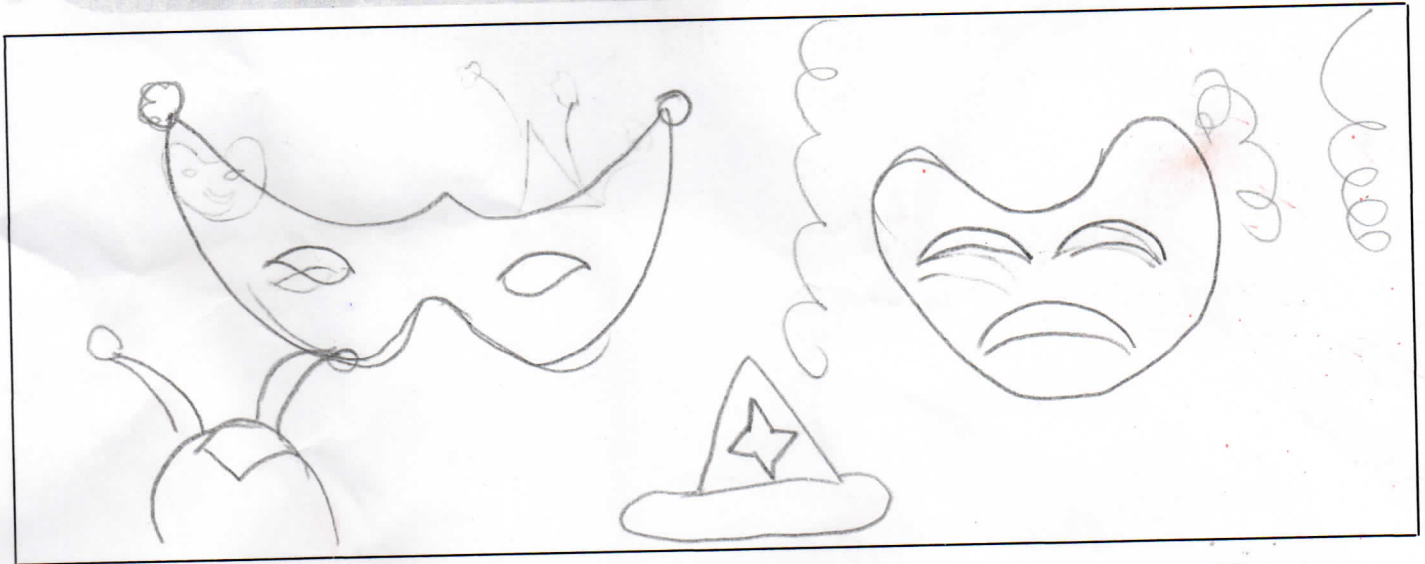


My Carnival, Your Carnival

School and class: 2nd Primary School of Perama, Rethymno, Greece (6th Grade)

City and country: Rethymno, Crete, Greece

Hello there! Thank you for participating in the "My Carnival, Your Carnival" culture exchange! First, you can collectively draw or make a collage about Carnival in your country or region:



Now, explain to a class of students from a different country what your Carnival is like. What is the best part about it? How do people dress up? Do you wear masks? Feel free to be creative!



Carnival is called the three-week period before the Clean Monday. Clean Monday marks the beginning of the fasting before Easter. During this three-week period the tradition of enjoyment and dressing-up takes place. People dress-up in colourful and creative costumes, and have fun. The town I live in is greatly famous for its "Carnival". The rethymnion Carnival is the biggest, most famous and most crowded event of Crete, which in the recent years has developed great potential by spreading the Carnival's fame throughout the country. The whole city "puts on" carnival costumes and people form groups that participate in the great Carnival parade. During the parade huge creations that represent people from the previous years ~~current~~ affairs are put on vehicles and are wandered around the town followed by the groups which accompany them with their dances and cheerful spirit. Another worth mentioning custom that we keep in Rethymno during the carnival period is the Chetan kantada. Traditional musical instruments like man to lina, likes and lauta "flap" the town with their traditional sounds. The end of the carnival is marked by the King Carnival's burping in a spectacular way that takes place at the beach of Rethymno.

