

## Primary School St. John Paul II in Rydzewo

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School banner  
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Primary School (St. John Paul II) in Rydzewo is a public educational institution. It is located in the Miłki commune, in the Giżycko powiat, Warmian-Masurian Voivodeship. The school is located in the tourist village - Rydzewie, on Lake Niegocin. Currently, 78 students attend primary school, who study in 8 departments, i.e. grades I-VIII. There is also a pre-school department for 19 children aged 3,4,5,6 - years old. Currently 19 employees are employed, including 15 qualified teachers and 4 administration and service employees.

Children attend school from nearby towns: Paprotki, Jagodne Małe, Jagodne Wielkie, Borki, Kleszczewo and Rydzewo, Przykop, Czyprki. The facility, in addition to compulsory lessons, offers a wide range of extracurricular activities: supporting students with difficulties in acquiring knowledge and skills, including speech therapy,

revalidation, corrective and compensatory classes, and activities developing interests and passions: artistic, sports, theater, reading, dance, IT, as well as developing interest in English, mathematics, history, biology, Polish. School students and kindergarten children are very creative. They actively participate in the implementation of school and external projects.

The school trains key competences using information and communication technologies, promoting a healthy lifestyle through ecological, pro-health and pro-social activities. Provides preventive education in the field of security in cyberspace and the real world. It implements many nationwide educational projects that have an impact on effective education and upbringing. The school has the following certificates: "Family Friendly School", "Environment Friendly School", "School Blind Friendly". The school is an ecology leader in the Giżycko powiat. It implements many programs and actions affecting the attractiveness and efficiency of teaching and upbringing, including: "Friends of Zippi" - a program promoting mental health among children, "Stay in Shape" - promotion of a healthy lifestyle. We implement government programs, including: "Active Whiteboard" - the use of internet resources and educational programs during classes, "Program for schools" - promotion of healthy eating habits by eating milk, fruit and vegetables at school.

The school is currently implementing a two-year EU project at school: "Increasing the quality of the educational offer focused on the development of key competences of students from the Great Masurian Lake District: Miłki Commune, Giżycko. Mikołajki", thanks to which students have the opportunity to develop their interests and level educational gaps using ICT.

The school has a library with a reading room, which is actively used by both students and school staff, parents and local residents. The school also implements a multi-annual program for 2016-2020 promoting reading "National Program for the Development of Reading", in order to improve reading among students by strengthening the role of the school library. The school library is a local center of social life. It is a center of access to culture and knowledge. The result of the program is an increase in readership, thanks to the supplemented collection of our library with new publications and reading.

As everyone knows, reading brings many benefits: enriches vocabulary, deepens knowledge, moves the imagination, helps concentration and improves memory and even develops empathy. There are as many reasons to read as good books. However, not everyone perceives the values of reading. It is for this purpose that the librarian and other teachers try to convince students to read through various reading activities.

For many years, the school has been implementing the school reading development program, which is consistent with the "National Reading Development Program". It promotes reading through the participation of students in national campaigns "All Poland reads to children", "Night of Libraries", "What does it mean I don't read, if I read", "Read me Mom", "School break full of reading", etc. The school also invites guests who read with students. Participates in meetings with writers. Organizes and implements many reading competitions. We work with the Powiat Pedagogical Library in Giżycko, the Commune Library in Miłki. The school librarian improves the workshop of working with children through participation in webinars, trainings and courses developing professional competences in order to achieve results: reading activity of students through creative library classes. The school introduces gamification as a form that promotes reading. Promotes board games that affect reading effects. It

implements school campaigns to promote reading: Name days of the library, library festivals, themed escape rooms. It invites guests to the library to present interesting forms of reading media, e.g. kamishibai theater. Organizes trips to the Poviát Library in Giżycko, where children participate in interesting forms of play that promote reading. In everyday work, teachers diagnose reading skills from an early age. Both the technique and the tempo, as well as understanding the read text. As part of various classes, they present knowledge and skills using labookes, metaplanes, multimedia and spatial presentations, thus improving reading skills. Reading habits are also developed by playing the theater.

In the 2019/2020 school year, we started the implementation of the project: 'Jaś and Ola from the Miłki Commune are going to kindergarten', which aims to promote pre-school education in the Miłki Commune by using free spaces in existing Preschool Education Centers that have not been used so far and to equalize opportunities and raise key competences in the field of communication in foreign languages, social competences, initiative, entrepreneurship, by extending the offer of branches with additional compensatory classes in leveling identified deficits and developing key competences.

By participating in the project, our school will establish cooperation with other institutions, organizations, exchange experiences, improve the competences of people working with children and enrich the process of upbringing, education and care with new creative solutions.

School pupils / children from kindergarten:

- ✓ will get the opportunity to have fun and participate in creative activities,
- ✓ will gain new knowledge, skills and experience in the prevention of addiction in cyberspace and the real world,
- ✓ will improve language skills, develop memory, imagination, concentration of attention, abstract and logical thinking,
- ✓ willingly and voluntarily they will reach for the literature.

Teachers:

- ✓ will enrich their workshop by participating in various forms of education
- ✓ will exchange experiences
- ✓ will promote school

School:

- ✓ will enrich and refine its educational offer in the field of reading competences,
- ✓ will acquire new partners,
- ✓ will increase the level of development of key competences: linguistic and social.

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