

# Children writing for Children

Many people think it is important to schools, society and the world that children write and express their views, share their news, discuss their issues, and state their opinions. This is so that they can affect the world around them as active citizens.

## East End Talking

East End Talking ([www.eastendtalking.org.uk](http://www.eastendtalking.org.uk)) is a website for and by young people in Tower Hamlets. We invite young people to write about their work, events they have been part of, issues in their community... and to submit them, via their teacher, to the website.

Find out more about Janus Korczak and his views of children sharing their opinions, news, problems and views. He founded the first national newspaper for children written by children.

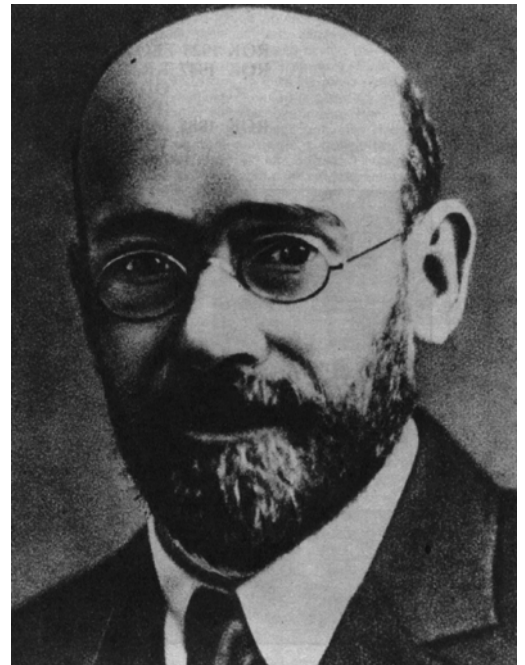
## National Children's Newspaper

"Will this world never change? Will the one who suffered yesterday as deprived child, today, when fully grown, take his turn at the role of oppressor?"

Happiness will befall those future generations who will not forget their own childhood."  
A Polish child writing in 'The Little Review'

The Little Review was the world's first national newspaper for children written by children. It was a weekly newspaper in Poland created by Janus Korczak.

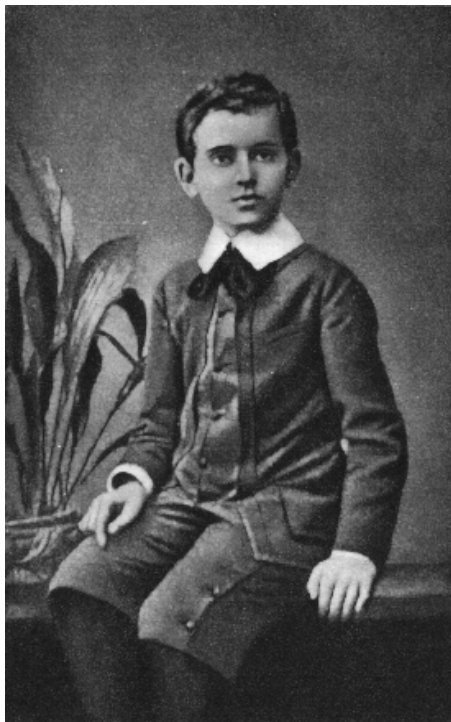
"There are many children who have inventions, remarks and interesting observations, and who do not write because they do not have the courage or the will. Our newspaper will encourage the young to write". Janus Korczak.



Janus Korczak wanted people to read the stories and views of children.

## Noticeboards

Korczak thought the ability for children to communicate was vital to his orphanage and ensured there was a central noticeboard, at a height that all children could read. On the board would be teaching notices, advertisements



Janus Korczak wanted people to remember that he had been a child.

for events, requests, personal messages, items from newspapers, recommended reading, a crossword, a riddle, reports of vandalism and their costs... the items were placed by Janus, the adults and the children.

## School Newsletter

He wrote an article about the importance of school newspapers written by the children, and how they helped the community to express and share its news, feelings and dreams. His orphanage had a weekly newspaper, that would be read out to the children. This continued even during the time his orphanage was in the Warsaw Ghetto.

“The paper is the strong link, which joins one week with another, which unites children, the educators and the workers into a single unit.”  
Janus Korczak.

The newspaper...

“Gives courage to the shy and meek, “wipes” the noses of the overcocky, regulates and shapes public opinion – the newspaper serves as society’s conscience. Have you a complaint – write to the newspaper; you are angry – write; you accuse me of falsification and incomprehension – fine, let’s begin an open debate, show your documents, and know that you cannot deny it later. The newspaper brings the class or the whole school together. It encourages friendships between those who would not even have known each other otherwise; it gives the floor to those who can only express themselves in writing and even in the hottest arguments will never get the right to speak.”  
Janus Korczak.