

# Benhurst Primary School

## Lithuanian



# Information

Lithuania is a remarkable country in so many respects. This small nation in the northern Europe is proud of its language, heritage, and history.

## **Basic Lithuania Facts**

**Population:** 3,244,000

**Location:** Lithuania is a Baltic nation with 55 miles of coast with the Baltic Sea. On land, it has 4 neighboring countries.

**Language and Alphabet:** Only two Baltic languages have survived to modern times, and Lithuanian is one of them (Latvian is the other). Although they seem similar in some aspects, they are not mutually intelligible.

**Religion:** The majority religion of Lithuania is Roman Catholic at 79% of the population.

## **Lithuania History and Culture Facts**

**History:** Lithuania was a medieval power and included parts of Poland, Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine within its territory. The next significant era of its existence saw Lithuania as a part of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Though WWI saw Lithuania gain its independence for a short while, it was subsumed into the Soviet Union until 1990. Lithuania has been a part of the European Union since 2004 and is also a member country of the Schengen Agreement.

# Country



Flag



## Traditional dress



## Place of Interest

# Trakai Castle

Trakai Castle is important to Lithuanian history. Associated with the Grand Duke Gediminas, a medieval Lithuanian hero, Trakai rose to importance before the Grand Duchy of Lithuania joined with Poland, forming the Poland-Lithuania Commonwealth.



# Famous Person

Virgilijus Alekna

Olympic Gold Medalist 2004 - Discus Throw

