

Klub Dialogu Newsletter

- Polish? We make it possible! -



Christmas is coming!

December in Poland is a time full of events and cheer from the very beginning. Let's first mention 'Mikołajki' (St. Nicholas Day), which is celebrated on 6th - any opportunity is a good one when it comes to gift-giving and people can expect small presents inside their shoes in the morning.

Three weeks later, we celebrate Christmas^(*) and in Poland, on 24th December. This evening is called 'Wigilia' and consists of an impressive family supper (composed of 12 dishes^(*)) which commences right after the appearance of the first star^(*) in the sky.

Before the food, we share a Christmas wafer^(*) with our family/friends whilst wishing all the best. We prepare a seat at the table for an unexpected guest^(*). After dinner St. Nicolas^(*) comes giving presents and many families go to the midnight mass^(*) (called 'pasterka') paying tribute to the expectation of Jesus's birth.

The next 2 days of Christmas are likewise full of cheer (and family and food!) as here in Poland, celebrations span over the course of 3 days.

We can't wait to share it with you, too, in our upcoming events at the school and on Fb, where we are going to tell you about our specific custom. We start on 10th December, so like our Facebook page - FB/klubdialogu today!

Wesołych Świąt! Merry Christmas!

(*) – more stories on Facebook.

Event info

8.12 (Saturday) – Free conversation about Christmas
14.12 (Friday) – 6PM Christmas party

Words of the month

Choinka - Christmas tree
Wigilia - Christmas Eve

Did you know...?

At Christmas, we Poles love to sing carols. Join our event to see for yourself and join in, too! :D



Our School

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



Polish-ness

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



Review

"I absolutely love this school! [...] I currently commute 2 hours just to have classes here, and I don't regret it! [...] The teachers are experienced, kind and extremely helpful."

- Jennifer



- An interview with our manager - Dorota! -

What is your favourite thing about working at KD? Everything is unique in Klub Dialogu. Really! After 10 years of working in a corporation, I very much appreciate the unique atmosphere that prevails at school for the past 2 years. A sincere friendship between employees exudes our students, who bring to school the elements of their own culture and personality. I really like to look at the school map, which clearly shows that the whole world is learning Polish at Klub Dialogu :-).

What was one of the most memorable events held at the school for you? This is an interesting question. Only a few people came to the first events organised by us, which worried us a lot. For example, 2 years ago, 4 people came to the 'Christmas Party'. A year later, there were over 30 students having great fun around the dinner table prepared by the KD team! I sincerely hope that this year - on 14th December, we will break this record! The meetings organised by our students were also very interesting. During the 'Ukrainian Evening' we were served 'pielmieni' (Ukrainian pierogi), Jonny told us about his beautiful country - Northern Ireland, and Mohamed took us to the world of Arab culture. We are open to sharing culture, and our school is the perfect place to do it!

- LANGUAGE CORNER -

Uwielbiam Cię
I adore you

**Miłego dnia/
weekendu/wieczoru**
Have a nice day/weekend/evening

Wzajemnie!

Nawzajem!

Powodzenia!
Good luck!

Wesołych Świąt
Happy holidays

Baw się dobrze!
Have fun!

Smacznego
Bon appetit

Boże Narodzenie

Święty Mikołaj

Rodzina

Świecek

Komin

Szopka

THE SUN IS STILL SHINING! – WHAT TO DO IN WARSAW IN WINTER

Despite the cold weather, the sun is often shining during the festive period. This allows for taking part in myriad of fun activities in Warsaw. More information about those below:

- ▶ *Zimowy Narodowy - bumpers, curling, ice-skating...* All this and more at the National Stadium (Stadion Narodowy). More information is on their website.
- ▶ *Christmas lights at Łazienki park - 16.12 - 12.03;* plenty of time to see the magic for yourself!
- ▶ *Christmas fairs/markets - 23.11 - 06.01.* Seek out the main ones around the Old Town, with a big ice rink, too! Find beautiful trinkets that make the perfect gift, and taste traditional food and drink.