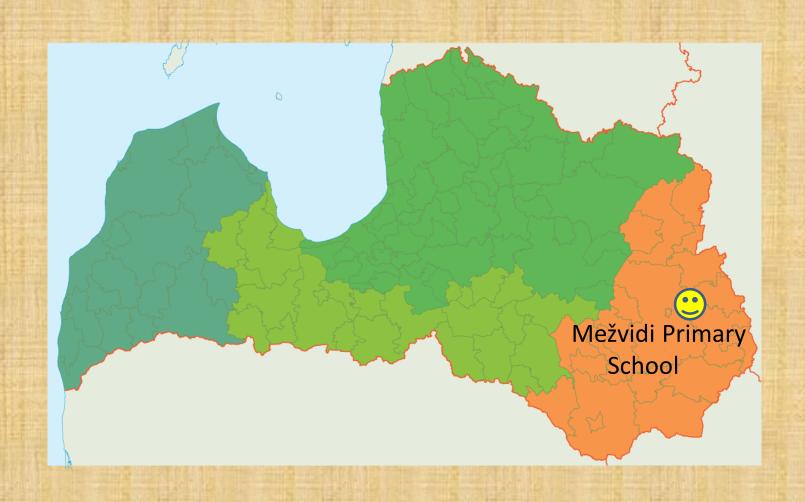


Our school is situated in Latgale



WINTER EVENTS

In Latvia we celebrate:

- Christmas,
- New Year,
- Shrove Tuesday

Advent

- Advent starts four weeks before Christmas, the first candle is lit on the first week
- Religious people have Lent: they do not eat meat, it is a time for silence and meditation.
- During the Lent we decorate our homes and school.



Decoration of the school- all the windows have similar decorations



Pupils' paintings are put on the walls.









Class teacher with her pupils bake gingerbread for school's Christmas celebration





Christmas at school

- It is celebrated on the last school day- the 20th of December
- 9th formers decorate the hall
- 8th formers decorate the Christmas tree

Ceremonial part of the concert





Pupils sing songs.







Two sisters are playing the piano.



Līva is playing the flute.

Pupils like acting in performances.





Christmas father has arrived!





Christmas father for lazy students has arrived as well.



Pupils get presents and have their photos taken.













Presents for staff.



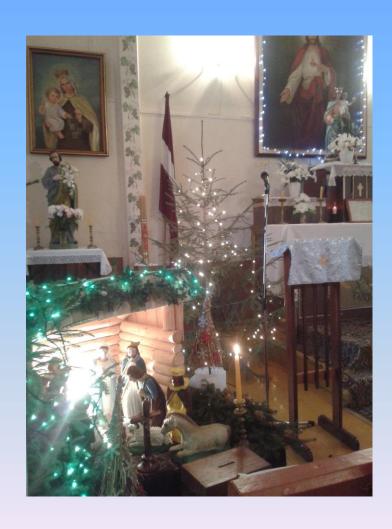
Christmas father is leaving.

The audience.

Teachers take part in the concert as well.



On the 24th of December pupils with their parents go to the church in Mežvidi.





The first Christmas Day – 25th of December and

the second Christmas Day - 26th of December

are celebrated with families at home.

At Christmas and New Year people tell fortunes.



New Year- parties, fireworks, live music concerts in city halls, restaurants, parks.



Christmas is the time when masked visitors or mummers are expected in Latvian homes.



Shrove Tuesday- the 10th of February







Shrove Tuesday- to enjoy winter, snow and have much fun.



Playing snowballs and lying in snow-drifts.



