

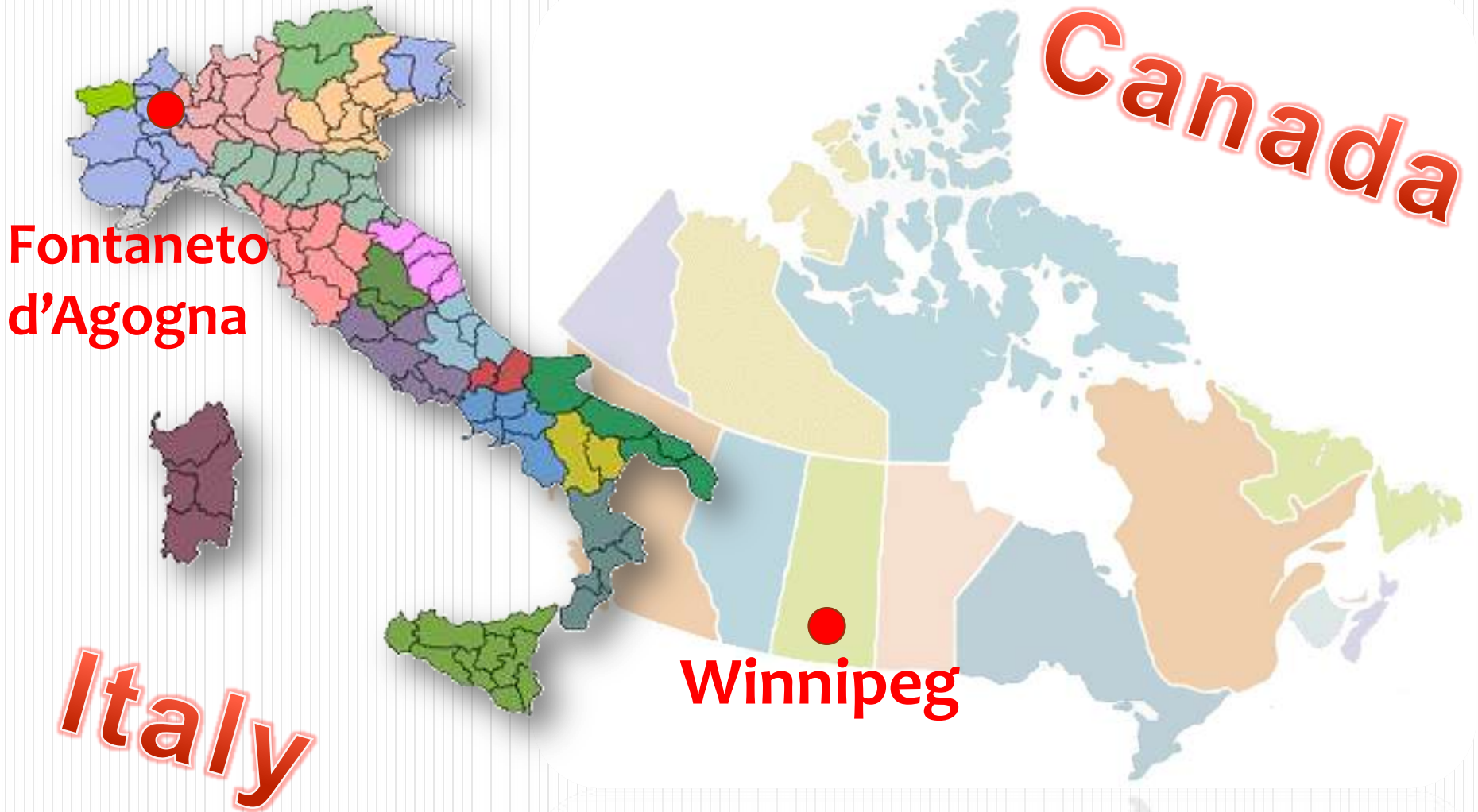
People Exchanging Perspectives
pen pal Program

Penpal Program Canada – Italy



St. John's-Ravenscourt School,
Winnipeg, Canada
Scuola Secondaria Secondo grado
Fontaneto d'Agogna, Italy

Two countries... sharing one language



Two strongly different realities ...



Winnipeg

Province: Manitoba

Area: 114,67 km²

Population: 633.451

Fontaneto d'Agogna

Province: Novara, Piemonte

Area: 21 km²

Population: 2.764





Two different kinds of school ...

St. John's-Ravenscourt School, 
Winnipeg



 **Fontaneto Secondary School,**
Fontaneto d'Agogna

Penpal matches

St. John's-Ravenscourt School 	Fontaneto Secondary School 
ADRIENNE TESSIER	ALICE CAVALLINI
DIANA SANKAR	GAIA PASTORE
ELLEN O'DONOGHUE	MARTA VILLA
SHAVIRA NARRANDES	LAURA CERRI
CAYLY ASKIN	LUCREZIA SIVIERO
MARIA GHEORGIE	ERIKA PRANDINA
SHAYLYN MAHARAJ	ARIANNA RONCO
ALEX MARK	STEFANIA ERBETTA
BEATRICE KWOK	ELENA MAZZOLA
KATIANA MASTIN	SARA ZANETTA
JEAN-MARC HACHÉ	ANTHONY DIMAURO MARCO TACCA
AUSTIN AMY	STEFANO COLOMBI AICHA SECK ANDREA IBBA

St. John's-Ravenscourt School



Fontaneto Secondary School



ANNIE GONG

ELISA CHERCHI

BECKY ADAMS

MARTINA PLATINI

MICHELLE HACHÉ

SIRIA MOROSO

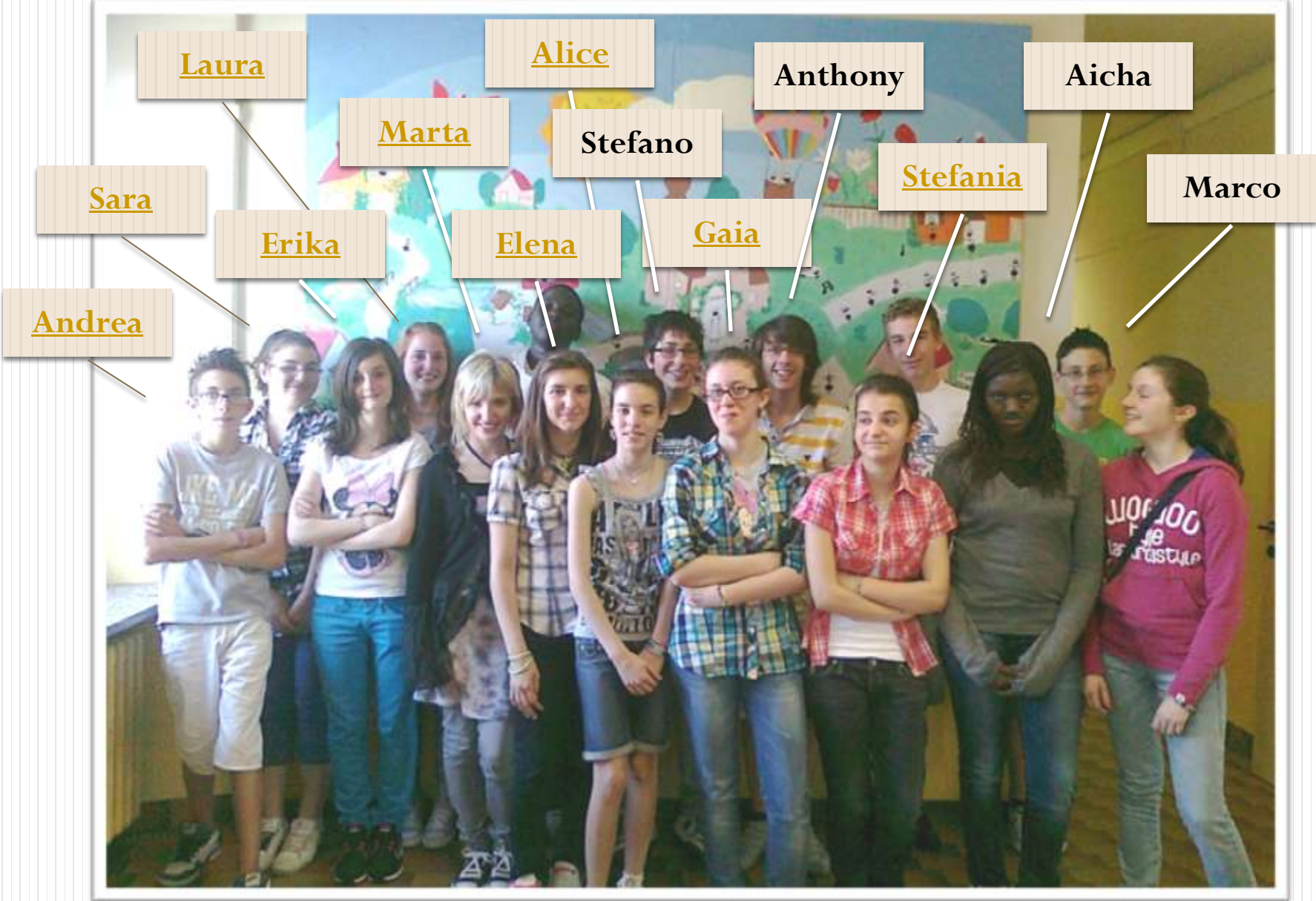
ALLEN LIU

MATTEO RIPAMONTI

AMY SAHAI

MATILDE GALLINA

Here we are... class 3A



... class 3B



ALICE - ADRIENNE

What I learned from Adrienne:

- Canada is very cold
- Canadians are not much different from us
- The weather in Canada is very different from the weather in Italy
- They study different subjects at school

What I liked about emailing Adrienne:

- We are having fun together!
- She writes me a lot of things
- She talked me about celebrations in Canada
- Sometimes her replies are unfortunately a bit slow ...



GAIA - DIANA

What I learned from Diana:

- Her name is Diana
- She is sixteen years old
- She lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Her favourite subjects are History and Biology
- She likes to do yoga
- She loves music and shopping
- She plays bass clarinet and she sings
- She would become an archaeologist, but it's difficult
- She has one little sister, Evelyn. She is a little bit crazy!
- This summer she will be in Rome, Italy

• What I liked about emailing Diana

- I like having a new friend
- I like writing to her
- We both love shopping
- She likes Italy very much!



MARTA - ELLEN

What I learned from Ellen:

- She lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- She is 17 years old
- The weather in Canada is pretty extreme
- In Canada there are mosquitos
- She loves reading, writing, listening to music
- She plays the guitar, the piano and the tuba
- Her favourite bands are Lifehouse and Great Big Sea
- She has got a dog named Jack
- She is in grade 12 at St. John's-Ravenscourt School
- She takes the courses of Maths, English, Gym, Physics, World Issues and Psychology



LAURA - SHAVIRA

What I learned from Shavira:

- She lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- In Winnipeg can be very hot in summer and very cold in winter. The temperatures go from about +40 to -40 degrees Celsius
- She makes part of Indian, South African (because her parents were born in South Africa) and Canadian
- She loves cooking, baking, dancing and doing exercises
- She cooks a lot of delicious Indian dishes
- She has a lot of allergies
- In her free time she loves making up dances, watching TV shows and reading any kind of books
- Winnipeg is actually one of the most *multicultural* cities in Canada
- Every year they hold a festival in August called “Folkorama” that lasts two weeks where each country has a chance to showcase its culture



ERIKA - MARIA

What I learned from Maria:

- Maria has 17 years old
- She attends the St. John's Ravenscourt School
- She lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Winnipeg is the slurpee (1) capitol of the world
- Winnipeg is a small city of the Canada, but has 700 000 people
- In Winnipeg there are five or six big shopping malls, many theaters

What I liked about emailing Maria:

- Even though we exchanged only a few letters, I learned some new English words

(1) *Slurpee* = Is a cool drink for hot summer days



LUCREZIA - CAYLY

What I learned from Cayly:

- She plays basketball and she is coach a basketball team for 11 year old girls.
- She has two families. In her mum's family there are six people, and in her dad's family there are four people.
- She loves to play music, she plays the flute, the piano and she sings.
- She loves shopping with her friends, like me.
- Her city, Winnipeg, has 650 000 people.
- In her city there are eight shopping centers, many bowling lanes, movie theatres, museums, parks and two big rivers.



ARIANNA - SHAYLYN

What I learned from Shaylyn:

- She likes every kind of music and anything that can make her dance
- She likes writing, reading, and acting
- She likes crime shows and music shows
- In Canada it may snow even in May
- In Canada school system is divided into “Grades”



ELENA - BEATRICE

What I learned from Beatrice:

- She is 16 years old
- She lives with her mum, dad, grandma and uncle
- She is Chinese
- Her hobbies are music, art, reading, listening to music, shopping
- She plays percussions and piano
- Her favourite sport is skating and Badminton
- She's in grade 11 and the final exams start on June 9th



ANDREA – AUSTIN AMY

What I learned from Austin Amy:

- He likes riding a bike, going to movies and hanging out with friends
- In Canada European Football is called “Soccer”
- He plays tennis and he likes to do martial arts
- Winnipeg is a big city but sparsely populated



SARA – KATIANA

What I learned from Katiana:

- She loves sport and she practices five sports: Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball and Rugby
- She loves Spanish music
- She uses to wear a uniform at school
- She is Catholic
- She celebrates Christmas, Easter and New Years, just like me!
- In Canada, there are a lot of other celebrations, such as Halloween (Oct.31st), Canada Day (July 1st) and Thanksgiving (Oct.10th)
- In Canada weather is extremely cold in winter (-30°c) and extremely hot in summer (30°c).

What I liked about emailing Katiana:

- We both love sport
- I like writing to her



ELISA – ANNIE

What I learned from Annie:

- My pen-pal is Chinese. In Canada people from different ethnic groups live together
- French is the second language in Canada
- In winter it snows a lot in Winnipeg and everything is covered by snow, but there is a nice weather in spring
- Winnipeg is a very “green” city
- She loves to travel and she knows some Italian cities: Rome, Florence and Venice
- At school she studies Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths
- They have to wear uniforms at school
- She loves animals and to go shopping for clothes (just like me). She also loves music and her favourite hobby is drawing

What I liked about emailing Annie:

- This experience was very important to me. Now I know much more about Canada
- I understand that young Canadians are like me: they love music, dancing and they like to travel
- I am happy for this opportunity. Now I have a new friend, far away, but very nice.



MARTINA – BECKY

What I learned from Becky:

- Winters in Canada are usually very cold in Canada (-45°C) but summer are fantastic with hot weather and sunshine
- English is the first spoken language in Canada

What I share with her:

- We like to listen to the same music
- We both live in a detached house

What we are different in:

- We both like sports but her favourite sport is horseback riding. She also owns 3 horses of her own
- She gets a lot of homework assigned each night so her spare time is rather limited
- Her house is a big house made of brick with a swimming pool and hot tub in the back yard



SIRIA – MICHELLE

What I learned from Michelle:

- She likes reading , watching old movies and tv shows
- Her favourite subject in school is English, because she absolutely loves writing
- Canada is very cold
- Canadians mainly speak English, more than French

What I liked about emailing Michelle:

- We both love writing



MATTEO R. - ALLEN

What I learned from Allen:

- He has been involved in various extracurricular activities
- He likes Maths, Science and Music, just like me
- He is a promising player in badminton and volleyball
- He plays the piano and saxophone
- He studies Chinese
- For the future he wants to pursue a career in the professional fields of the sciences, law, or business

What I liked about emailing Allen:

- I like having the opportunity to know the difference between Italian school and the Canadian school and what activities the boys of my age can do in this country.
- Besides I can speak to a boy who speaks English very well, because English is his mother language, besides French.
- I like learning about his interests in music because I think that music has no frontiers and when people talk about music, they speak the same language



**Unfortunately, not all the penpal exchanges have been always successful.
Someone has received no letters at all!
That's what some students have reported...**

I was very excited to take part in this experience, but actually I haven't received any reply from my penpal!

Matilde

I would have loved so much to have a friend in Canada. I started writing with great joy and I never stopped hoping that my penpal could reply, sooner or later. So when my schoolmates received their first letters, I was still hoping... Watching their happiness while they were going on exchanging more letters, made me feel disappointed and embarrassed at the same time.

Stefania

I have received just one letter from my penpal!

Lucrezia



Postcards from Winnipeg



**We shared a large number of pictures and photos with our pen-pals.
This helped us to learn much more about Winnipeg and the places our friends live in....**

Greetings from Fontaneto



Our Canadian partners



The Canadian students involved in the e-mail Project with their 'tutor':
TOP ROW : Allen, Jean-Marc, Maria, Austin, Alex, Ms Pam Lockman , Annie, Shay-lyn
BOTTOM: Beatrice, Becky, Adrienne, Katiana, Kevin, Cayly, Ellen, Shavira

Special thanks...

To Pam Lockman

for her courtesy, friendship, kindness, patience...

for always being so generous with information...

We learned so many things about Canada in general, and Winnipeg in particular, we could never find anywhere else, in books or on the Internet.

for being so helpful.

As she realized that some students were disappointed for not receiving any reply at all, she soon took care in providing another penpal match.



We never thought that Canada and Italy
could be so close "friends"!

Hoping to meet you all...

... e-mailing is still going on....

Bye bye... ciao...

