

Chapter 1

Foreign languages outdoor lesson: A taste of French cuisine!

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Summary

Our students were invited to visit the secondary school IES Guillem Colom Casasnoves in Sóller and to taste some dishes prepared by the students of the vocational studies of Cookery and Gastronomy.

This was done with our 3rd of ESO students (aged 14-15 years old) in March 2019.

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Introduction

Some of our students in our school study French as an optional subject. It is not always easy to find outdoor activities for them, so they were thrilled when they got an invitation to taste some dishes prepared by the Cookery and Gastronomy students from a school in Sóller.



Learning objectives

To appreciate and respect cultures and customs different from their own.

To learn about French cuisine.

To learn some recipes in French.

To learn about vocational studies as a valid option after secondary education..



Resources

French recipes to work in class: 10 easy French recipes:
<https://www.talkinfrench.com/10-easy-french-recipes-to-try-at-home/>

Activity

Step 1 (in class): We divided the class into small groups and each group was given a recipe to work with. They had to read it, understand it, look up any new words and then explain their recipe to the rest of the groups.

Step 2 (outdoor lesson): The students went to Sóller by bus. First they were greeted by the French teacher from the school IES Guillem Colom Casanoves and they visited the school. After that, they went to the kitchen and watched the Cookery and Gastronomy students prepare the dishes. Finally, our students had the chance to taste those dishes. They were delicious!



Comments from the learners' surveys

Our students enjoyed the trip very much and realised that it is important to have an open mind when travelling and eating food from other countries. Some of them said they would like to prepare some of the recipes for their families!

Final remarks

This lesson was especially interesting because it gave the students the chance to learn about vocational studies, which are sometimes seen by the Spanish society as not as good as studying baccalaureate studies.

