As long as you've got passion and heart, you can change the world, one love at a time.

Vili Malez, 2C



Arnold Schwarzenegger is someone who really inspires me. He was born in Austria in 1947 and went from growing up in a small village to becoming a huge star in Hollywood and in bodybuilding. His story teaches me a lot about working hard, never giving up, and following your dreams. One thing I admire about Schwarzenegger is how hard he worked. He wanted to be a bodybuilding champion and a famous actor, so he worked incredibly hard to make those dreams come true. Even when things got tough, like when he didn't speak the language well or had little money, he never stopped trying. His determination shows me that if you work hard and don't give up, you can achieve great things. Another cool thing about Schwarzenegger is how he changed careers. After being a successful bodybuilder and winning many awards, he became a famous actor, starring in movies like "The Terminator." Later, he even became a politician, serving as the Governor of California. His ability to adapt and try new things reminds me that it's okay to explore different paths in life. Schwarzenegger also does a lot to help others. He gives back to his community through programs for kids and by supporting causes like the environment and education. His generosity shows me the importance of making a positive impact on the world and helping those in need. Overall, Arnold Schwarzenegger's story is inspiring because it shows that with hard work, determination, and a desire to help others, you can achieve your goals and make a difference in the world.

Vinko Majdak, 2C

My best friend is a true inspiration. Through all moments I have shared together with Leon, he has always been there for me. His support, courage, and positive attitude are incredible. My friend motivates me to be the best version of myself. He is always ready to listen, support, and be there in tough times. His honesty and integrity are the qualities one should admire. My friend is a true role model, and I'm lucky to have him in my life.

Dorian Sambolec 3F



I want to talk about my grandpa. He's really old but still super cool. What I like most about him is that he never gives up, even when things get tough. He's had a rough life, but he always stays positive and keeps going. That's something I admire a lot.

Also, he's really nice to everyone. He always helps people, and it makes me want to be kind like him. Whether it's helping a neighbour with groceries or just listening when someone needs to talk, he's always there. And even though he's old, he's always learning new stuff. It shows me you can keep growing no matter how old you are. He's always reading books or trying out new hobbies, and it's cool to see.

So, my grandpa inspires me to be strong, kind, and keep learning. He's awesome!

Lovro Biškup 2C

Person who inspires me the most recently is a YouTuber named James "StradMan", he started making YouTube videos a while back in 2012 taking video recordings of cars, car shows and festivals. At the time he was homeless living inside of his 2005 Audi TT and making videos on his laptop using McDonald's WiFi. Since 2012 he has become a very popular YouTuber with 4,37 million subscribers and done so many things like buying a lot of cars, some of which are his first hyper car, which was a Bugatti Veyron, and also a lot of Lamborghinis out of which there is a special one. This is his famous pink Aventador that he built by himself, and he finished it a day after his father has unfortunately passed away. James named it after him The Papa's V12 which is really nice of him. Since then, he has bought a lot more cars like Ferrari's etcetera. He built his dream house worth more than 4 million dollars. He recently bought a Koenigsegg Agera HH which was driven by Lewis Hamilton on Gumball 3000 eight years ago in 2015, which is truly amazing and astonishing. He is a truly awesome person, putting much work into his videos, which is remarkable. He inspires me to be like him, not homeless though, but to start from the ground up and be like him, well, not exactly like him, but just the person he is.

Roberto Hrženjak, 3F

## Gender-based stereotypes

There are a lot of stereotypes in the world and the gender based one is one of them. They're not new, they have always been there, but they were never really acknowledged, they were accepted and ignored. Today these stereotypes are a lot more talked about and I think that's important.

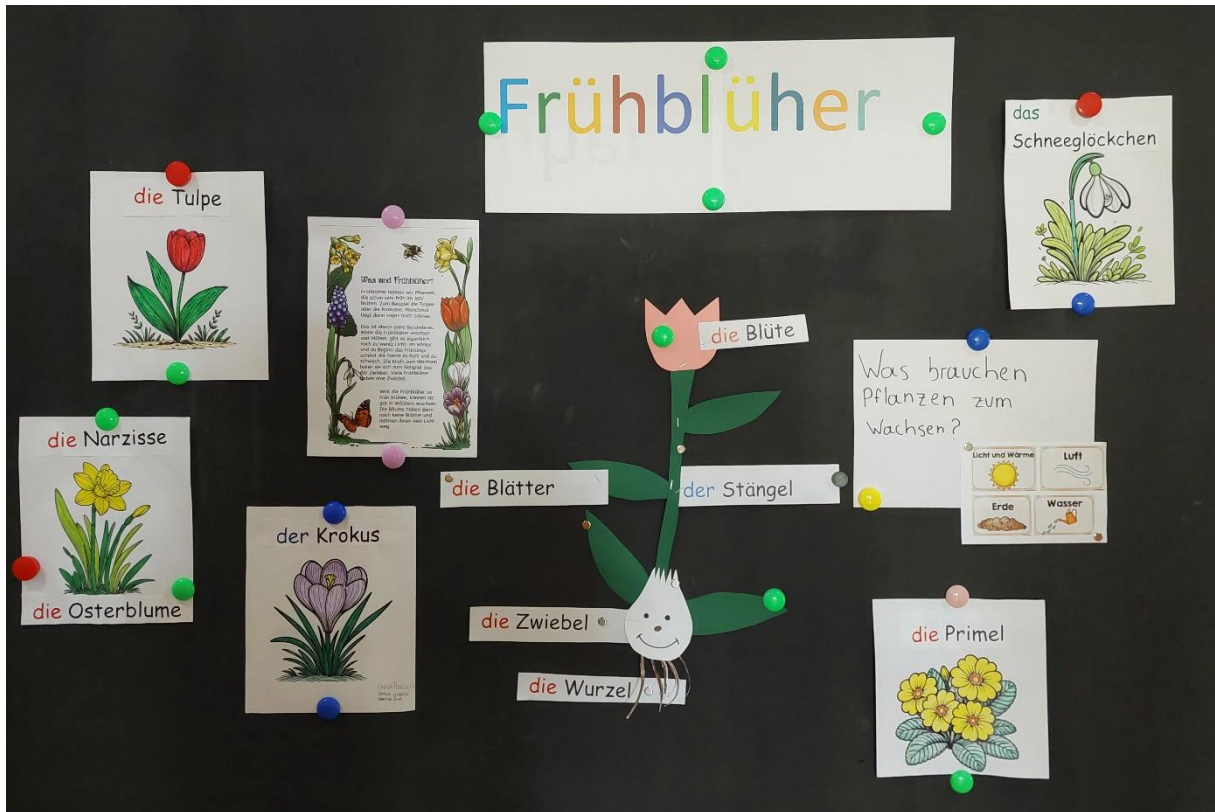
The gender-based stereotypes start really early in life. I mean look at baby's clothes. Not only the colour of the clothes, but what's written on them. The boys' clothes will always say something like "I'm the boss" or "Smarty pants", while the girls' clothes say, "Born to be spoiled" or "Shopping is my favourite subject". But let's talk about gender-based stereotypes concerning the interests and attitudes of adolescents. If a girl spends a long time to get ready it's normal but if a boy does that, he's weird doing too much. If a girl makes a mistake, it's because "she's a girl", but if a boy makes that same mistake "it's just a little mistake, it can be fixed". How many times can you hear the phrases: "That's a man's / woman's job", "The man of the house", "Women are bad drivers", "Boys don't cry". There are so many phrases, but none of them are true. These phrases have been there for so long that you don't even think twice about them, until you do. And then you start to notice that these stereotypes are literally everywhere. Why can't a girl be a mechanic or a boy a ballet dancer? And even if they are, they are judged and, most of the times, not respected and looked at differently. It's just ridiculous.

I think that these stereotypes are kind of a big problem in the world, but there are always bigger and more important problems, so people aren't really concerned about that and they don't do anything about it. I hate gender-based stereotypes and the fact that they will always be there. Overall, they're bad and they try to manipulate us into thinking we are supposed to do something or feel a certain way just because it's a stereotype. They shouldn't even exist, but there's not much to do about it, which is sad. However, it's about us how we will deal with them.

Ana Pajtak, 4D



## Foreign languages bulletin board / Das Anschlagbrett für Fremdsprachen



Students from class 1D, Emina Pokos, Karla Lukačić, and Martina Žuna, decorated the foreign languages bulletin board providing information on the heralds of spring and introducing us to the German terms for parts and names of plants that bloom early in the spring.

Schülerinnen der Klasse 1D, Emina Pokos, Karla Lukačić und Martina Žuna, haben das Anschlagbrett für Fremdsprachen gestaltet und Informationen über die Frühblüher bereitgestellt. Sie haben uns die deutschen Begriffe für Teile und Namen von Pflanzen, die früh im Frühling blühen, vorgestellt.

## Vocational English Corner / Deutsch-für-den-Beruf-Ecke

### Elon Musk's Las Vegas Loop



**Tunnels:** The Boring Company digs tunnels under the city to make roads underground. These tunnels are for electric cars and have special stuff to help the cars move.

**Electric Vehicles:** The cars used in the Las Vegas Loop are electric and don't need a driver. People can use an app to call a car and go where they want in the tunnels.

**Stations:** There are stops in different parts of the city where people can get into the tunnels and get into the cars.

**Efficiency and Speed:** The Las Vegas Loop helps people move around the city faster without getting stuck in traffic. It's good for the environment because the cars don't use gas and don't make pollution.

#### **Advantages:**

*No Traffic Jams:* You won't get stuck in traffic because the cars drive underground.

*Quick Travel:* You can get where you need to go faster because the cars are speedy.

*Helps the Environment:* The cars don't make pollution, so it's better for the Earth.

*Easy to Use:* You just use an app to call a car, so it's simple for anyone to use.

**Disadvantages:**

*Expensive to Build:* Making tunnels costs a lot of money, so it might be expensive.

*Safety Concerns:* Some people might worry about the safety of driving underground.

*Limited Access:* Not everyone might be able to use it if they don't have a smartphone or live far from a station.

*Needs Approval:* The government might have to agree before it can be built, and that could take time.

**Opinion:**

In my opinion, the Las Vegas Loop sounds like a cool idea overall. It could really help people get around the city faster and without adding more pollution. But it's important to make sure it's safe and fair for everyone to use. If they can figure out how to address those concerns, it could be a great addition to the city's transportation options.

**Vision for the future:**

*Make It Available to Everyone:* Ensure that everyone can use it, no matter where they live or how much money they have.

*Keep It Safe and Reliable:* Make sure it works well and people feel safe using it.

*Connect It with Other Ways to Get Around:* Make it easy for people to switch between this system and buses or trains.

*Protect the Environment:* Find ways to make it better for the Earth, like using clean energy.

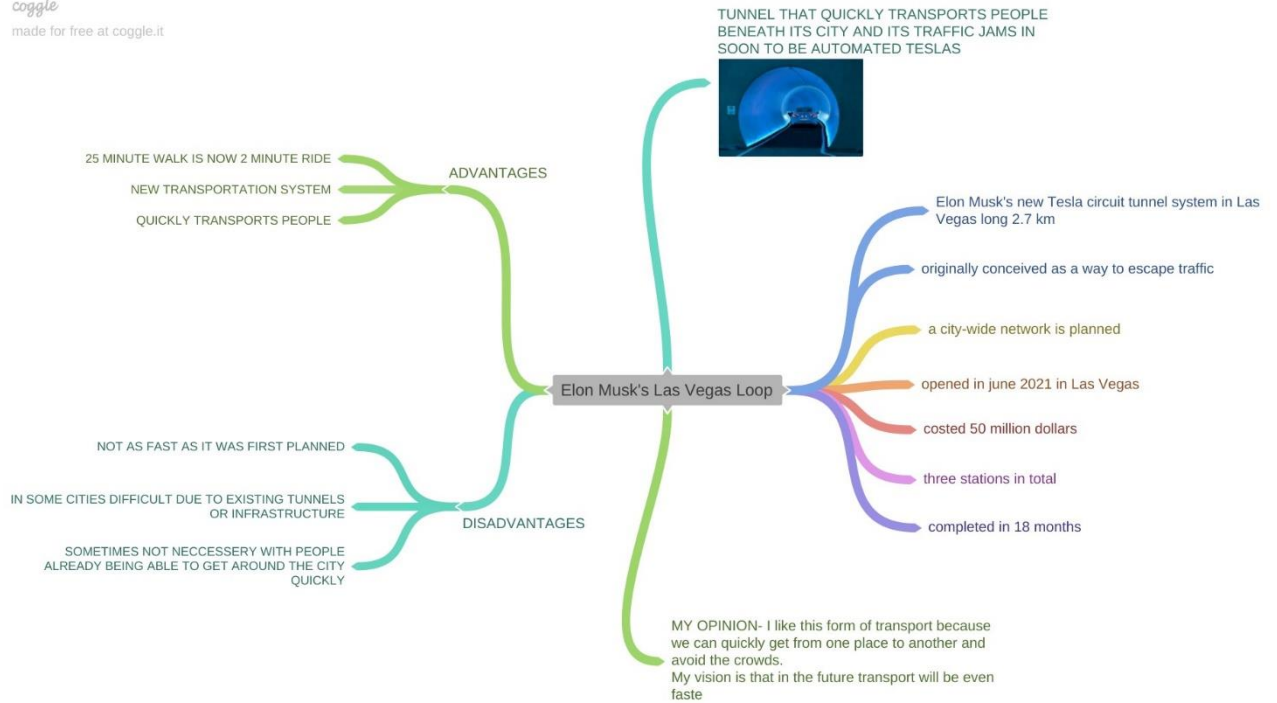
*Listen to People:* Ask for feedback from the community and make changes based on what people say.

Lovro Biškup 2C



A mind map on the topic by Niko Zorko, 2C:

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made for free at coggle.it



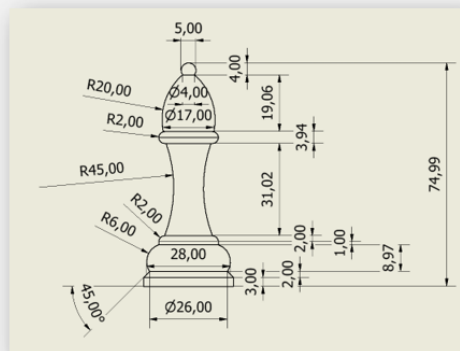
## Product design and construction by our 4A students

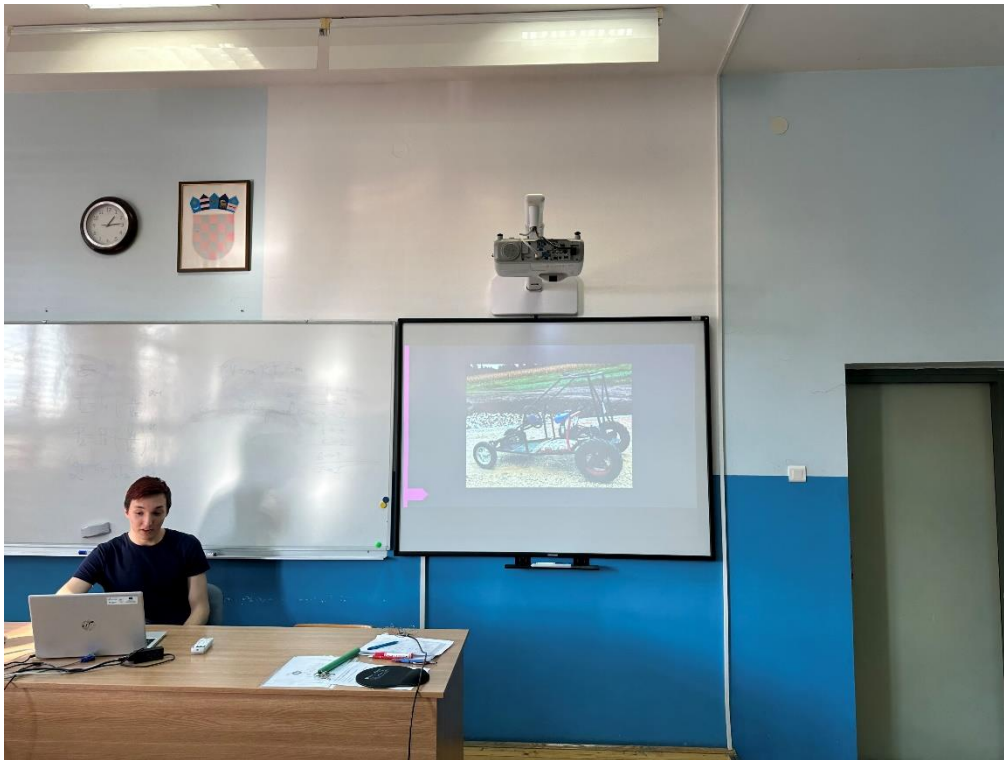
In the Vocational English classes students were given the task to imagine they were product designers who had to develop a new product according to the product design stages. Here are some parts of their brilliant ideas and fantastic presentations!

In English-für-den-Beruf-Stunde erhielten die Schüler die Aufgabe, sich vorzustellen, sie seien Produktdesigner, die ein neues Produkt gemäß den Phasen des Produktdesigns entwickeln mussten. Hier sind Teile ihrer brillanten Ideen und fantastischen Präsentationen!

### DRAWING OF BLUEPRINT

- The first step is drawing a blueprint with all the correct measurements





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