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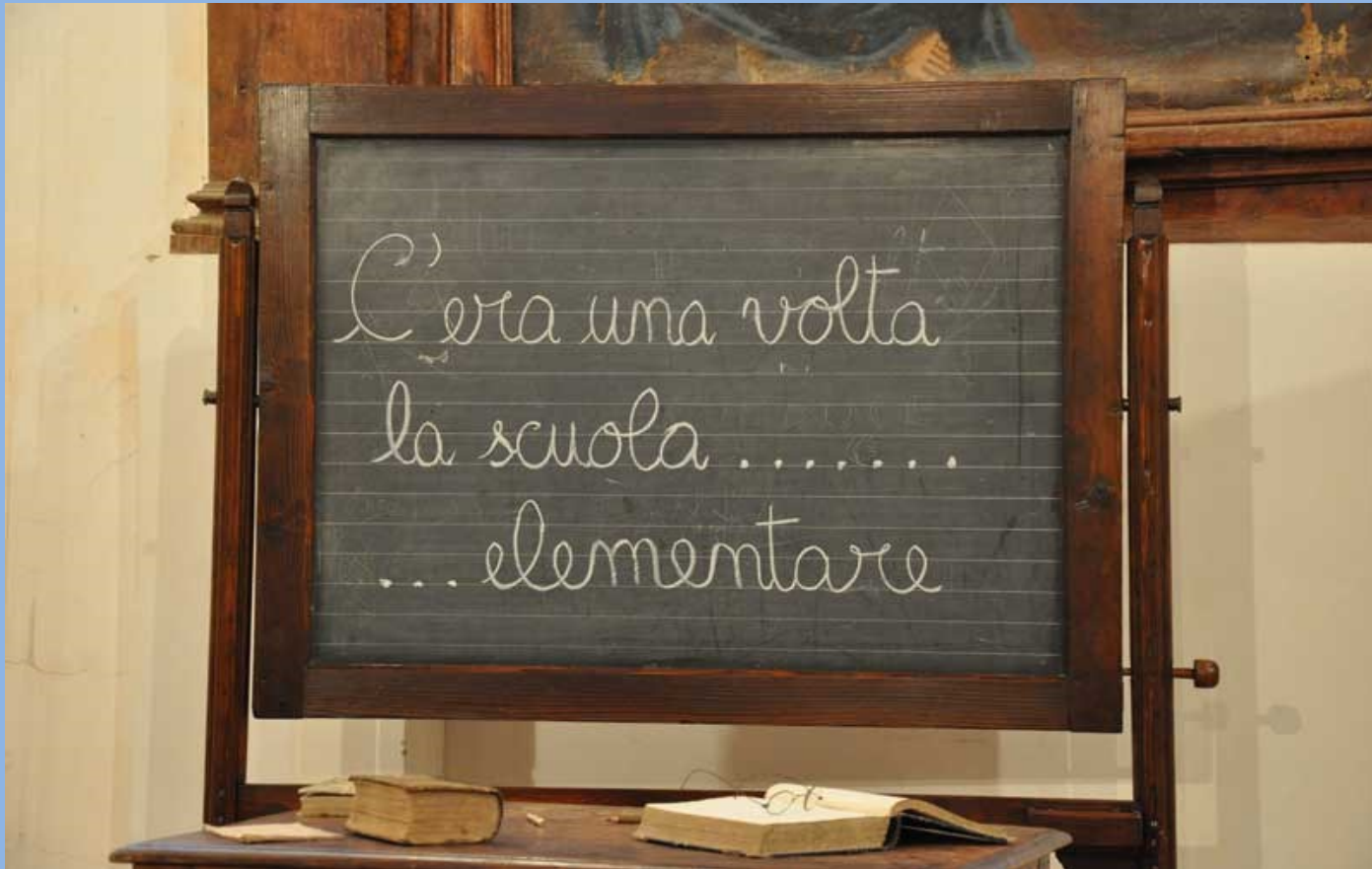
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Lifelong Learning Programme

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR OLD DAYS, GRANDPARENTS!





Once upon a time there was a primary school...

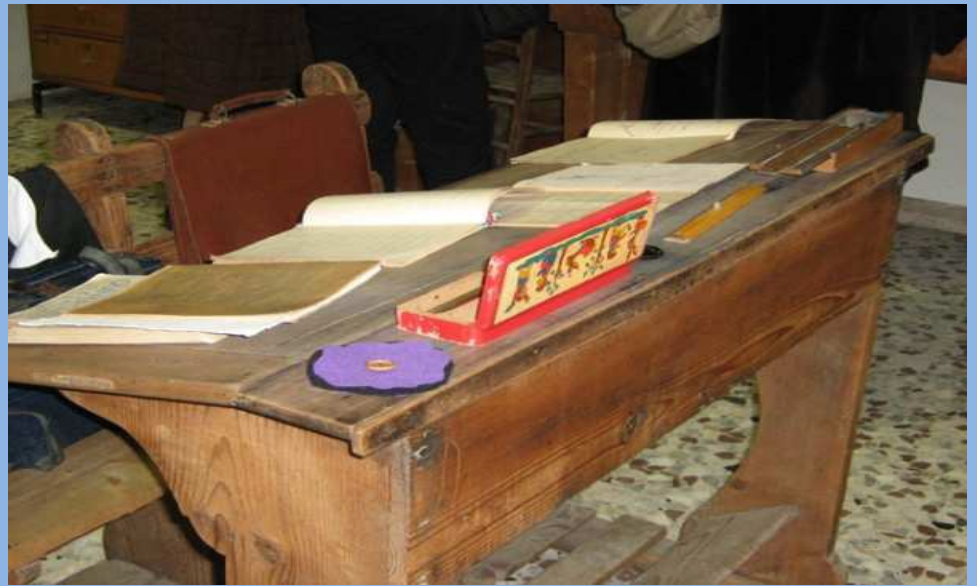
“San Giovanni Bosco”

An interview to our grandparents:

1. When you were a little child, what time did lesson start?
2. How long was your school time in a day?
3. How did you go to school?
4. What did you do in the afternoon?
5. What did you do in your time?
6. How long was the break at school?
7. What did you do during the break?
8. Which kind of snack did you bring to school?
9. What games did you play during the break?



Our school



Desks in the past were made of wood, with a footrest. There was the back of the seat, so to be sure that pupils could keep their back erect. There also was an ink container on the desk.

GRANDMA TELLS:

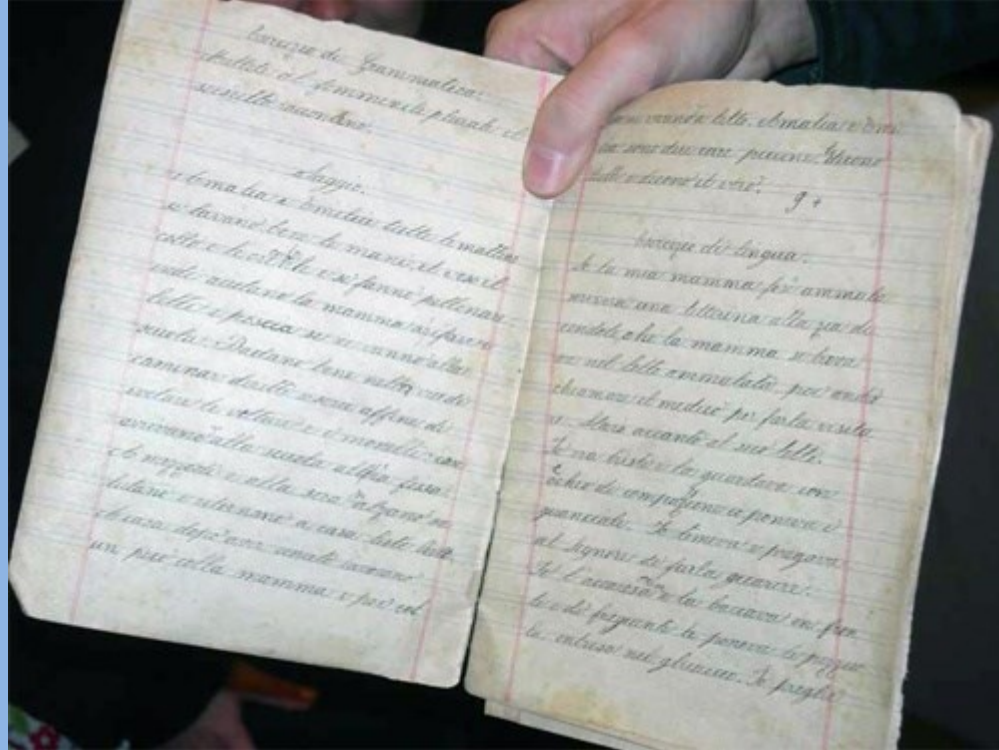


We learnt how to read, to write, to count and to draw...we wrote on little exercise-books with a black cover.

We used the same exercise-book for both Italian and Maths.



There were neither biros nor felt-pens or wax-pastels. We had pens with a nib and ink; we used pencils to draw.



Copybooks were very small and thin, with few pages.

There were not photocopying machines.

Pupils were tidy. When they made a mistake, they drew a line. Their writing was often slightly inclined and they always had to be careful to avoid staining with ink.

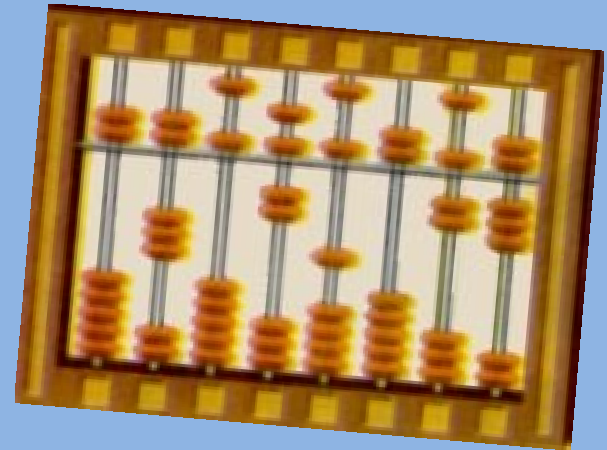
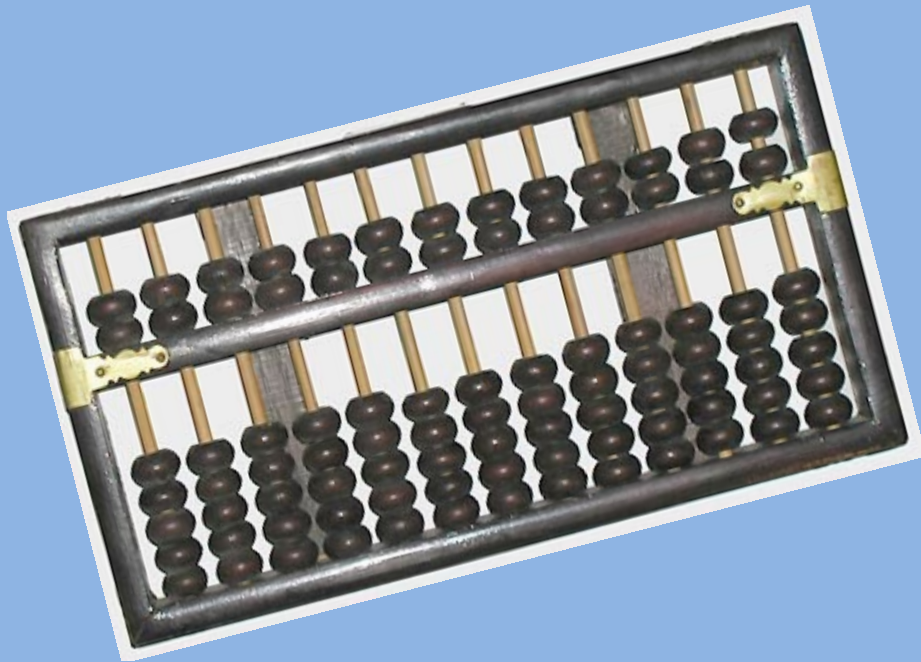


Grandparents tell that they placed school supplies in a schoolbag, or used a band to hold books tight.

To count?

We didn't use calculators.

We had an abacus with little coloured balls, strung
on an iron stick



GRANDPA TELLS:

BREAK?

There was no break during our schoolday.

At 10:30 we went together to the bathroom and that was all.

At school our break was very short, lasting ten to fifteen minutes at most.

During the break, we played “hide and seek” or we chased each other.

Someone played with picture-cards.

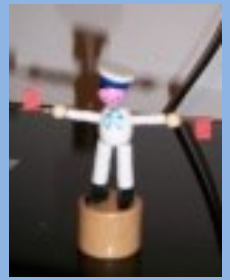
OUR SNACKS

In my time, nobody brought to school chips and snacks...they did not exist!

We used to eat bread with tomato or bread with jam, ham sandwiches or a fruit.



Grandpa's toys



Our toys were made of cloth and wood.

There were neither talking toys nor Nintendo or computer .

We enjoyed with self-made simple toys.



In the evening, when they finished their homework, boys used to play “hide and seek” or “the war” in the street.

On Sunday, with a ball of cloth, we played soccer.





Grandma's toys



Girls, with some friends, used to play with roller-skates or with the rope in the street.

Our dolls were made of cloth and rag-bales were filled with paper and padding.

In our time we could play in the street because there was no danger.

