

“Shared Voices”: the kids are protagonists of the new online media *Journal-Us*



Civic engagement, journalism and digital skills.

These are the three key words of the “Shared Voices” Erasmus+ project, conceived in cooperation with the English *Sherborne Primary School* and the Polish (*Szkola Podstawowa nr 42*), Spanish (*Bec De L'àguila*) and Portuguese (*Escola Básica Gonçalo Mendes da Maia*) institutes.

Started at the beginning of 2020/2021 school year, the project is giving an international voice to local communities by involving **children of primary and middle schools** in writing an online journal. The goal is to create 10 editions of a multimedia newspaper whose title - and we are proud of it – was thought by the students of Thomas: *Journal-Us* (first edition: <http://journal-us.com/>)

Therefore, using the **English language** as a communication vehicle and the digital platform "**LucidPress**" (<https://www.lucidpress.com/pages/usecase/education>) as a publication tool, in the next two years we will make our students protagonists (authors / editors / writers) of a movement towards strengthening three core skills:

- **Language:** the English language is the only means of communication between pupils;
- **Creativity:** there are various thematic sections (common interests; local stories to share; lockdown experiences; new technologies; environment; sport etc.) for each edition;
- **Digital tools:** the use of the LucidPress and eTwinning platforms, although supervised by teachers, aim to make pupils more independent in creating digital content.

Once again, the **eTwinning portal** represents the heart of project communication; in fact, while waiting (and hoping) that the mobility originally planned are once again allowed, children will be able to use audio-video conferences and written exchanges to catch up with their English, Polish, Spanish and Portuguese peers.

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**Shared Voices -
Connecting communities in the digital age**

Target

Middle school

Lenght

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