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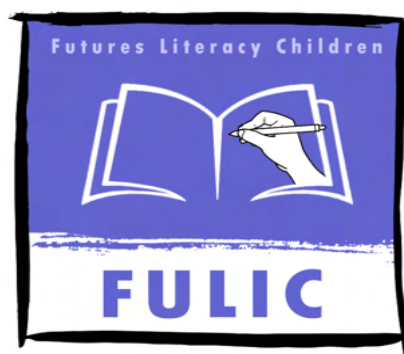
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31 female students are anticipating the future by living in the future and talking about the past!

31 "female" productive texts and drawings carry out the thoughts and feelings of a fictive grandparent generation describing to their grandchildren the life in times of Coronavirus crisis.

This actual assignment in productive writing of a German classroom of an Austrian fourth grade primary lesson gave rise to the idea of inviting schools of primary and secondary education in three or more countries to assign their students exactly the same writing and drawing task.

The created texts and drawings representing a fictive grandparent generation telling their grandchildren about life in times of Corona virus crisis serves as data for social - and educational - scientific research.

By means of systematically combining quantitative and qualitative content analysis of the text corpus obtained in an international context, certain typical narrative and argumentative textual patterns shall be identified, leading to an enhanced understanding of the following social - scientific issues:

- How does a crumbling of the world, using the example of Corona-virus crisis, reflect on a crumbling of infant's orientation in that world during early adolescence?
- What kind of topics are discussed in these speeches?
- What kind of narrations are revealed through textual structures?
- What kind of argumentative patterns in "infant crisis processing" are visible?
- Which understanding of solidarity can be discovered through these texts when it comes to children's imagining different scenarios of inter-generational transmission of life experiences (mobility and immobility, relationship and isolation, danger's invisibility but visibility of the consequences, political message to stand together without standing side by side)

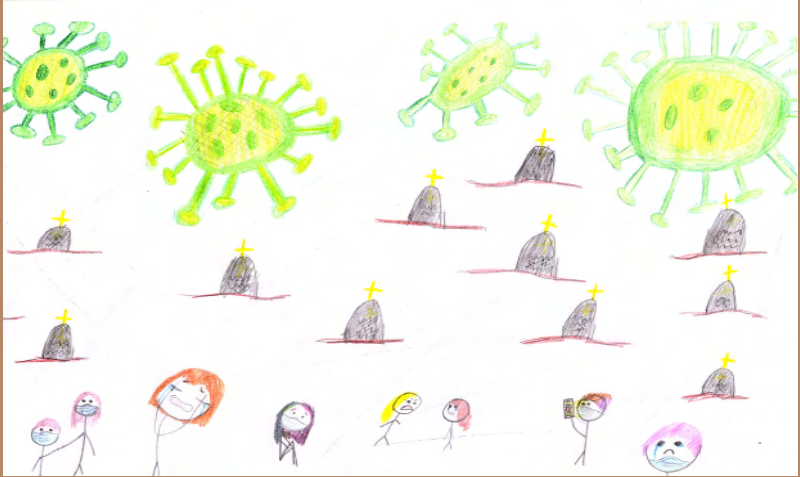
Writing and Painting

Imagine you are a grandfather or a grandmother, 70 years later. You live in a society that remembers the Corona time and your grandchildren curiously ask you about your memories on that. Write down what you would tell them. Create also a drawing, that represents your feelings and thoughts from that time.



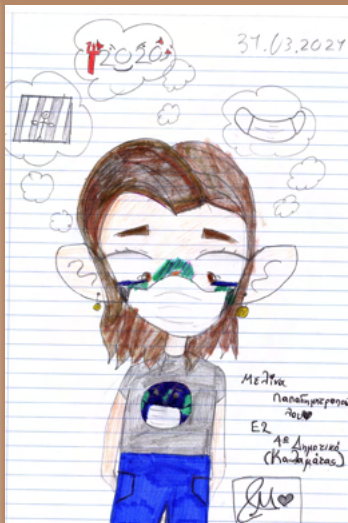
Amalia Nikolakea, 10 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

My grandchildren told me that they heard in the news that 70 years have passed since the time coronavirus appeared, as they came home to see me to-day. I told them that I was only ten years old then and that the virus was like a prison that kept me away from school and my friends.



Melina Konstantina Tzanne, 12 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

My dearest grandchildren, I have to say that the virus caused us - with all its consequences e.g. tele-education, quarantine and the measures against it- great anxiety for the future. God bless the doctors for finding the vaccine ...



Melina Papadimitropoulou, 10 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

... My grandchildren were suddenly shouting "tell us more", so I told them that coronavirus pandemic happened 70 years ago and could kill people ... We had to wear a mask and keep distances ...



Saverina Tehomirova, 7 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

My lovely grandchildren, now that I have grown old, I can tell you what I went through, when I was at the second grade of primary school. A very bad illness appeared around the world named coronavirus. In order not to get sick we did not go out, we went to school with masks and played with each other from a distance ...



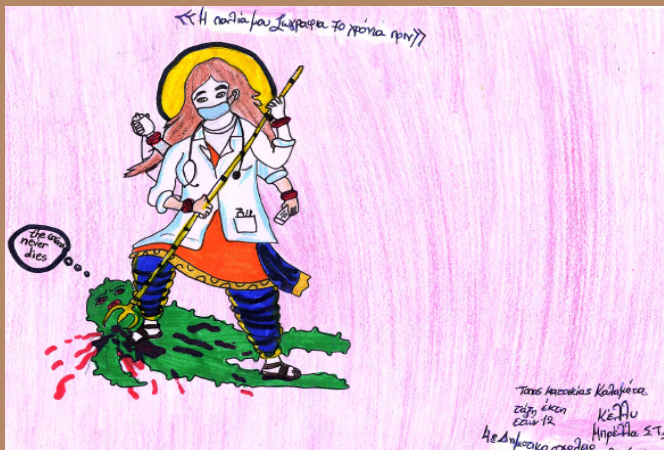
Eleftheria Kladi, 6 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

I remember, that at that time everything was closed down and we stayed home in order not to get infected ...



Eve Koumoundourou, 11 years old,
4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

I had the worst time of my life then,
my little puppets. I couldn't go out
whenever and wherever I wanted
to, especially when it came to my
friends, I couldn't see them at all.



Kelly Brella, 12 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

Who would believe that this could have happened then ! We had to inform the
authorities if we wanted to get out. Otherwise, we got a fine! Of course, we forgot
how it was like to celebrate with many people. Unfortunately, the vaccine was
found after a long time ...



Panagiota Katsou, 11 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

Listen to me, my lovely grandchildren: The virus was brought in March 2020 from China to us. We had to put ourselves in quarantine until the vaccine came. We were all afraid for a long time but we had to grit our teeth and give our best for the common good.



Myrto Tsigarides, 10 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

I didn't like the whole thing at all, and if I could see coronavirus then, i would have killed him in any way I could.



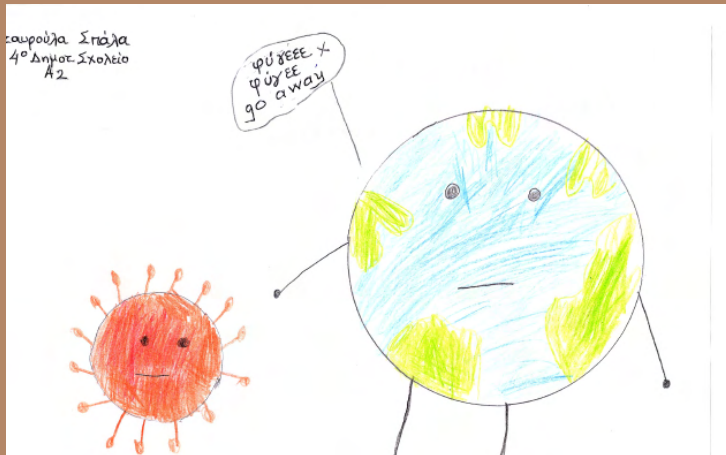
Ariadni Drakopoulou, 8 years old, class 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

My little bird, it was a difficult situation! Why, grandma? We had to wash our hands many times with water and soap and put antiseptic gel all the time. Luckily my parents were trying to make us feel good, take care of us and love us even more.



Andriana Kolokathi, 6 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

The deadly virus caught us by surprise then. We separated us from our loved ones for a long time ...



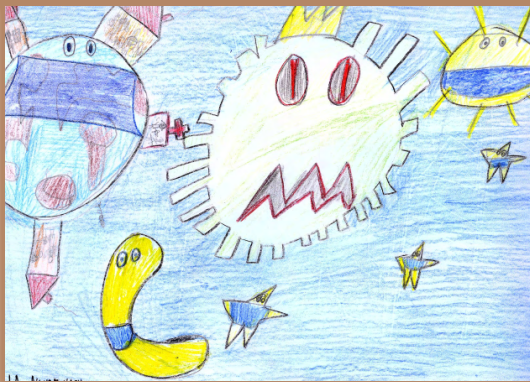
Stavroula Spala, 6 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

If I could talk to the virus then I would tell him "go away" because I did not like to have online lessons at all.



Vivi Kordelakou, 6 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

If I could turn back time I would chase coronavirus away, so that all children could turn back to schools without masks then ...



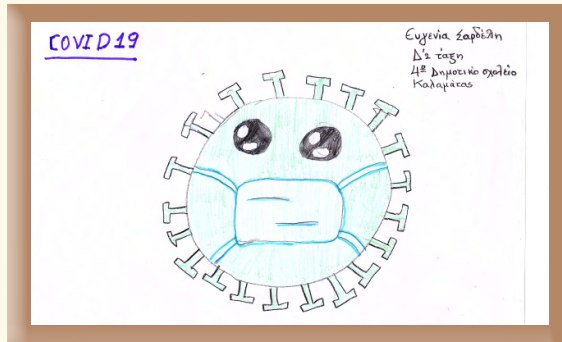
Sophia Dimopoulou, 10 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

The virus was at the beginning an unknown word. In the meaning time we figured out what it could do to us. I was afraid that my daddy could get infected because he had to go to work during the pandemic. At least I happily managed to finish my favorite book and to play board games during our mandatory stay at home.



Georgia Giannakopoulou, 11 years old, 4th Elementary School of Kalamata/GR

Look at this drawing from 2021, my loves! In 2019, we had the chance to play carefree in playgrounds! Once the lethal coronavirus came in 2020, everything was closed down and that made me very sad!



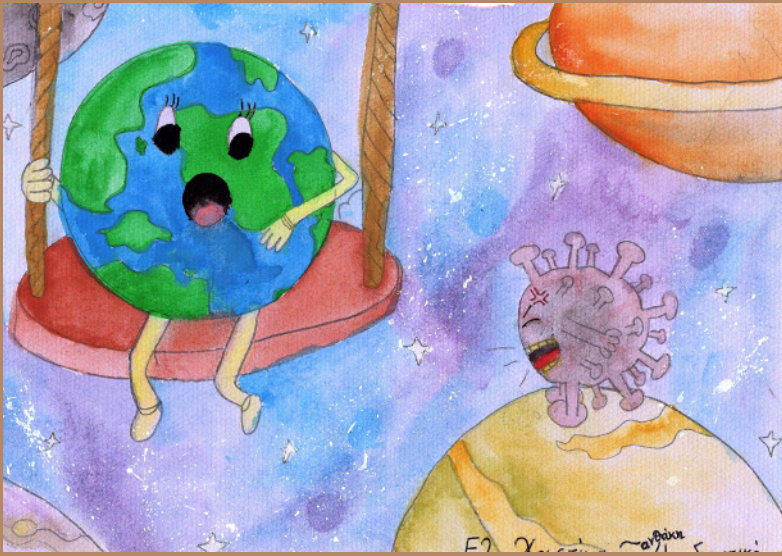
Eugenia Sardeli, 10 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

The vaccine came out in 2021 and was used firstly to the elderly and the vulnerable groups. I could realize that our health is ultimately the most important thing and that we need to watch ourselves and our loved ones.



Ariadne Georgopoulou, 7 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

A microbe that wore a crown, was unfortunately not like others, it was very harmful and could infect and kill everybody. Luckily, a while later the vaccine was discovered and we were saved. And fortunately today I can embrace you the way I want to, my precious grandchildren, with the Coronavirus being a very distant nightmare!



Christina Xanthaki, 11 years old, 4th Primary School of Kalamata/GR

One day in September 2021, my three precious grandchildren, Alexander, Dora and Christina came to me, and Dora suddenly said to me: "Grandmother, I heard on television that 70 years have passed since the Coronavirus Pandemic!" "That's right", I answered, "this was a pandemic, that was spreading all over the world at that time. We did not come out of our house, nor did we go to school. At first, I thought it was nice but after a while it became tedious because we did not see anyone. Fortunately, we started online lessons and raised our "digital hand" ... here is a drawing from that time ...".



Georgia Mouratidis, 14 years old, Thrakomakedones/GR

Most families were experiencing economic and mental problems then and worldwide economy was badly affected. Many people lost their jobs or their wages were cut. After 70 years I think about how difficult it was for us to survive then.



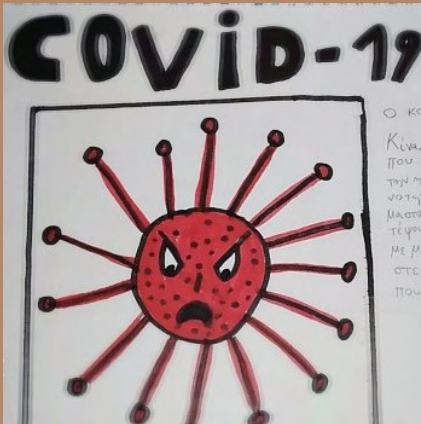
Andriana Mouratidis, 16 years old, Thrakomakedones/GR

It may have passed 70 years since then but I will never forget this unexpected experience. Considering that the world's economy was hit worldwide, that all people had to wear mask and become more introvert, I realized how important health and freedom are, in our lives.



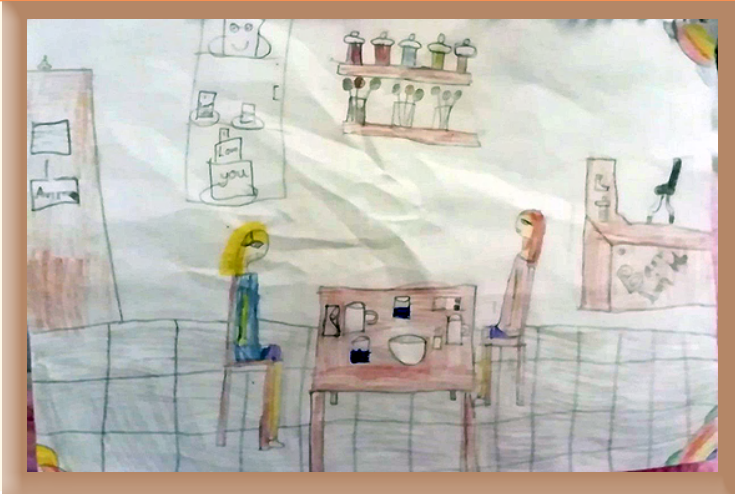
Angeliki Bei, 9 years old, 1st Pilot Primary School of Alexandroupolis/GR

It was a very difficult year. Many people died and others suffered greatly. My children, I wish you never experience such a pandemic.



Vasiliki Georgiadi, 9 years old, 1st Pilot Primary School of Alexandroupolis/GR

As I think about it 70 years later, I only feel pain and sorrow for the people who were lost unjustly.



Vasiliki Maimou, 9 years old, 1st Pilot Primary School of Alexandroupolis/GR

My dear grandchildren, I will tell you a story from when I was 8 years old. At the beginning of 2020, a virus called coronavirus appeared. The conditions were difficult then. People lost their jobs and some did not have the money to buy food. A lot of people got sick, also your great-grandmother, my mom, but she overcame it. Everything slowly came to their normal rhythm and we finally took the masks off our faces, so that our smiles could be seen.



Michaela Nikita, 9 years old, 1st Pilot Primary School of Alexandroupolis/GR

I remember it was a difficult year and it will be unforgettable for all of us.



Evangelia Kalyvioti, 9 years old, 1st Pilot Primary School of Alexandroupolis/GR

My life had changed a lot, because we had to wear masks, to keep distance and not to hug anymore. I think this virus was bad and I never want it to come back.



Alexandra Michailidou, 9 years old, 1st Pilot Primary School of Alexandroupolis/GR

My daily life had changed, because my school closed, the activities stopped and we took online lessons. 70 years after that period I feel happy and excited.



Stella Paparadi, 9 years old, 1st Pilot Primary School of Alexandroupolis/GR

In the beginning we started to keep distance and wear a mask. Then we entered quarantine ... Before the corona- crisis I saw my parents less. Now that I am an old woman, I feel that the coronavirus is nothing.



Dimitra Zoidi, 9 years old, 1st Pilot Primary School of Alexandroupolis/GR

We wore masks at school, but fortunately we went to school every day. Unfortunately, a second lockdown took place. At that time, we had to send sms to go out and we took lessons online. Finally, one day - of course after a long time had passed - it was announced that the virus vaccine was released in China.



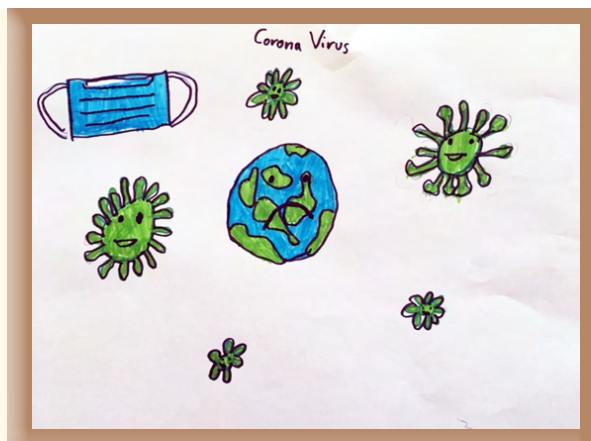
Athina Demirakou, 9 years old, 1st Pilot Primary School of Alexandroupolis/GR

We put an end to the virus.



Eléni Baros, 11 years old, Salzburg/AT

It was a very unusual time. For us, children, the situation was really strange, but we got used to it. Actually, we spent a lot of time at home with homeschooling and family. We enjoyed home, although it wasn't always easy. Now, I think that we were lucky. Many people faced a precarious situation, – not only because of the virus – and had inadequate medical care or less food.



Krinio Kontakou, 8 years old, Salzburg/AT

We had to wear masks, because of the virus. Most of the time it was homeschooling. We shouldn't meet friends very often.

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