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KANDAVA KĀRLIS MILENBAHS SECONDARY SCHOOL, LATVIA

Each year our school offers several activities for our school students to expand their knowledges about entrepreneurship and give the insight about different professions.



Teachers` Day

Each school year our 12th students is given the opportunity to be a teacher for a day.
It is a great way to understand does the profession of the teacher suits you or not.



Career Week



For the younger students we are organizing the Career Week. During it students meet people From different professions and learn about them.



This year there were people from the National Armed Forces a policewoman and a firefighter.

Visits to entrepreneurships



Many classes are visiting entrepreneurships to find out about professions that they are interested. It is another opportunity not only to hear about the profession that you have chosen, but also to try it. In that way students better understand what people should do in each of the profession and what kind of knowledge and skills do they need for it.

Classes 5 and 6 visited Kurzemes Democentrs in Ventpils. During the visit there were organised educational classes for students in different areas.

But in Kandava Craft Center were organized workshops to introduce students with craftworks. Everyone who participated in the workshops was able to try his/her skills in big variety of craft making like ceramics, weaving, sewing, knitting as painting and woodworking.



Interviews with entrepreneurs from Kandava

As an activity of the project Erasmus+K2 "English Teaching With Innovative Web Tools 2.0 (ETWINET)" was visiting and interviewing entrepreneurs in Kandava.

Below there are interviews with two of them.

Madara Siliņa (27), beautician

- *When did you start your company? And how long is it?*
- It is a small company which has just opened. I started it only 4 months ago.
- *Who helped you with starting it?*
- The idea was mine. But without my family`s support I was not able to start it.
- *How big is your company? How many people are in it now?*
- As I told the company has just started its works, and it means that at the moment it is very small. The only worker in the beauty salon is me. But of course I need the help with accounting.



- *Are you planning your company's growth?*
- At the moment I am not planning it. For me much more important is to wider the sortiment services which I offer to my costumers.

- *What education have you got?*
- I have finished different courses as beautician and I have got the highest level in it. But at the moment I am studying medicine too.



- *Why did you choose to work in the industry of a beauty?*

- I decided to be a beautician when I was 18 and then I started to learn about it. I worked in a very big company in London for about 6 years. And then I understood that I would like to get my own company. That is how do I started it.

- *What are good and bad things about having your own company?*

- The positive aspect is that you could organise your time how would you like. Of course, you must think about your customers and do the best for them, but if you need to take a break you can organise it by yourself.

The worst is that you are responsible for everything. I have not got any help in my everyday work. And if there is any fault, I will be liable for it.

- *Did you face to any difficulties in your business?*



- At the moment there are not any difficulties.

- *When do you start your working day and how long is it? Do you work at the weekends too?*

- It depends how many customers I have got. Sometimes I start at 7.30 a.m. and finish at 8.30 p.m. But there are days when I start only in the midday and finish before 5.00 p.m. And I work on Saturdays too. Many of my customers are busy during the week and it is easier for them to get on Saturdays. But Sundays are always free.

- *What do you do in your free time?*

- I really like theatre and ballet and I go to watch a play or performance every month. Quite often I go to the cinema. And I like to go back to London and visit the places where I was when I lived there.

- *What do you recommend to people who would like to start their own business?*

- At first you must be sure that the business which you are planning to start is necessary to people. Then you have to make your long-lasting business plan. And only if you are sure about it on 100% that it will work, start it! If you have any doubts, do not do it!

- *Thank you for your answers!*



**Ivars Marašinskis (54),
the owner of LRC "Kandavas ceļi"**

- *When did you start your company? And how long is it?*
- The company was established 20 years ago when I was 35.
- *Who helped you with starting it?*
- Of course, I got a big support from my

family. They helped me a lot.

- *What are the main directions you are working to?*
- The main direction of the company is to keep the streets and roads in good condition.
- *How big is your company? How many people are in it now?*
- At the moment there are about 60 employees in my company. They are different specialities.
- *Are you planning your company's growth?*

- I would like to say - "Yes!" because I am an optimist.

- *Why did you choose to work in the are of road building?*

- It is the thing which I know the best. I learnt about road building and reconstruction.

- *What are pluses and minuses about having your own company?*

- As in each work, there are some pluses and minuses.

The negative aspect is that you have to think about it all the time. I would like to say that you are thinking about your business 24 hours a day.

But there are also some positive aspects. For example, you are able to organise your time and take a break when you need it. And of course, you will be satisfied after well done work.

- *What sort of problems do you have to deal in your business?*

- There were different problems during these 20 years, but I do not want to talk about them.

- *When do you start your working day and how long is it? Do you work at the weekends too?*

- Mostly I start my day at 7 p.m. and 80% I work on Saturdays too. But Sundays are for me and my family.

- *Do you have any hobbies?*

- Yes, everything what is related with water.

- *What do you recommend to people who would like to start their own business?*

- I will recommend everybody who would like to start his/her own business be very patient and willpower!

- *Thank you for your answers!*



