

Russia is famous for its teachers

«If a teacher combines love for work and for students, he is a perfect teacher»

L.N.Tolstoy

Each person goes through a fabulous world of childhood. It is very important who leads a child along the way of knowledge; discover the secrets of science and the process of education. Only a teacher can inspire children to learn, conceive and practice leaving a part of himself in the children's souls.

Olga Nikolaevna Baltyonkova is an example of such a dedicated teacher. She has been working as a teacher of English since graduating from Taganrog State Pedagogical Institute. She started her teaching career at Tarasovo-Melovskaya school in 1988. Three years later Olga Nikolaevna



moved to Chertkovo and kept on teaching in Chertkovskaya Secondary School №3. There the lessons of English are loved by children indeed. The reason is that Olga Nikolaevna's lessons are always thought-provoking and full of useful information. Children get acquainted with the British culture, its customs and traditions. Authentic texts, interesting exercises and movies in English also help to improve students' skills.

Olga Nikolaevna is very creative, qualified and tolerant. Love for children and devotion to work inspire respect from her pupils and their parents. In the classroom she interacts naturally and develops a good rapport with her students. The lessons are held in a friendly atmosphere where children are encouraged to reveal their potential. Being demanding of herself, responsive, humane the teacher develops the same qualities in her students. Young learners can demonstrate their extensive knowledge by taking part in different English competitions. The most loved one was the Poetry Contest. The students had to learn a poem by heart and

then recite it trying to sound authentic.

What is the key to success? The secret is in constant self-improvement and sharing the experience. As a head of the methodological association of English language teachers, Olga Nikolaevna always supports her colleagues and gives wise advice. She is truly a sparkle in young teachers' lives. This is an example how pedagogy touches the future.

Vocabulary:

dedicated |'dedɪkeɪtɪd| преданный
thought-provoking |'θɔ:tpɹəvəʊkɪŋ|
заставляющий думать
conceive |kən'si:v| постигать
rapport |ræ'pɔ:| взаимопонимание
humane |hju'meɪn| человечный
inspire respect |ɪn'spaɪə rɪ'spekt| вызывать
уважение

Points to discuss:

1. What are the characteristics of a good teacher?
2. Who is your favourite teacher? What makes his/her lessons special?
3. Would you like to become a teacher? Why? Why not?