

MULTICULTURAL CLASSROOM PILOT PROJECT

Dr. Lloydetta Quaicoe visited our grade 6 class several times in November and December 2019. We enjoyed learning about how some cultures use talking pieces. We learned about the colours and pictures on different flags. We also learned that there is one flag not in the shape of a rectangle – Nepal. Also, one flag (Liberia in Africa) looks very similar to the American flag. We learned about sharing cultures through music and talked about our traditional music of Newfoundland and Labrador. We also learned how some of our words originated from different languages. We learned about different holidays and celebrations in other countries/cultures. We enjoyed making a paper chain when we talked about how our environment impacts our culture.

More importantly, we learned how to be good global citizens by being welcoming, accepting, and appreciative of people from other countries. We are grateful for this fun and educational experience!



*Mme. Young's grade 6 ICF class,
Villanova Junior High, Conception Bay South, NL*

- * These students submitted their stories, drawings, and poems when they were in grade 6.
- * Les élèves ont remis leurs histoires, dessins, et poèmes quand ils étaient en sixième année.

We thank the teachers for encouraging their students to share their work.
Nous remercions les enseignantes et enseignants d'avoir encouragé leurs élèves à partager leurs oeuvres.

Please note that the students are sharing their own cultures and not necessarily the official culture of the country they represent.

Veuillez noter que les élèves partagent leurs cultures individuelles et pas nécessairement toutes les cultures de leurs pays d'origine.

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Hazelwood Elementary
Twillingate Island Elementary
Villanova Junior High

Submissions/Soumissions

We encourage Grade 6 students to submit drawings and stories about diverse cultures.

Submissions are accepted during the year.

Nous encourageons les élèves de 6^e année de partager des dessins et textes qu'ils ont écrits au sujet de différentes cultures.

Les soumissions sont acceptées tout au long de l'année.

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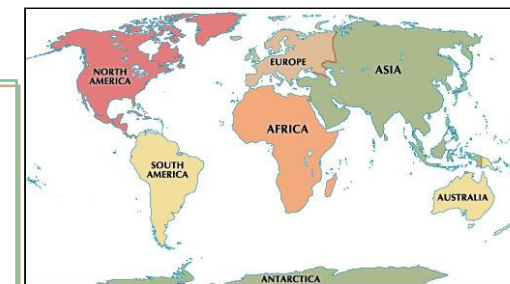


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MUMMERS*



*Aliyah Simms
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My name is Aliyah Simms. I live in Twillingate, Newfoundland and Labrador. I am a student at Twillingate Island Elementary. We are the oldest students in the school so, traditionally, every year at Christmastime, the grade 6 class dresses up and goes mummering to each class in the school.

In art class, we began preparing by decorating pillowcases for our faces. Then we talked about what kind of clothes to bring in and to wear that day. Some of us brought in lumber jackets and long johns and others brought in bras and dresses.

On that day, we all got dressed as a class with the doors shut so no one could see us getting ready. When we were all ready, we went mummering during the Christmas parties in the afternoon. We went knocking on doors starting at grade 5 to daycare classrooms. Our teacher came in the classrooms with us and played The Mummies Song by "Simani" and we all danced with the students.

After we were all done mummering, we came back in our classroom and got undressed. We were all sweaty and tired after all of it, but we all had lots of fun.

L'HIVER

Je m'appelle Tristan Benoit. Aujourd'hui, je vais vous parler de l'hiver et de ce que j'aime faire pendant l'hiver.

J'adore sauter et jouer dans la neige, tout simplement ! Je dois toujours faire attention avant de sauter dans la neige d'une grande hauteur. S'il n'y a assez de neige, je pourrais me faire mal.



Tristan Benoit
École Notre-Dame-du-Cap
Cap St-Georges, TNL

J'aime aussi aller dans les bois en motoneige pour aller à la cabane. Une fois à la cabane, je fais souvent des forteresses de neige. Parfois, si j'ai le temps, j'essaye d'y mettre un toit. C'est très difficile de mettre un toit à une forteresse, mais j'aime essayer quand même.

À la cabane, nous avons une génératrice. Pendant les soirées, nous ne faisons pas beaucoup de choses. Parfois, toute la famille joue aux cartes. Nous allons à la cabane pour nous éloigner de la maison et la communauté un petit moment.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

My name is Emily Butler. I'm from St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. My family has a Christmas Eve tradition. On Christmas Eve, my neighbours (who moved to Ontario) come to our house. When we hear the doorbell, we know that it is them, so then we sprint to the door like a bunch of kangaroos. Even though they've moved, they still come!

When they come over, we have food and drinks. One special thing that we do is every year we watch the Polar Express. After that, my brother and I get one present to open. Later in the night, we make a gingerbread house and bake Christmas cookies.



Emily Butler
École Mary Queen of Peace
St. John's, NL

MY TRADITIONS

My name is Abigail Adams. I am from St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. My Mom is from Trinidad, so we eat foods different from what most people eat in Newfoundland and Labrador. Some of the foods we eat are palori, naan bread, and curry chicken.

My family also has another tradition. My brother, my sister, and I are in the Shallaway Youth Choir. After every Christmas concert, my family and I go to a celebration with other children in Shallaway, pianists, and conductors. There's a lot of food and it's a lot of fun!



Abigail Adams
École Mary Queen of Peace
St. John's, NL

THE CULTURE OF NEWFOUNDLAND*



Helen Rose Mahon
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In Newfoundland, we have different cultures, traditions, landscapes, and sights. Some houses are connected and very colourful. Usually they are pink, blue, yellow, red, green, and orange. Some sights are Signal Hill, Cape Spear lighthouse, and whale watching. We have our own plant called the pitcher plant.



BINGO

Je m'appelle Issy Felix. Il y a beaucoup de choses qui me différencient d'autres filles de mon âge. En particulier, j'adore le bingo. Je sais que beaucoup de gens pensent que le bingo est nul et qu'il est seulement pour les personnes âgées. Je vais vous expliquer pourquoi le bingo est spécial pour moi.

Le bingo est très social. À chaque fois que ma mère et moi allons au bingo, nous avons de très bonnes jasettes. On parle de ce qui se passe à l'école et de beaucoup d'autres choses. Il y a aussi plusieurs personnes qu'on connaît qui viennent pour jaser un peu entre les parties de bingo. Je dois aussi dire que c'est le temps idéal pour les friandises. J'adore les friandises et je mange toujours plusieurs friandises en jouant au bingo.

Bien sûr, les gens vont au bingo pour gagner de l'argent! Moi, je sais que les chances de gagner ne sont pas bonnes, mais c'est amusant d'essayer quand même. J'espère que j'ai changé les idées négatives envers le bingo. Car selon moi, le bingo est très spécial.



Issy Felix
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SCHOOL CULTURE*



Jacob Boudreau
Twillingate Island Elementary
Twillingate, NL

My name is Jacob Boudreau and I live in Twillingate, Newfoundland and Labrador. In winter, my school brings us to Minty's farm. We take our sleds and snowshoes for hiking and sledding.

In the spring, our class goes on a trip to Saint-Pierre et Miquelon. We do this because we are in the Intensive Core French program for half the year.

In the fall, we go to Minty's farm near Botwood. The school provides buses for us to ride to the farm. We feed animals and have tractor rides. We also buy our pumpkins for Halloween.

In October, our class plans a Halloween dance. During the dance, we get to wear our costumes. The Grade 6 class also decorates a haunted house for tours.

Since we are the Grade 6 students, we plan a sports day for the younger grades, and we have a Healthy Commotions Day for all the grades. We also do a Roots of Empathy Program: that's where you get to meet a baby and see the changes in the baby throughout the year.

We are very lucky to be able to go on field trips, because some schools don't go on any at all. I am thankful that we are able to do these things.

CHARLIE BROWN'S CHRISTMAS

My name is Kate Rogers and I am from rainy and cold Newfoundland. One tradition that my family has is on Christmas Eve we go to St. Mark's Anglican Church and they watch me and my friends in the Christmas Pageant. This is my sixth year in the Pageant.

After supper, my family and I go to the Sheraton Hotel for supper. After supper, we all go up to Signal Hill to check out the beautiful city. By the time we get home, it is around 9:30 p.m., so we get into our pyjamas and we all sit on the couch to watch Charlie Brown's Christmas.



When we finish watching the movie, we get our stockings and hang them up on the fireplace. Then, we put out cookies and milk. Before we go to sleep, we open one of our Christmas presents under the tree.



Kate Rogers
École Mary Queen of Peace
St. John's, NL

OUTDOOR SPORTS*



Leah Gillard
Twillingate Island Elementary
Twillingate, NL

My name is Leah Gillard and I live in Twillingate, Newfoundland and Labrador. In the winter and summer, we have a lot of outdoor sports. In the winter, I go snowshoeing on the ponds and in the woods on skidoo trails. There are two kinds of snowshoes that you can choose to wear: metal ones from a sports store or handmade wooden ones crafted by locals.

We go sliding in our backyards or a place called Minty's farm, where there is a big hill. We use plastic slides, GTs, or tubes to go sliding on. When the ponds are frozen (and it's safe), we gather to play pond hockey. It's a fun and refreshing outdoor sport.

We have a Kid Kicks group for the summertime, which includes soccer, softball, basketball, and ball hockey. Soccer and softball are played on the softball field. Basketball takes place on the basketball court in our playground, and ball hockey is played on the high school parking lot.

The summer sport I love best is swimming with my friends. We go either to Hospital Pond or to the beach. Hospital Pond is a freshwater pond with a waterslide and water fountain. We sometimes take our kayaks with us and we kayak out to the fountain. At the saltwater beaches we enjoy sitting on the sand and the waves.

AIMES-TU LES SPORTS? FAIS ATTENTION!

Je m'appelle Tristan Claveau. Moi, j'adore le sport. Mais tu peux te blesser gravement. En 2^e année, pendant le cours d'éducation physique, un garçon m'a bousculé par accident. Je suis tombé par terre et je me suis frappé la tête sur le plancher de ciment. J'ai dû passer trois jours à l'hôpital avec une commotion cérébrale.

Une autre fois, je faisais de la trottinette au planchodrome avec mes amis. Je suis tombé de la trottinette et je me suis frappé la bouche sur un bloc de ciment. Ma lèvre était coupée et j'ai dû avoir trois points de suture à l'intérieur de la bouche.

Je faisais toujours de la trottinette lors de mon dernier accident. Je me promenais avec des amis quand j'ai frappé une petite roche. Je suis tombé sur mon bras et j'ai entendu un gros «CRAC». Quand j'ai regardé mon bras, j'ai vu que deux os avaient percé la peau. J'ai dû avoir une chirurgie et j'ai encore les cicatrices.

J'aime encore le sport, mais je suis un peu plus prudent quand j'en fais.



Tristan Claveau
École Notre-Dame-du-Cap
Cap St-Georges, TNL

ACTIVITIES WITH MY DAD*

My name is Forrester Baggs. I will tell you about what my Dad and I do together in the winter and fall.

In the winter, we hunt a variety of animals. Dad and I mostly hunt rabbits. The way we hunt rabbits is that we make rabbit slips and we find a lead, that is the trail the rabbit makes with its prints. Then we find a branch in the lead, and we tie the slip to the branch. We put the slip as tall as our hand up straight. We check our slips the next day.



Forrester Baggs
Twillingate Island Elementary
Twillingate, NL

My Dad and I also go whitefish catching on a pond. We get a small rod. We put squids or worms on a small hook, and then we get an auger and put a hole in the ice. The best time to catch whitefish is early morning or just before dark. When my Dad, my sister, and I go to the cabin, we cut some wood in the trails by the cabin. When we get a sled full of wood, we go back to the cabin and put half in the woodbox, and we make the rest into splits. Most times, we ride on skidoo and we have a fire in the woods.

In the fall, my Dad and I and some other people go to Millertown to hunt moose. When we get there, we go to bed. The next morning, we get up at 4 a.m. and go down to the river to try to get a moose. If we don't get a moose, we go to the river the next morning.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

My name is Cecelia Xu. I'm from cold and wet St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, but my parents are from warm and sunny Shanghai, China. I'd like to talk about my Chinese New Year traditions.

The City Light restaurant serves Chinese, Japanese, and Canadian food. My favourite foods are the tiny balls filled with yummy stuffing and thick sushi.



Cecelia Xu
École Mary Queen of Peace
St. John's, NL

We arrive as hungry as an elephant with no food for five days. The people get out of the cars and run as fast as speedy cheetahs. Then, many people get into the restaurant filled with food. The people get their plates, and then get the food that they want.

After the people eat all their yummy-in-their-tummy food, the children play and the adults chat with each other. Then, each child gets a red and gold envelope with money inside.

CHRISTMAS WITH MY FAMILY*

My name is Isabela Elliott. I live in Twillingate, Newfoundland and Labrador. I attend Twillingate Island Elementary School. This is how I spend my Christmas.

When I get out of school for Christmas holidays, I go to my Nan's house to celebrate her anniversary. We celebrate by listening to some Christmas songs and we sing and dance. On Christmas Eve, I go around delivering presents to my family. Then, I go to my Nan's for lasagna. I stay there till 7 p.m. and go home and play games with my family. At 8:30 p.m., I start getting ready for bed by putting on my Christmas pyjamas. Every year, my Mom and I wear matching pyjamas. I put out milk and cookies for Santa and go to sleep.

In the morning, I wake up about 8 a.m., then I go and wake up my Mom and Dad. When we are all up, my Mom calls my Nan and Pop to come and watch me open my presents. I eat breakfast while I wait for them to come. When they come, I start opening my presents. After that, I play with all the presents I got.

When it's 1 p.m., I start getting ready to go to my Nan's house for supper. I go there around 3:30 p.m. I bring my new games, and we play them right before supper is ready. For supper, we usually have turkey, vegetables, and meat. After supper, we play more games.

Then around 8 p.m., we leave, and my Mom, Dad, and I drive around town to look at Christmas lights. Around 9:30 p.m., we get home and I just play with my Christmas gifts. Then, after that, I go to bed.



Isabela Elliott
Twillingate Island Elementary
Twillingate, NL

MY TRADITION

My name is Lily MacLean. Every New Year's Eve, my family has a tradition of getting together with all my neighbours and we have a big party. All the children and adults sing, dance, skate, and do everything you could think of for a humongous party. The most exciting part is the fireworks, along with the countdown to the New Year!



Lily MacLean
École Mary Queen of Peace
St. John's, NL

