

Dear mentors, students, and pupils,
We invite you to participate in the 7th
International Literary Contest organized by Fran Albreht Primary School in Kamnik.
The theme of this year's contest is TRACES OF TIME.

We remember the moments we have experienced and keep in our minds the images of places we have visited. Traces of time reveal themselves in our surroundings: in the cracks on buildings, the patina on statues, the rust on iron, the greyness in hair, the grandeur of trees, or the faded colors of clothing. Remnants of ancient eras lie hidden beneath layers of earth, where archaeologists uncover species long erased by time from the face of the Earth. Traces of time help transform pain into memory and soften loss into gentle melancholy. Traces of time are within us and around us. Let us reflect on how we might capture them in a poem.

The contest is intended for students aged 5 to 16 years. Entries will be divided into three age groups: group 1: students aged 5 to 8; group 2: students aged 9 to 12; group 3: students aged 13 to 16.

The jury will evaluate the poems based on the following criteria:

- originality and wit of the poetic work,
- relevance to the contest theme and linguistic skill,
- expression of personal feelings, perspectives, and experiences,
- appropriateness for the age group (vocabulary, use of stylistic devices, metrical structure, etc.).

Please complete the <u>application</u> form and submit your poems no later than **January 31**, **2026**, to the following address: **literarni-sledicasa@os-fa.si**.

The results will be announced on February 31, 2026.

An exhibition of the awarded works will take place in March 2026 at Fran Albreht Primary School Kamnik.

Students and mentors will receive certificates of recognition.

Additional information:literarni-sledicasa@os-fa.si

Yours sincerely,

Anamarija Erčulj, literary contest's organizer and coordinator