

## **ABSTRACT**

The diploma thesis is elaborated on the topic of awareness of primary school pupils about the Deaf community, in general about people with hearing impairment. The aim of the work is obtain information about how students are informed about the issue of the Deaf community and to increase this knowledge using research methods.

The theoretical part is focused on a general introduction to the issue of people with hearing impairment, the division of hearing impairments, terms used in this field, as well as on the communication of people with hearing impairment and compensatory aids. One of the chapters then brings important knowledge about the Deaf community, their culture and also about several organizations associating people with hearing impairments in general and their surroundings.

The next chapter deals with the possibilities of obtaining information about the culture of the Deaf, while the work lists the Internet, magazines, lectures and sign language courses as sources of information. Its subchapter then specifically focuses on the possibilities of obtaining this information by primary school pupils and specific attempts to inform this age group that have taken place in the past.

The empirical part is devoted to the presentation of the results of the research survey. This was done using two questionnaires and video teaching material, which was presented to primary school pupils, with one questionnaire being presented to students before and second questionnaire being presented after the teaching material. The obtained information was analyzed, then the results from both questionnaires were compared. Based on the obtained data, conclusions were drawn as well as practical recommendations for practice.

## **KEYWORDS**

Pupil Awareness, Deaf, Deaf Community, Communication, Sign Language, Culture, Awareness