

Mishchenko Platon, 13 years old, Kherson

My name is Plato. I was born in Kherson. I am thirteen years old. Now I am in Odesa and I study at school №44 of Kherson city online. My parents are father Slava and mother Tanya.

In my hometown there were many sports sections and studios for creativity. I went to the taekwondo and aikido section, but then I decided to take up music and learned to play the recorder for four years. At my school there was an art workshop where I was engaged in drawing, modeling and other types of creativity. I really liked it, but because of the war, classes stopped.

In Kherson, I liked it when I could go every week to classes “Reading with Kimiko” with teacher Marina Rudakova in the city library. Kimiko is a Japanese Akita dog named Takara who helped us learn to read. She is a true friend, we with other children could sit next to her, stroke and hug. This technique is called canistherapy.

I always wanted to have a friend like Kimiko, but in our small apartment, my parents only allowed fish or guinea pigs.

Due to the constant shelling of my hometown of Kherson, we were forced to move to Odesa. It was very dangerous to be in Kherson. We could not leave immediately, as the city was closed. But, one day, very close to my mother's work, a rocket exploded. It was scary and we left.

In Kherson, my parents and I always went to theater performances. I am glad that in Odesa, too, thanks to the staff of the humanitarian headquarters, we got to a concert at the Opera and Ballet Theater.

Here I come to meetings with scouts, enrolled in the children's library, go to calligraphy classes. And in the Odesa Film Studio I attend open acting classes.

I would like to return to my hometown as soon as possible and wish the children of all the earth to live in peace and harmony.