

# THE EUROPEAN FOOD PASSPORT PROJECT

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### COUNTRY: POLAND

Name of School: Szkoła Podstawowa z Oddziałami Integracyjnymi nr 1 im. Janusza Korczaka

Head teacher: Zdzisław Plisz

Co-ordinator: Marta Czech

Number of students: 350

Age of students: 6-12

#### Brief Description of School

We are the first integrated school in Rybnik. Integrations exists for 11 years. In each year we have got 1 integrated class with students with special education needs. The integrated classes characterises the smaller number of students (max.18-20) and two teachers. The main teacher and the supportive one who is responsible for the group "I". We have got a psychologist, a speech therapist and special education teachers working at our school.

Another important aim of our school is to promote a healthy life style of both our students and teachers. As a first school in Rybnik we obtained a Certificated from an organization that promotes health in Silesian province.

Since October, 2004, we are so called Szkoła z Klasą. It is a national competition, based on six rules of a clever and friendly school for teachers, pupils and parents. Every rule has a special task. We passed all of them so we achieved the title of "Szkoła z klasą"

We also organize many competitions, sport events- you can't be bored in our school.

Very important and the biggest event in our school is "Olimpiada z sercem". We organize for over 10 years. In that event take part all the mentally and physically disabled children from integrative and special schools in Rybnik. They participate sport competitions; they have a great fun there.

#### Brief Description of town/region

**Rybnik** is a city in southern Poland, in the Silesian Voivodeship. Rybnik is located close to the border with the Czech Republic and just outside the southern border of the largest urban area in Poland, the Upper Silesian Metropolitan Union. Rybnik is about 290 km south of Warsaw and about 100 km west of Kraków.

The city of Rybnik has a population of about 141,000, and its metropolitan area is 0.7 million. The Rybnik area is an important economic region of Poland, and visible center of culture, with a famous School of Music and Philharmonic Orchestra.

The city itself has 141,374 inhabitants (including 0.03% foreigners), density: 961 per km<sup>2</sup>. (as of 31 Dec 2003). Rybnik ranks as Poland's 25th largest city. Rybnik's unemployment is significantly lower (4.6%) than the national average of 8.8% (as of October 2008). Ethnically, 88% of Rybnik's population declare themselves as Poles, 9% as Silesians and 3% as "others".

The city of Rybnik is the centre of a metropolitan area, the Rybnik Coal Region (*Rybnicki Okręg Węglowy*) with a population of 0.7 million. The distance to Katowice is about 50 km, and to Ostrava is about 30 km.

