

Our trip to Italy

Our first meeting with the other countries participating in the Erasmus programme "MAP" was in Italy from the 29th of November to the 5th of December. The experience was rich and instructive for all of us. Our students were adjusted in this collaborative way of working in groups from day one and highlighted their communicative talent and creativity. Teachers have had the opportunity to observe how our European colleagues organize and coordinate this teamwork by leaving space to the students so that they can enjoy their path to knowledge.

The route of Migration Analysis project began successfully bringing children firstly in contact with the needs and the dangers of the journey of refugees through experiential games, maps and photos. Then they presented the situation of immigrants and refugees per country based on articles and the information that they had picked up before the trip. The video presented by our group for the reception of refugees in the Greek islands left everyone at a loss for words (you can watch it on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULi1xe1SEDM>)

The next few days they worked in groups searching for concepts and words that are connected to our project, setting up the glossary of immigration and preparing a related quiz, while others were taking the interviews needed for the preparation of the next meeting in Germany. The last day we were guided in the Town Hall of Rho and all schools left their mark on a tile that will be installed on the cobbled street in front of the building as a reminder of our visit.

Apart from the work of the programme, we had the opportunity to see the Lyceum Majorana, the school of the Italian North that hosted us, in its everyday life and envy its organization and infrastructure. Our students felt the Italian hospitality commensurate with our own and their Italian hosts like friends, while they definitely loved Milan, which they visited repeatedly. The Cathedral of the city with the ornate, like embroidery, architecture and the visit to the chapel that exhibits the Last "Supper fresco" of Leonardo Da Vinci along with the visit to the Museum of the Sea and Immigration as well as the narrow roads of Genova will stay in everyone's mind (and phones...).

Some photos of our meeting: <http://10lyk-peiraia.att.sch.gr/?p=1289>

And here are some of the impressions of our students:

Alexandra: It was a memorable and useful experience which helped me a lot to get to know people from other countries, to become more collaborative and to discover my abilities.

Kelly: It was a very beautiful and important journey that helped me to meet new people from whom I received love. I will never forget this experience, and I wish to everybody to live something like this.

Melina: As an educational trip, in my opinion, was the best I had ever participated. It is a programme through which you can broaden your horizons and get to know different worlds and people with a different mentality and

culture. The work was great because I worked with children I didn't know, yet we freely expressed our opinions while working. I will never forget the children from the programme and the door in my home will always be open for anyone who wishes to come and stay. It is one of the best programmes available and worthy of participating in. You become a better person who is full of experiences and knowledge.

Julio: Everything was very well organized and understandable. We met children from 5 different countries with who we will keep in touch. The last day was very emotional for all of us.

Georgina: It was a memorable experience for all of us. I was very happy I had the opportunity to meet such a beautiful and historic city like Milan and I became friends with people from different countries.

Christopher: I will never forget this experience. All of us, each in his own way, matured and saw the same way of life from a different angle. Personally, I understood my own self better, I discovered new things that I now consider parts of myself!