

Cultural Heritage And Promotion of Togetherness among European Readers NEWSLETTER of the 3rd MOBILITY TO VÄSTERÅS, SWEDEN



After a yearlong break due to the Covid pandemic we finally met during our third mobility to Västerås, Sweden. Even though we had a lot of activities that we shared through our Etwinning portal, it was great to meet again.

On Sunday all our partners arrived and got installed at their hotel to rest.

Our partners are Croatia, Turkey, Italy and Spain and in total we had 9 teachers and 16 students visiting us. 17 Swedish students were hosts and they had already established contact through social media.

The aim of this mobility was to continue to deepen our students' interest for reading in general and for poetry in specific.

The most exciting part for our students was to get to know each other and create new contacts, since many of the students who had taken part in the previous mobilities had graduated.

While the days were used for working with our Erasmus+ project, the evenings were used by our students to get to know each other better and share experiences. As always, the differences they notice about each other are left in the shadows of all the similarities they see in their peers and their surroundings. "To my mind, the greatest reward and luxury of travel is to be able to experience everyday things as if for the first time, to be in a position in which almost nothing is so familiar it is taken for granted."

Bill Bryson

Monday 29th November

Meeting each other and ice breaking activities

Monday was the first official day of the Erasmus mobility, and we spent most of the day getting to know each other. First all the students arrived at the school at 09.00 and our teacher from Sweden came in with all the Erasmus students. Our teacher had a presentation about the Swedish school system because there are differences with the other countries.

We all were excited and a little nervous, and we looked around the room to see all the new people. The students from Sweden presented themselves and we did ice breaking activities with different questions and a bingo with questions. We had a tour of the school and visited some lessons as well.









In the afternoon we went on a tour around Västerås and the students from Sweden presented different places such as the church, the castle, and the town hall.



We had free time in the evening, so we went back to the hotel where the students from Turkey, Spain, Italy and Croatia lived. We played cards, got to know each other and had a lot of fun.





Tuesday 30th November

The first thing we did on Tuesday was visiting Västerås city hall where we got a guided tour and got to know about the history of the city hall and how they work there today.

Then we went back to school where we wrote different poems both haiku poems and black out poetry. We worked in transnational teams with our hosts and guests, and we got to know each other better.

Then some of the Swedish students had presentations about the Swedish schools' different programs, the economic program, law program and the sales and service program. They also had a presentation about UF, which is young enterprise and how it is to start, develop and wind up a business.

After that the students from each country had group presentations about our different Christmas traditions. We got to know about all the Christmas traditions from Italy, Spain, Croatia, and Sweden. We also got to know about Turkey's new year's celebrations and traditions. We also had a Swedish "fika" and had a coffee break with Swedish saffron buns, cookies, and sandwiches.





























After school some students went to the indoors action waterpark called "Kokpunkten" and some went to go bowling, which was really fun. In the evening some students met up to eat hamburgers at a local hamburger restaurant.













Wednesday 1st December

On Wednesday morning the students continued working with the poems in school.



Around 10.30 the students and the teachers walked to Västmanlands Läns (county) Museum to experience the exhibition When then was now about our county's history from the Stone age until now and Västerås cathedral. After the museum the teachers and the students walked back to school for lunch.









After lunch the students went ice skating and had a great time, even if it was very cold. Some tried it for the first time. In the evening the students had free time. Some went to Ikea while some stayed at the hotel.







Thursday 2nd December

On Thursday we went to Stockholm. The students and the teachers gathered around 8am at the train station in Västerås to take the train to a snowy Stockholm.

In Stockholm we went to Livrustkammaren which translates to the Royal Armory. It's a museum about Swedish royal history.

After the museum the students and the teachers went to the castle to watch the royal army shift change. Then they all went to a Christmas market in old town.











After the Christmas market the students had free time in Stockholm. Some went shopping while others went sightseeing. The teachers made a visit to the House of Europe and met Markus Bonekamp, Head of Office at the European Parliament.





Friday 3rd December

On the last day of our mobility, we went to Västerås public library, where we had a guided tour and got a presentation of the rare book collection from way before our time.











Later, we had presentations of our haiku poems and poetry recitals. Divided into groups, we all made different poems which put a smile on everyone's faces.

In the evening we said our last goodbyes making a T-shirt workshop and ate pizza, and of course with a Lucia interpretation. It is celebrated on December 13th. The





Lucia is often portrayed by a girl, but we did it with a twist. Traditions has it that Lucia must wear a white robe and have "light in her hair", which means a crown of candles. The celebration also includes saffron buns and mulled wine.





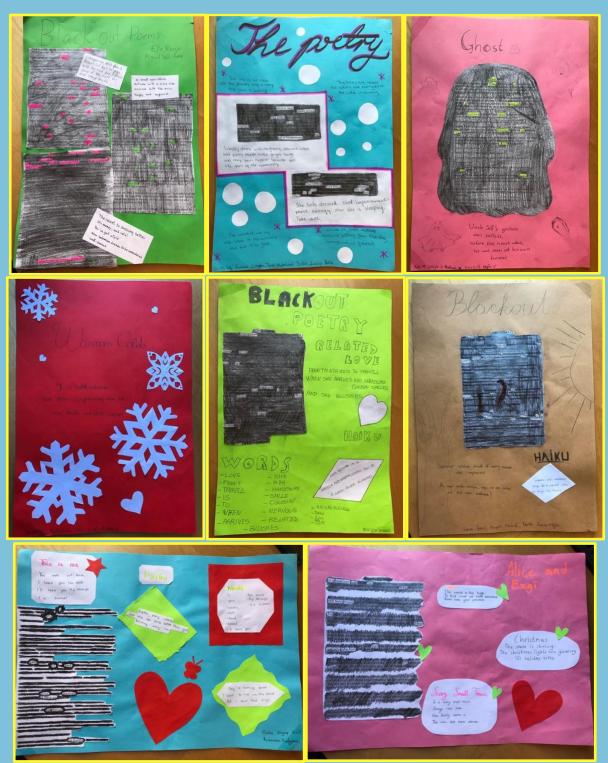




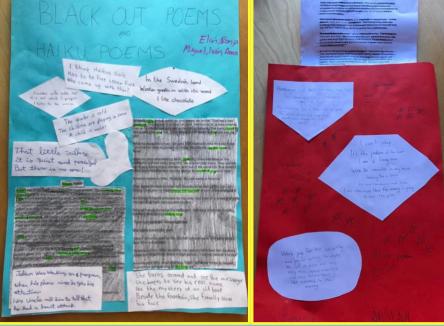
The evaluation showed that everyone appreciated this mobility.

Black Out Poetry and Haiku

One of the workshops we had during the week let our students show their creativity in nice posters that they created in transnational groups.









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