

## YOUNG LEARNERS MEET YOUNG LEONARDO

Leonardo Da Vinci and Ludovico Bramante created this beautiful square that you see today. Before becoming a square it used to be just a street and a marketplace.



The beautiful portico on the left was designed afterwards on the basis of Ludovico's design. It was built between 1491 and 1493 in only two years. Ludovico wanted to see the ideal city before his death so he used his money to build this square very quickly. This is a proof of Ludovico's power. When this square was built they stopped creating and building the ideal city.

The statue below represents San Giovanni di Nappomucciano. He protected people from drowning and he was also the protector of rivers. At the time of Ludovico Sforza there were no canals in Vigevano, but Leonardo wanted to have a canal in his ideal city. Vigevano didn't have a canal before and once every two years the town of Vigevano used to have floods, this was very dangerous and also spread diseases. Leonardo built the canal for three reasons: 1. to take away all dirt 2. for transport 3. for irrigations

