

## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE

On Thursday, November 16 in our school, city and across Europe was International Day for Tolerance. Every year various conferences and festivals are organized on the occasion of International Day for Tolerance.

"Tolerance is an act of humanity, which we must nurture and enact each in own lives every day, to rejoice in the diversity that makes us strong and the values that bring us together." — *UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay*



Our school, Siauliai Lieporiai gymnasium, had a different day of education also. The first lesson was free so we all gathered in the main school hall at the beginning of the second lesson. There we had a lecture about tolerance, what it is and why it matters in nowadays world. We also watched a short-animated movie and then discussed what we saw in the movie, expressed our opinions and observations.

At third lesson we, second grade students, had a short lecture with Ethics Teacher also. We watched a movie about very different people. One story was about a disabled man: he told his experiences and others' behaviour with him. The other was about a girl who came from Ethiopia to Vilnius, Lithuania. She talked about a very difficult path that she had to step to fit into a new country, to live happily and freely. The third heroes were Jewish family who lives poorly. Parents really love their children and do their best that the children could go to school, have something to eat and something to dress up. Then we discussed this movie with the teacher.



At fourth, fifth and sixth lessons we saw a Finnish film "Evil" about a child of poor family who came to a wealthy school. He suffered a lot of injustice and manipulation. He was forced to do what he was told because his parents paid all the money for son's education. Most students felt shocked after this movie. We talked about the behaviour of the main character, about behaviour of other students and the most important - tolerance.

I am sure, that this day really made everyone think about others, about the differences of every human being. We are all unique as we all have our own thoughts and dreams. We are all different and beautiful. Every person must understand that we must respect each other's decisions and living style.