

The Report of the Meeting

Different Stories-Same Values

Project Meeting: Thessaloniki, Greece September 23rd- October 1st

The Italian delegation arrived in Thessaloniki on 23rd September and left Thessaloniki on 30th September 2012. The delegation consisted of two teachers: Ms Anna Maria Sicilia and Ms Anna Francesca Amati, the Principal Mr Gennaro Boggia and nine students: Martino Genchi, Zara Calamo, Federica Siliberti, Iliaria Simili, Roberta Valente, Cinzia Petrelli, Manuela Bellanova, Simona Sardella and Simona Guarini.

The Swedish delegation arrived in Thessaloniki on 24th September and left Thessaloniki on 1st October 2012. The delegation consisted of two teachers: Mr Ilias Agathangelidis and Ms Margot Eriksson, the Principal Ms Anna Lena Eriksson and eight students: Alexandra Sävenstedt, Sandra Skaljc, Evelin Sävenstedt, Awsam Nabil Hanna, Katarina Ilic, Jennifer Khuri, Ali Laafou and Sadek Samy Charani Kritis.

The German delegation arrived in Thessaloniki on 24th September and left Thessaloniki on 29th September 2012. The delegation consisted of three teachers: Mr. Klaus-Peter Knierim, Ms. Petra Scheidt, Ms Gabriella Naumann and twelve students: Jakob Jonas, Robin Liebwerth, Vanessa Rau, Lina Zeich, Constantin Pfeifer, Clara Stein, Sophie Zeich, Paula Goczik, Robert Tavornik, Blake Ka Yin Wong, Pichak Dibai and Janne Lars Linder.

During the project meeting between 23rd September and 1st October 2012 teachers and students of all the delegations could get to know the history, traditions and customs of Thessaloniki and Greece. We also organized ice-breaking activities, in order to get to know each other. The students of each country presented values such as democracy, equality and solidarity. After the presentations they were divided into groups trying to find the same values, which later were presented to everybody in the auditorium of the school. Re-enactment of the Greek ancient Parliament also took place with the students presenting their arguments for or against the Peloponnesian war, followed by a voting process. Both the students and the teachers had an excursion to the Archaeological place of Vergina in Edessa and a half day trip to the first leg of Chalkidiki. There was also a guided walk in Thessaloniki, visiting museums, the castle area in the old part of the city and other famous landmarks. A family dinner followed along with the Greek students, their families and their guests, where the families had prepared Greek traditional food. Finally, the students were given a quiz of knowledge regarding the places they visited and a questionnaire on cultural knowledge and EU citizenship at school.

The visit of the delegations deepened the friendly relationship among students, teachers and parents. Both teachers and students improved communicative skills in English, enriched their knowledge of different cultures: differences and similarities, educational possibilities, developed their skills of using new technologies and students increased their educational level.

At the end of the meeting we made arrangements for the next meeting in Sweden from the 10th December to the 15th December and distributed tasks to be done. All the delegations will be preparing short stories and poems on 'why EU is important to me' There will also be a workshop on migration in Europe. Students made evaluations of the meeting in Greece.

The Principal of the school

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