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OF THE NO. 21 QUEEN JADWIGA
SCHOOL IN LUBLIN





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Our mission is to educate and raise the young to prepare them for facing the challenges of the modern world. We are a safe and child-friendly school. We treat our pupils with understanding and base our mutual relations on respect and kindness. We nurture open-minded and noble people eager to help others. The values promoted by our school are the affirmation of life, creativity, and the search for truth, optimism and self-assertion.

We foster patriotic attitudes and teach democracy rules, tolerance and responsibility. In addition, pupils are equipped with up-to-date knowledge, and learning and research skills, which boost their self-development and talents. Moreover, pupils are introduced to Polish and European cultures and traditions. We teach through art, aiming at the high standards of artistic education. Also, pupils' physical and mental well-being are catered for, as our school promotes a healthy lifestyle. In our actions we team up with parents and the local community.



The Queen Jadwiga School was founded on the **1st of September 1911** on the initiative of the Polish Educational Society, which was later dismantled by the Russian authorities. The school was assisted by the Secret Committee of School Support and managed in the national spirit. The school was assigned the name Queen Jadwiga on **29th November 1915**. The name was accepted by the Education Superintendent's regulation on **23rd January 1926**. In February 1929 it was given a place in one of the buildings on Dlugosza Street and on the **25th of April 1931** the banner of the school was consecrated. In 1956 the school's base was relocated to Zuchów Street, where it is located today. Four years later, **in 1961**, the patron was changed to General Karol Swierszczewski, nicknamed "Walter". **In 1990**, on the initiative of the Labour Committee of NSZZ Solidarnosc, the board of directors, together with teachers, pupils and parents, applied to the Education Superintendent in Lublin to restore the former patron of the school – Queen Jadwiga. The Superintendent at the time, Wacław Czajka, carried out the motion and on the **25th of May 1990** Primary School No.21 regained the name Jadwiga the Queen. Additionally, the Superintendent acknowledged the school's right to own a banner. Since **2006** the school has disposed of a modern new wing for the school building. Concurrently, the old building has been modernised and thoroughly redecorated.

*"One hundred years is not a shame
For our school which lives with the aim
Of raising the young in such a way
That the modern world won't
scare them away."*



It is important for our school to provide pupils with access to IT technologies within different stages of education and during different lessons. The proper use of the computer in the school environment is a valuable and modern teaching aid. PCs are among pupils' favourite teaching aids, which enable them to acquire knowledge and skills. Students' curiosity and the attractiveness of the lessons with computers make computer-assisted lessons more efficient. Computers allow teachers to enhance teaching and learning methods, as well as to activate and motivate pupils to undertake actions. IT technology helps students to practise and revise their acquired knowledge, as well as to develop their interests.

The school joined the computer world in 1990 when the first PC was purchased for administrative and management purposes. Today there are almost 200 computer devices used at our school, including laptops and tablets, all operating on the latest software. On average, there is one computer to 5 students. Apart from that, there are 9 interactive whiteboards, 8 multifunctional devices, 26 printers, and 24 OHPs (9 fixed on an arm, 1 over a mobile whiteboard and 4 portable OHPs), as well as 6 WiFi routers. The school is also equipped with 3 portable multimedia sets (consisting of a screen, an OHD and a laptop). The computers are connected through an elaborate net of optic fibres and wires supplied to every part of the building. Moreover, the school's security is supported by a cutting-edge phone system and a CCTV system consisting of 32 cameras.

In the server room there operate virtual servers with hard drives whose total capacity is 8TB. In addition, our server room is equipped with the latest technological solutions at the international level – optic fibre, Microsoft Hyper-V Server 2008 R2 software. The room is air-conditioned, while access control and monitored entrances prevent unauthorised people from tampering with the devices. From the beginning of the 21st Century, pioneer educational platforms have been implemented - Fronter, Vulcan, nauczyciel.pl, MicrosoftLive@edu and Moodle. The teachers also use the portals scholaris.pl and Interkl@sa.

The IT infrastructure meets the growing needs of the school's community, which consciously broaden its interests, and also offers numerous possibilities for modern technologies in education.

The school owns 5 IT labs. The modern library (equipped with 8 computers) has an internet reading room with 19 multimedia stands. In each classroom the teachers have at least 1 computer stand at their disposal.

Our school's website has been in existence since 1995 (it was the 14th website in Poland). In 1999, the editorial crew of the children's programme 'Telera- nek' claimed ours was the best website at the time.

On our site, full school-management software has been implemented since 1992. There is also an informative system of educational support and management in operation. At any time, the teachers can make use of the educational software available at the school.

In September 2011 the digital register was restored. The school is also provided with tablets and remote controls for carrying out tests.

More than 10km of strands have been used for creating the school's modern communications net.



The Family of St Queen Jadwiga Schools

On the 14th of October 2006 in Kraków the Family of St Queen Jadwiga was founded. There are nearly 200 associated schools, both in Poland and abroad. A website has been designed (<http://rodzinajadwigiawawelskiej.pl>) aiming at enhancing communication between the schools. On this website you can find the terms and conditions of competitions, celebration agendas and suggestions on lessons concerning our patron. As well as that, you can follow the forum's colourful discussions and see the pictures in the updated galleries. Regular meetings of the Family are held in different spots in Poland. The chairman of the Family's Board of Directors, and our webmaster, is our school's principal, Mr Jerzy Piskor, and our school is an active member of the Family of St Queen Jadwiga Schools.

In cooperation with "The Queen Jadwiga Foundation" (<http://www.qjfp.org>), we take part in an annual national competition for gifted students "Perłki Świętej Jadwigi Królowej" [Queen Saint Jadwiga's Pearls]. Our students have twice been among the laureates of this competition. Additionally, five teachers from our school received the honorary distinction "Perłka 2009" [Pearl of 2009]. In 2008, Primary School No. 21 was the organiser of the Laureate Gala in the following competitions: the Helena Rasiowa mathematical competition and the poetry contest under the name of "Święta Jadwiga Królowa – Perła Korony Polskiej" [Queen Saint Jadwiga – Pearl of the Polish Crown]. Many guests from all over Poland came to this festivity. The event was also streamed live.

The "Soctares-Comenius" Programme

The Polish National Agency of the Comenius programme – Collaborative School Projects – in July 2009 accepted the implementation of the Multilateral Cooperative Project, proposed by Primary School No. 21 in Lublin as the school coordinating the project. The name of the project is "Let's play together" ("Bawmy się razem"). Its implementation was planned from 1 September 2009 to 30 June 2011. The project is aimed at students and teachers from four European

schools. It is related to the history, tradition, customs and culture of Poland, Romania, Turkey and Bulgaria. The subject around which all tasks revolve is fun. Students get together and exchange information related to integration games, thematic activities and sports games, which help to develop creative thinking. They learn how new dances, songs, nursery rhymes, and quizzes from various European countries. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, integrate, communicate, develop creativity and entertain. These tasks are implemented during lessons, extracurricular lessons, trips, and cultural events at school and in the local environment. During such trips, constant electronic and postal contact is kept. The results of this collaborative work are presented on the website of the project. There are also plans to compile mini-dictionaries, photo-albums, multimedia presentations, and recordings on CDs. Another result of this collaboration will be a book entitled "Eurozabawy" (Europlays) (in the native and English languages), together with an attached CD and a film.

Collaboration with a school in the USA

In June 2007, our school established cooperation with Heritage Christian Elementary School in the USA. The schools exchanged information in the form of multimedia presentations and voluntary Grade 3 students became penpals with peers from the USA.

Collaboration with a Primary School in Kokomo, Indiana, USA

In the 2005/2006 school year, Grade 2 students, under the supervision of their English teacher, established correspondence with peers from Primary School in Kokomo. The children, in letters, introduced themselves, and wrote about their families and favourite activities. Newly-formed friendships have been developing via e-mails.

Collaboration with a school in Iwano-Frankiwsk

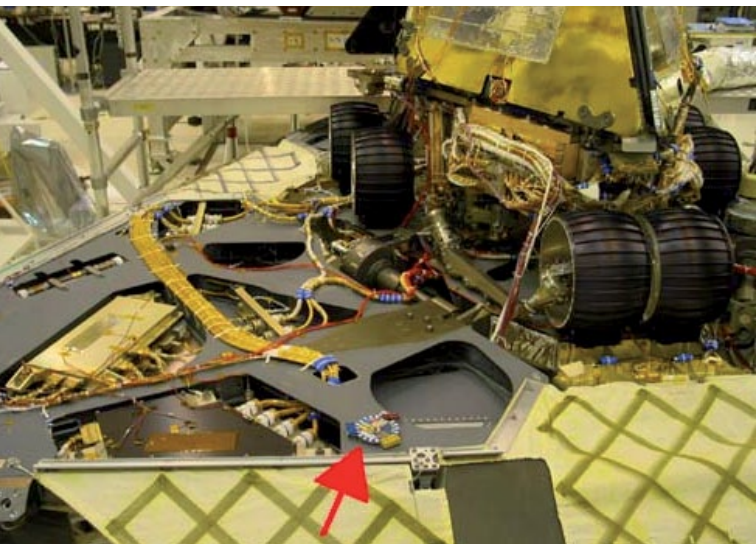
On 27 and 28 October 2001, a delegation from our school was in Iwano-Frankiwsk (previously Stanislawow) in Ukraine, where collaboration with Primary School No.14 was established at the invitation of Mrs. Wanda Sergiejewa – CEO of the Franciszek Karpiński Polish Culture Society. The aim of the celebration was to remind the Polish and Ukrainian public of, and familiarise them with, the work of an eminent son of the Pokuttya. Due to this trip, students from our school, in 2001, collected books for this school.

"A living map of Europe"

Our school took part in an eTwinning project – "A living map of Europe." Students wrote postcards with views of Lublin and the surrounding areas, in English and sent them to other schools which took part in this project. The final result was a huge map of Europe with, attached to it, the postcards they had received.

Students' signatures in Space

On 8 May 2001, in Primary School No. 21, Days of Space were held. The idea behind such an event was born in Lockheed Martin Corporation in the USA and received support from NASA. It is the popularisation of knowledge about spa-



SPIRIT vehicle – arrow indicates DVD attached to the screen

ce exploration and related civilisation perspectives. In the programme under the name of "STUDENTS' SIGNATURES IN SPACE" participated students from all over the world. Our school was among them (details on the website: <http://www.spaceday.org>). Signatures of students were taken to space by the space shuttle during its flight from 6 to 16 December 2001. The poster commemorating this event is displayed in a distinguished place in our school, together with NASA certificate and a photo of the crew of the space shuttle, who gave their autographs in space.

Our people on Mars

The members of the astronomy club took part in the event "SEND YOUR NAME TO MARS!", organised by NASA. Students' surnames were recorded on DVD, which was attached to the Mars Exploration Rover 2003 probe (the "Spirit" vehicle), which on 10 June 2003 was launched into space and, after 7 months of travel, on 4 January 2004, landed on Mars. Certificates received in May 2002, which confirm the students' participation in the event, can be found on the Internet.

'The Jadwiga' review of the artistic creations of the pupils

Every year, to celebrate the Day of the School, "the Jadwiga" review of the artistic creations of the pupils is held. Re-



representatives of all the classes, who sing, play instruments, dance and recite are the contestants. They have the opportunity to present their talents. The whole review is recorded and later a CD is released.

Bike rallies

Every year, on the Children's Day, is organised a bike rally to Nasutów. It is combined with a family picnic, plays and sports games.



The UE Programme 'The First School Experiences as a Path to Knowledge'

In the years 2009-2011 the pupils took part in implementing the UE Programme 'The First School Experience as a Path to Knowledge'. It is based on Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences. The essence of the project is multidirectional and multifaceted support of pupils' development aimed at improving key competences through practical activities of children supervised by the teacher. Practical implementation of H. Gardner's theory provides pupils with educational and social experiences that fit their interests, skills, abilities and needs. It enables them to function in all areas of their activity.

'Spring Day'

Our School, for a couple of years, has taken part in the "Interkl@sa" "Spring Day" project which provides pupils with various activities focused on particular slogans connected with EU like „ Travelling around Europe - does it pay off to

study languages?', creating commercial brochures of selected EU Member States, commemorating the 50th anniversary of signing the Treaty of Rome. The pupils learn the history of European Union and the work of the most important UE institutions. On 16 March 2005 we took part in a video conference with Mr Janusz Onyszkiewicz, the Vice President of the European Parliament. During our virtual meeting he was in Brussels in the European Schoolnet headquarters.

Students' online safety

There has been developed a preventive programme in our school, "Safety on the Internet," which aims at protecting students from the negative social, ethical and legal consequences of IT development. Its goal is to make children, their parents and their teachers, realise the dangers that surfing on the Internet carries and show different methods of dealing with them. Pupils are protected from unwanted contents on the Internet by the following programmes: "Beniamin", "Opiekun Ucznia" ("Student Tutor"), "NetSupport School NSS 10". For a few years running, various actions have been taken to ensure Internet safety. Among other events, Safe Internet Day is being organised, during which there are lessons on Internet safety, and meetings with various people, for example, police officers and Mr Jakub Śpiewak, the founder of the Kidprotect.pl Foundation. There are also multimedia presentations and contests. Pupils have finished e-learning courses available on <http://www.dzieckowsieci.pl/>: "Safe adventures with the Internet", "Safe surfing on the Net" and "3..2..1.. Internet!". We also haven't forgotten about the parents. During meetings with parents we showed a film called "Keeping up with the kids on the Internet", which is available on <http://www.childnet.pl/>.

"Safe Internet" Conference

A "Safe Internet" Conference under the patronage of the Minister of Education and Science, the Minister of Justice and Home Affairs, the Minister of Justice, the Ombudsman for Children, the Office for Competition and Consumer Protection, the Polish Police Headquarters, and the Polish UNESCO Committee and Polish National Committee for UNICEF, took place in Lublin on 24 April 2006. Our school was a co-organiser of this conference. At the same time as the

conference, our school hosted an educational event for 180 pupils from elementary schools in Lublin. They took part in educational games with prizes – on dangers of the Internet usage and methods for countering them.

The great reading

The event called “The Great Reading” took place in 2009. It was part of the annual Global Action Week whose aim is to publicise the campaign of UNESCO, UNICEF and EI (Education International) – Education for All – and to remind people of the Millennium Development Goals that the countries associated in ONZ, including Poland, decided to realise. The activity consisted of celebrities reading fragments of their favourite books, to encourage young people to read. Our school has been visited by guests well known in Lublin and representatives of City Hall, Board of Education, culture and art.



Charity

Many charity activities are organised in the school that teach children to be responsible for others and to be eager to help anyone in need. The action “Mikołajki” [St Nicolas’ Day] (gifts for children living in orphanages), “Your Sweet Surprise to the Hospice” (collecting sweets for the children from the Little Prince Hospice in Lublin), and “Help children survive winter” (collecting gifts for people in need).

“The Memorial Oak”

Planting the Memorial Oak and unveiling the commemorative plaque took place on 12 May, 2010. It was to honour

Mister Adam Jarosławski, the Police officer who was killed by the NKWD [The People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs] in Twera, 1940 by being shot in the back of the head. That event was organised within the scope of the national programme 'Katyń... Save from Oblivion'.

Family Festival

The Family Festival was organised in our school on 12 June, 2010. The organiser of this event was the Board of Parents of Primary School No 21. There were many attractions, i.a. performances by the Saint Nicolas Orchestra, the Police and Fire Services, a first aid course, competitions, contests, tombola, children's from the common-room crafts fair, Fantasy Park, and the Academy of Adventure. The cafeteria "U Jadwigi" sold cakes baked by the parents of our students.

The Voivodeship Inauguration of the school year 2010/2011

The Voivodeship Inauguration of the school year 2010/2011 took place in our school on the 1st of September. Many people took part in the celebration: national and local authority representatives, members of Parliament, representatives of educational and church spheres, the combined services, trade unions and other institutions and organisations and our students - also the six-year-old children who came to school for the first time, teachers and parents.



The school library – Multimedia Information Centre

Librarians use the programme for organising library collections and making them accessible, as well as for looking up information in catalogues and files, and drawing up bibliographic lists. The programme makes the most of the activities performed by the librarian, some of which are routine or require a great deal of work, supported by the computer or are fully taken over by it, for instance collecting data and producing statistics, registration of books borrowed, inventories and others. Since 2006 the library has had a computer lab – MCI, consisting of 19 terminals. The lab is accessible to pupils individually before and after lessons under the care of a librarian and collectively under the teacher's care.

Pupils can individually use the educational resources available on the Internet and take part in all-Polish Internet contests; they can use educational services and portals, free electronic magazines, and pre-installed programs, and also prepare multimedia presentations or create class websites. Pupils use word processors to compile materials for the bulletin board, to write essays and for contest entries. Reader and media education lessons, IT lessons for the 1st - 3rd years, speech therapy, and European Club meetings, all take place in the computer lab. Teachers and pupils have an opportunity to use an interactive board during lessons in the computer lab. The library of Elementary School No. 21 in Lublin is extensively computerised, which is why the library is becoming the school's information centre. Its main task is to satisfy the reader's needs in the area of using various sources of information. Conscious, selective and creative use of such a vast source of information as the Internet contributes to the comprehensive development of a young person. By using information technology in connection with library work, we are embracing the expectations of the contemporary individual and at the same time raising the quality of school work.

Our school organises extramural lessons for its pupils. It's also open to broader initiatives, especially for the local community. The school offers an extramural curriculum. It includes various forms of working with pupils, such as the journalist-information technology club, the declamation club, the literary club, the book club, the maths club, equalising lessons, the arts and crafts club, the music club, the Club of Queen Jadwiga, the nature and pro-health club, the computer club and the Pupils Sports Club.

Pupils' organisations

Our pupils actively participate in the Pupils Board. They organise assemblies, events and discos. Every month, the classes take turns in being the host of the month, which is when they are responsible for the school's activities. Our school runs its own League for Environmental Protection and Student Sports Club '21'. The latter enables the students to develop their physical performance in disciplines such as women's and men's mini-volleyball, mini-football, athletics and dancing lessons. Students eagerly participate in sports competitions and are successful in them.

School common room

As one of few common rooms, ours is equipped with PCs with Internet access, which enables students to participate in IT lessons and activities. The kids make use of educational programmes and the Internet. They often create their art works with the use of simple graphic programs, and they create computer presentations on different subjects and participate in IT competitions. Our school's common room was the venue for methodology meetings for teachers of the common rooms of Lublin and Garbów. The meetings were held twice and the interest was enormous.

'Music studio'

The school's 'music studio' gathers singers and vocal-instrumental groups. They provide the musical framework for all the school's celebrations and events. As well as that, they take part in numerous competitions and concerts outside the school. For example, our musical

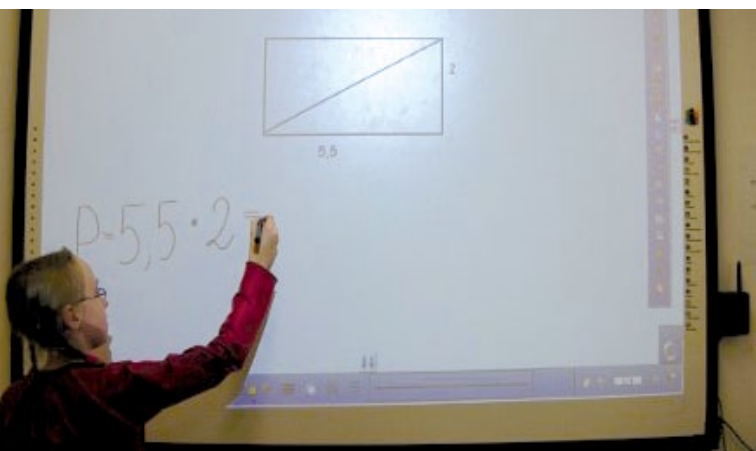
groups participate in the Festival of Songs and Chants about Lublin. They also sing Christmas carols during the concert of school musical groups, which is held in the chapel of the Blessed Bishop Wladyslaw Goral. Within the cooperation with the 'Towards Art' Association, our school's vocal-instrumental group gave a concert in the Lublin Philharmonic during the presentation of the musical groups of non-artistic schools in Lublin. During the 'Clean Up the World' campaign, our school's musical group gave a concert in front of the Lublin City Hall. Within the nationwide programme of supporting school choirs 'Singing Poland', our school has its own choir called 'Perelki' [the Pearls].

Mathematical club

The club is run by our Maths teacher. During lessons, the Internet and such programmes as 'Cabri II', eduROM and 'Mathematica', mathematical packages are implemented. Pupils can also use cutting-edge interactive whiteboards. They solve mathematical problems and puzzles using the full potential of their software. Many winners of the mathematical-IT contests are participants in our mathematical club. The club has its own website published within the school's website: <http://www.sp21.lublin.pl>

Journalist-IT club

The club is run by the teacher of Polish. The result of its performance is the very popular school bulletin 'Kurier 21'



which provides coverage of the school's activities seen from the students' perspective. Working on the bulletin develops students' IT potential and enables them to familiarise themselves with professional computer programs. Bulletin contents are prepared by the students themselves. Thanks to this, the students gain editing and online publishing skills and learn how to run photo-editing programs. On the 1st of June 2010, within the celebrations of Children's Day, our young journalists prepared a whole page of the regional daily 'Kurier Lubelski'. To see the fruits of the labour of the club, go to our website www.sp21.lublin.pl/ where you can browse through the bulletin's editions.

The club of Queen Saint Jadwiga

Members of this club promote the life and achievements of the school's patron Saint, Queen Jadwiga. They participate in the activities of the Family of the Queen Saint Jadwiga Schools, and visit the Family's website and contact other schools through the forum or e-mails. They also take part in contests about our patron.

The webmasters' club

Apart from the IT club, there is also a webmasters' club in operation. Within its activities, kids create the websites of the class they belong to. Moreover, the students prepare materials and, under the teacher's supervision, publish them on the school's website. They learn how to develop websites, and edit photos and documents.



Our 6500 sq. m Primary School is attended by 842 pupils (410 boys and 432 girls), divided into 32 classes. They are supported by 73 teachers who help pupils achieve success in different fields.

The students are keen on participating in intra-and extra-mural, as well as international, contests. Information concerning this matter is published on our school's website, where it has been thoroughly chronicled since 1996.

Every year some of our students become the winners of discipline contests organised by the Schools Superintendent. Within the period 2004-2012, 28 winners of these contests were among our school's alumni.

In the extramural competence test sat at the end of the last year of education in Primary School, our students achieve very good results at a very high and consistent level.



ISO Quality Management System Certificate

On the 10th of June 2009 in our school the recertification audit of the ISO Quality Management System was successfully completed. The audit concerned the requirements of the norm DIN EN ISO 9001:2008 (PN-EN ISO 9001:2009). The certificate that we were awarded is for the period 2009-2012. Our school was awarded the first ISO Certificate in 2006, for the period 2006-2009.

Certified fields: the education and nurturing of children, adjusting the methods and organisation of teaching to children's age and psychophysical abilities. The certificate is to confirm that the school is managed in compliance with the highest-possible standards.



Interkl@sa Quality Sign

This level of distinction has been awarded to our school four times. It covered the periods 2004-2006, 2006-2009 and 2009-2012. As it stands, the school has been awarded the Interkl@sa Quality Sign for the period 2012-2015. This certificate has been awarded annually for the last 11 years to schools that prepare their students in the best way for the easy functioning of the information society, as well as their safe and wise use of modern technology. The Interkl@sa Quality Sign is a nationwide initiative whose aim is to promote schools that follow EU standards in preparing students to cope in the information society. The Interkl@sa Quality Sign confirms that a given school implements the ideas of a knowledge-based society and incorporates computers and the Internet into its curriculum in a creative way.



The title of 'the Best-Computerised School'

Our school was awarded this title in 2009 within a contest for the Best-Computerised School. The results were announced during the 8th Nationwide Congress of IT classroom supervisors held in Mrozy. The aim of the contest was to enable the schools to self-assess and review their computerisation degree, as well as to create the possibility of mutual comparison through the creation of ratings.



Innovative School for the years 2008 and 2009

Our school took part in the 1st and 2nd editions of the 'Innovative School' contest held within the 'Partnership for the Future' programme supervised by Microsoft. The contest was organised by the Social-Educational Weekly

'Głos nauczycielski' [the Voice of the teachers], Microsoft Regional Centres for Innovation (OFEK, EDUCOM, KANA, SCDN, LCDNiKP) and Intel. The technological patron of the contest was the CISCO company. We were awarded the title of the 'Innovative School 2008' and 'Innovative School 2009'.



'The school of the Safe Internet'

Our school is a holder of 'the School of the Safe Internet' Certificate, which is awarded for a period of three years by the Kidprotect.pl Foundation. Apart

from that, on the 25th of January 2011, during the conference reviewing the enterprise 'The school of the Safe Internet – Achievements and Perspectives' held in Warsaw, we earned a distinction in the field of children's internet safety.





