

## Letter from Zolotarevo 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011

From: The Headmaster of Zolotarevo Secondary School - Anton Illych Dovkanych

To: the Head of the Newport – Zolotarevo Twinning Committee, Marion Heredia.

'The authorities of **Zolotarevo Secondary School** want to thank you personally and all the members of your public organisation for the great help that you give to our school and our pupils. We keep in our memories all the meetings we had with all of you, beginning from the first visits with David Anderson, Jim McKellican and the journalist of you local mass media and our friendly visits to Scotland and yours to Zolotarevo and your last visit with Tim Brett. All those meetings were filled with great warmth and hospitality.

It is very important for us that every year the pupils of our school visit your beautiful town. And thanks to you all in Newport and the families who invite the children, we can make our English better. This also widens the outlook of our schoolchildren, helps(them) to learn your culture, habits, customs, technical achievements, political governing and democratic way of life of your society. All the young people who visited Scotland, received or are receiving a Higher Education in our universities, many of them work as doctors, teachers, economists and bank workers and in other spheres. In the future they will be the leaders of different enterprises and will embody everything the best they had seen in Scotland. It will help our country to move quickly forward economically, get some democratic changes in our life. We believe, that the pupils who visited Scotland, in the future will make a definite contribution the the development of Ukraine and our country will become similar to the most developed European countries, and the countries of the world. We shall be very happy if our good, friendly cooperation will continue and become deeper.

Thanks God, we have enough clean nature and ecologically clean food. That's why it would be good to develop 'green tourism'. If you'll have the wish to rest with your families in our Carpathians, you are welcome. You will feel comfortable with our families.

And now a few words about our school. Now 503 pupils study at our school. We have three 10<sup>th</sup> and three 11<sup>th</sup> forms with a professional differentiation. This year 52 school-leavers finish school. Our pupils have good achievements in their studies, that is:

6 pupils pretend to get Gold Medals.

1 pupil – Silver Medal

(for their 11<sup>th</sup> year studies)

35 pupils registered to take part in the testings because they want to enter some higher educational establishment.

Every year 16 – 20 pupils of our school become winners of our district competition in different subjects, for the last three years our school has winners in regional competitions in Maths, Ukrainian and Information technologies. We have good teachers and that's why good pupils, and we teach them on the examples of our famous compatriots Aleksandr Slyvka, a writer, Ivan Babych, academician of Mathematics, Vasyl Dovkovych, a member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. These people are the proud (pride) of our village.

There is much interesting in our school and village, but that's a pity that we can contact only in this way because we don't have the internet here. We hope that at the beginning of the next academic year we shall have the internet possibilities and our cooperation will become easier and better.

We wish you all the people of Newport personal happiness, good health and spiritual balance.

Yours kindly,

The Headmaster of Zolotarevo Secondary School

Anton Illych Dovkanych'