



## 5<sup>th</sup> Learning Teaching and Training Activities (LTT) Meeting

### 6th Newsletter:

#### Meeting in Cyprus

The Fifth Learning Teaching and Training Meeting and the 4th Transnational Meeting were held in Pera Orinis of Cyprus between 8th and 12th of May 2017. The participants in this meeting were 21 students plus 17 teachers from the foreign countries, as well as students and teachers from Cyprus.

#### SATURDAY, 6TH MAY

Italian, Portuguese and Spanish delegations arrived in Cyprus. Cypriot teachers and families came to the airport to welcome us and they took us to the hostel and students went to their hosting houses.

Accommodation and dinner at Aperanti Agrotourism.



#### SUNDAY, 7TH MAY

After breakfast our gorgeous Cypriot drivers, Froso, Georgia and Magda, drove us to Limassol. We had a nice walk through the Marina where we had the chance to see a huge Yacht show. Then we visited the old town and we had lunch to a traditional restaurant opposite the castle.

Later we went back to Pera to meet Polish, Irish and Greek delegations for dinner at Aperanti.



## MONDAY, 8TH MAY

At 7:45h students from the different countries arrived at school together with their hosting partners and they went to their classes where they enjoyed some “Get to know you” games.

At 8:30h teachers arrived and coordinators had a first meeting to talk about the Day activities.

At 9:15h a Welcoming Ceremony took place at the School’s Auditorium. The whole school was waiting inside in order to welcome all Erasmus partners which were called on stage by the sound of traditional music from each country. We gave some presents (books and other didactic material for the library as agreed in our project).

After that we had some time to meet all the teachers as well as have a taste of National Products.

At 10h we went back to the Auditorium and Spain did a Group Cohesion Dynamic called “A Colourful world” and Ireland did another one called “1,2,3 raw”.

Then it was time to make the groups in which the students would be working during the whole week. Each team worked with one of the following topics: bio products, recycled musical instruments, Monuments and art, fashion, sustainable tourism and life in water.

At 11h we went to “Riverland Bio Farm”. First we learnt about growing vegetables at the greenhouse. It was very interesting, teachers and students were allowed to walk freely among the plants and pick whatever we wanted to eat: tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, spinach, lettuce, fresh onions,... They all tasted soooo nice!!

After that we visited the barn and we saw goats, sheep, pigs, horses, cows, chicken, a huge bull,... We learnt about them and also about the products we can get from them as milk, eggs, halumi cheese, meat,...

Then we had a delicious traditional Cypriot lunch. It was made with lots of fresh vegetables and meat from the farm which was cooked outside at the fire oven. Children had some time to play at the different facilities at the farm.

We would like to give special thanks to Vassilis and

his wife to open their farm’s doors to us, to be so kind and to invite the children for lunch.

**BIG THANKS!!!**

Back to school children joined their international teams again and worked in different workshops:

- Theatre about the ancient stories based on the mosaics we were going to see the next day in Paphos. Nandia and Polimnia Tomasidou were the responsible of this workshop.
- Stone painting by Kassandra.

At 17h all the children went with their host families and they did different activities. In the evening teachers had a nice walk along the streets of the old town of Nicosia to get a first sight of the capital city of Cyprus.



## TUESDAY, 9TH MAY

Students and children met at school and went to a wetland. We had to wear boots to go into the water and get some samples to measure the temperature, the turbidity and the PH of the water. After that the students had to go to a laboratory and analyse what type of beings they could find in the water. They used a microscope in order to see the different microorganisms. With all the information they gathered and with the help of the monitors they had to find out the quality of the water. In the end the wetland had healthy water for the animals to live in. Children liked these activities a lot. They could be scientists for one day. We could also watch a documentary related with the flora and fauna of the area.



Then we had a picnic lunch under the shadow, because it was very hot, and we rested a little bit before taking the bus again to go to Paphos.

On our way we stopped at a beautiful pebbles beach. It was very special because according to the Mythology this was the beach where Afrodita was born and first appeared on a rock.

Later we visited The House of Dionysus (2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> cent. A.D.) with its amazing mosaic floors where we learnt very interesting stories. Then children left with some Cypriot teachers while the rest could stay at the Marina where we had dinner and some time to relax.



## WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY

The first activity of the day was at the Rose Garden where we picked roses and we learnt about how to collect them and what kind of products we can get from them.

Then back to school the international teams continued working on their projects.

After lunch we went to Nicosia where we had a very nice tour with a History Professor who showed us the old city and taught the most important aspects of its history



## THURSDAY 11TH OF MAY

We all met at school in order to catch the coach to go to the most Eastern point of Europe. We learnt about the landscape and why there are so many caves by the coast which were home for many Monk Seals years ago. Nowadays there are still some of them, but the majority have migrated to other calmer coasts far from the tourism activity.

Then we went to a beach where students had to take samples from different materials they had to find on it (from living creatures to plastic or other contaminant ones). They also worked in teams as little scientists.

Later we went to Protara beach where we had a traditional Cypriot Lunch which was offered at a hotel on the beach. After lunch children went back home, but teachers could stay a bit longer to relax on the beach and have some free time.

In the evening teachers were invited by the Parents school Association at a traditional tavern and we could, once more, taste a delicious Cypriot meal with very good company. We would like to point



## FRIDAY, 12TH MAY

We met at school to continue working hard in teams with our final products in order to present them in the afternoon. During the morning Portugal, Poland and Italy presented their Group Cohesion Dynamics called "Keep alive"; "La hija del chocolatero" and "High Tide in Venice".

After that the children went with their host families to have lunch and the teachers ate at school who were invited by Mr Giannos, the Mayor of Episkopio village.

In the afternoon the teams worked in some last details to present the final projects made during those days.

At 17h o'clock the Festival started. Children performed, act out and showed the school community all they have learnt and worked on during the week. In the end there was a final PTT presentation made by the Cypriot team in which we could see a wonderful summary of the fantastic week we spent in their country, showing us nice pictures. And then it was time to say "goodbye",



or "see you soon", we never know.

Children went with their host families and made some activities taking advantage of the last hours with them in Cyprus. Teachers went to Nicosia to have a copious dinner in a live Cypriot music restaurant where we could also dance.

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 13TH AND 14 MAY

During the weekend all delegations had their flights back home...

We have learnt many things, but the most important part is the experience and the great memories from new friends we are going to keep our hearts.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!



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## COORDINATORS' S MEETING

During the week the coordinators attended several meetings in which the following topics were discussed:

### **Evaluation.**

In order to have a better overview of the results of our project we decided that evaluation has to take place at different levels. Grazyna and Joan are responsible to create the questionnaires.

- Students (hosting and hosted)
- Families (hosting and sending children)
- Teachers (all teachers from each school who have somehow been involved in the project)

We agreed that students and teachers are going to answer a questionnaire (using Survey Monkey Tool) by the end of the school year.

According to families we decided that we are going to discuss about it in our next Transnational Meeting in Poland.

### **Next Transnational Meeting in Poland.**

We decided that our next TM is going to take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Science and Maths are the main subjects of study.

The following workshops are also going to be presented by different coordinators (in brackets you can see the responsible for them):

- Learning Stories (Grazyna).
  - Collaborative Learning: Consolidation and evaluation (Joan).
  - Outdoors Education (Froso).
  - New COOL GOAL website (Grazyna and Joan).
- Besides, Grazyna is going to prepare a grid of interesting places to visit in Poland. We are going to tick the ones we would prefer and then she will be able to organize the visits for the most voted ones.

### **Newsletter.**

Joan is the responsible to write it and upload it to our Twinspace by the end of this school year.

### **Penfriends.**

We shared all letters among the partner countries, but Ireland is going to send them by mail post.

### **Twinspace.**

By the end of this school year we must have uploaded all lesson plans from Italy and Cyprus for our common Outdoors guide. The ones from Ireland are already uploaded. Besides, we must also upload all the group cohesion dynamics presented during the meetings.

### **Video Conferences.**

Different partners have had video conferences during the year. We agreed that we do not need to do any other more for this year, but if any of us is still keen on doing an extra one it is up to the ones who would like to do to agree topic, date, time and so on.

### **Others.**

Website: As we all agree that e-twinning platform is not so handy neither easy to use we would like to create our own website for this purpose, but also to make it more useful for other teachers. Grazyna has volunteered to create it and Joan is going to help her. In our next TM it is going to be presented to the rest of coordinators.

Possible dates for the rest LTT meetings:

Crete (Greece): 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018? (To be decided in Poland)

Mallorca (Spain): 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018? (To be decided in Poland)