

## 'The new adventures of etwinnies round the world'

### Godwin Junior school | Maureen Gould

#### About the school

Godwin Junior School is a multicultural school in east London, England, catering for pupils from the local community. The school is not far from Stratford where the 2012 Olympic Games will be held, and is also close to 'Wanstead Flats', an area of open land within an urban residential area. It is a high achieving and aspirational school which aims to provide an exciting environment for learning. Pupils are aged between 7 and 11, with classes of 30. As well as teaching the core subjects, it delivers many lessons through an international curriculum as Godwin is an internationally minded school. It has just been re-awarded the DCSF International School Award from the British Council for the third time for its international work.

#### About the partnership schools

**Italian School – 3 Circolo Didattico** is a big institute in Chieti. It is situated in Chieti, a small town in the centre of Italy, in an urban area between the mountains and the sea. It is the biggest school in the town, composed of three primary Schools and three nursery Schools. The school involved in this project is **Primary School Via Abruzzo**.

**French School – Ecole Michel Simon** is a small village school situated in the village Vouillers, located on Champagne Ardenne. The project was with a multilevel class of 19 pupils (8 girls and 11 boys), with small class sizes down to being in a very small village.

**Turkish School – Memune Turker Altuncu Primary School** is located in Niğde, which is one of the Central Anatolia region's cities of Turkey. Niğde is an old, small historical city.

**Polish School – Primary School No 32** was established in 1923. It is co-educational and has over 400 students with ages ranging from seven to twelve. The school is situated in Bielsko-Biała, a town in the south of Poland, in the district called Wapienica, at the foot of Beskids Mountains.

#### About the project

In this project a story was written by the pupils of all the partner schools. Each school had to write a part of the story set in its own country, showing the main characters near famous landmarks and places, in particular towns, eating traditional dishes, playing traditional games and so on. The characters of the stories are Twinnies: Blue and Yellow. Their adventures were presented in a form of comics or short stories illustrated by students.

Twinnies also travelled around the world, and visited places on all continents. Children made decisions – they will choose interesting places for Twinnies, and they will find necessary information about the place - famous buildings, food, cultural elements.

#### Aims of the project

- Let students know different cultures and traditions
- Improve students' knowledge about geography
- Motivate students to learn English as an important way to communicate
- Practise English
- Free their fantasy and stimulate their creativity
- Know their own country better (landmarks, places, traditions, culture)

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