

# Klub Dialogu Newsletter

- *Polish? We make it possible!* -

## ❖ Soon it will be Christmas! ❖

Did you know that waiting for Christmas begins on 6th December, when we celebrate '**Mikołajki**' in Poland - on this day, children expect Santa to give small presents in their slippers when they wake up in the morning.

At that time, children in schools and kindergartens take part in 'Nativity', i.e. performances related to the birth of Jesus, and cities are brightened by thousands of beautiful Christmas lights.

Three weeks later Christmas arrives. This is a special time for all Poles. The biggest family event is the evening of 24th December, when we celebrate Christmas Eve.

Then, the whole family sits down to Christmas Eve Dinner, which begins not earlier than when the first star is seen shining in the sky. An extra plate and place is always prepared for an unexpected guest, and before eating we share the wafer, wishing each other all the best. After supper, Santa Claus (in Warsaw), Angel (in Krakow) or Gwiazdor (in Poznań) comes to all polite people :-). At midnight the Midnight Mass begins, a very solemn Mass in the church, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

❖ **Wesołych Świąt! Merry Christmas!** ❖



### Our School

As well as to general Polish, we provide specialised classes such as: phonetic, grammar, writing and A2, B1 and B2 certificate preparatory.



### Polish-ness

We love our culture and tradition, and we love sharing our passion with you.



### Review:

"It's a really nice environment to learn Polish, they are patient and the lessons are personalised, they make you feel that it is possible to learn Polish, I really recommend it."

- Carolina.



- Interview with our office assistants, Ania and Lauren! -

**Lauren, what is your history with KLUB DIALOGU?**

As most of you know, I'm from England. I started here as a student just over 2 years ago. I spoke almost no Polish and was very shy. In fact, it was around Christmas time and we had a festive event in the school, and this was when I started to come out of my shell and speak Polish with teachers and with other students. Since then, my confidence grew and due to my English and Polish skills, I ended up getting a job here! Now I am a coordinator of the office, which involves translations and organising your Polish classes :-). It's always a pleasure for me to talk to clients and build relationships over time. I've learnt a lot, and KLUB DIALOGU is a very special place for me!

**Ania, what have you learned so far by working at KLUB DIALOGU, a place filled with interesting people from all over the world?**

I come from Ukraine and I have lived and studied in Poland for 3 years. I have been working in KLUB DIALOGU for half a year, and during my work here I have learnt patience and realised that each client requires their own personal approach. Since we have clients from all over the world, culture and temperament are different for everyone, and during working here, I began to understand with whom you can joke, and with whom you can only talk about serious topics. Plus, I have developed a wonderful skill to understand clients in English with a variety of accents and I really really like it.

**What is your favourite thing about Christmas time in Poland?**

That's an interesting question, because I like Christmas in general. But about Christmas time in Poland, I like all the lights on the street and that amazing and magical atmosphere in the Old Town; you just walk there and think that you're in a fairy tale. I can't describe it in words, you should see for yourself and feel the magic in the air.

## ANDRZEJKI – HALLOWEEN POLISH STYLE!

Have you ever wanted to have your fortune told ? ;-)  
Well at the end of November that's what happened in KLUB DIALOGU. So what happened? We poured wax, fortune telling from Tarot cards and from items and roaming shoes. Our school was filled with fairies, elves and witches!

We're so glad you all had a wonderful time, because so did we!!

