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Ponsacco is a very important city near Pisa. It has got more than 15.000 citizens.

It is between Florence and Pisa and during the centuries Ponsacco belonged to the Republic of Pisa and of Florence alternating one to another.



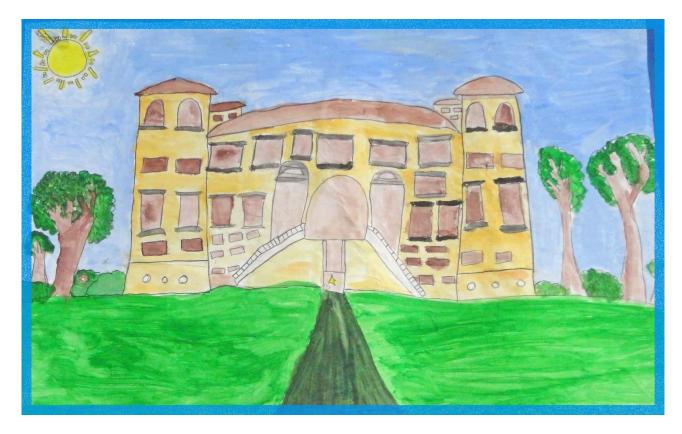
MONUMENTS

SAN GIOVANNI CHURCH

San Giovanni Church was erected in 1824; its style is new-gothic. The tower bell was added in 1863. Inside the church there are frescos.



THE MEDICI'S VILLA OF CAMUGLIANO



The Medici's Villa of Camugliano was build by duke Alessandro de' Medici in 1533 to expand his territories. In 1637 it was sold to Filippo Niccolini.

La Villais on a hill; it has got four towers and it reminds us a castle.

AGREEN AREA: "THE CAVO"

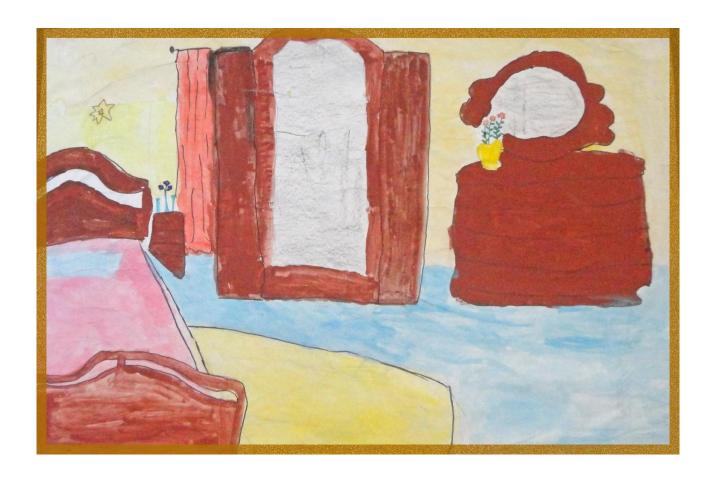
On the road toPontedera there is a green area: an area wheere people can relax, run, cycling or just walk. It is very big: there are fountains, paths and lawns.People can also fish in the pond.



ECONOMICS

Ponsacco is called the city of furniture; it has got many showrooms. There are also many factories where furnitures are made.

PONSACCO STYLE BEDROOM



A special showroom

It is a place where people can see how carpenters made the furniture when machines didn't exist. The carpenter cut the wood by the saw, then he smoothed it, he glued the parts and the forniture was ready. It was a very hard job.



CURIOSITIES

Ponsacco people is known as "stealing bears".



The legend says that a group of Ponsacco thieves wanted to steal a pig to eat it. They went to a farm where there was a pig ready to be killed. But in the empty stable there were a gipsy girl with her bear . During that night the thieves went to the stable to steal the pig but they stole the bear thinking it was the pig.

Also nowadays Ponsacco citizens are called "stealing bears" when somebody wants to making fun of them.



