**Ostrava students are learning to teach internationally**

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Thirty-two pupils and ten teachers from schools in Belgium, Bulgaria, Ireland, Italy, Spain, and a group of their hosts from the elementary school Kosmonautů 15 from Ostrava were welcomed on Tuesday 27th January at the city hall by the deputy mayor Mr. Zbyněk Pražák. Students are participating in the three-year international project Teaching: An Effective key to self-learning.

The project, whose name could be explained as “Teaching is effective way to self-education” assumes that students will learn skills important for life by teaching their classmates and foreign partners. Communication takes place not only through the Internet and video conferences, but also directly at project meetings in the partner countries, which will take place twice a year.

"So the children are preparing various lessons, they choose a topic that interests them, they have to learn it, and then pass the new skills to others. Students practice it with their classmates, friends, and when foreign guests come to the project meeting, then with they teach them as well. The goal is to learn how to learn. This is the most important and it is wonderful that already during the organization of the work itself the students already learn so much. Sometimes everything is not how we wanted it, but here it really is about the learning process because people need to be able to learn during their whole life. The school can provide information, but the reality changes fast and facts can be forgotten easily. But skills remain in a man. And that is what we are trying to build in our students: a love for learning and exploring of the world, "explained teacher Alena Buroňová who is responsible for the project in the Czech school.

This project is carried out in the framework of the Erasmus+ and is being implemented since last September and will be run until June 2017. Its international dimension motivates pupils also to intensive English language learning, as English is for children from different countries the universal means of communication. "In this context, I would like to thank the city of Ostrava for the support of language learning, especially of bilingual classes and CLIL teaching program," said Mrs. Buroňová and added that her school was awarded by this grant for four times.

**Description of the photo:**

Irish girls get to visit the town hall was decorated faces Irish shamrock symbol called Shamrock. Photo: B. Krzyžanek