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*Small towns…new challenges*

The third transitional meeting of the Erasmus+ project „Small towns…new challenges” was held between 21st and 24th May 2019 in Banino, Poland, organized by Szkoła Podstawowa im. ks. prałata Józefa Bigusa.

The Spanish delegation from C.E.I.P. Nuestra Senora De La Cabeza was represented by the teachers: Miguel Angel Izquierdo and Silvia Cerezuela, and the students: Ruben Motos, Cesar Fernandez and Jose David Betetas.

The Italian delegation from Instituto Comprensivo Santo Stefano di Camastra was represented by the teachers: Rosalia Santa Cicero and Marchione Giuseppina, and the students: Laura, Caterina and Sofia.

The Bulgarian delegation from Nachalno Uchilishte Yane Sandanski was represented by the teachers: Georgi Trenchev and Mariana Georgiewa Kardzieva, and the students: Ivana Georgieva Shapkova, Elena Prifanowa and Viktor Svetoslavov.

The Portuguese delegation from Agrupamiento de Escolas De Alvide was represented by the teachers: Pedro Pimenta and Patricia Morais,and the students: Kadu Pires Raposo, Kelly Elly Pereira Varela and Mariana Sofia dos Santos Santana.

The Spanish delegation from Centro San Viator was represented by the teachers: Naia Garcia Francisco and Julen Urbina Vaina, and the students: Oihane Liaño Boillos, Alba Pando Guerrero and Oier Acedo Sanchez.

On Monday, 20th May 2019, all the participants were welcomed at the airport by the teachers and the host families. The teachers were transferred to the hotel and the students to their host famielies’ houses. On the departure day, 25th of May, the teams were also transferred to the airport by the teachers and host families.

On Tuesday, 21st May, all the participants gathered at school (Szkoła Podstawowa im. ks. prałata Józefa Bigusa w Baninie) for the opening ceremony- Polish national anthem, traditional local dancing and singing performance. After the ceremony, both students and teachers guided a tour around the school (classrooms, school canteen and all the facilities). After lunch all participants had at the school canteen, the teachers attended the first coordinators’ meeting and the students participated in workshops (internet tools). After dinner, all the participants went for a visit to a local company (“Ekofinn”- a company that specializes in production, installation and service of  BIOCLERE® waste water treatment). After the visit, the students were picked up by the host families and spent the evening with them. The teachers went for a welcome dinner to a local restaurant.

On Wednesday, 22nd May, all the teachers and students involved in the project visited the town hall in Żukowo and met the mayor, Wojciech Kankowski. Then, we went for a trip to a local bakery to learn about the process of baking bread. Next, everybody visited an Eco-farm, where the owner told us about the process of milking cows and shared his experience connected with running his company. Afterwards, we had dinner in Szymbark (CEPR- the Center of Education and Promotion of the region). We had a guided tour there and baking bread workshops. After the trip, the students were picked up by the host families and the teachers went for dinner to a restaurant to try local specialities.

The third day of the mobility in Banino, Thursday, 23rd May, started with workshops for the students (painting mugs in the kashubian pattern) and coordinators’ meeting. After a common lunch in the school canteen, the students went for a tennis training with an experienced tennis coach. After dinner, all the students went for an organized city game around the town, during which they had to do several tasks prepared by school children. After the city game, the students were picked up by the host families and the teachers went for dinner to a restaurant in Gdańsk.

On Friday, 24th May, our guests- students and teachers, went for a guided tour around the city centre of Gdańsk. We visited: Góra Gradowa (viewpoint), Muzeum Bursztynu (The Museum of Amber), Dom Uphagena (The Uphagen’s House), Ratusz Głównego Miasta Gdańska (Gdańsk Town Hall), Fontanna Neptuna (Neptune’s Fountain). After free time to buy souvenirs and enjoy a walk around Gdańsk, both teachers and students had lunch together in one of the local restaurants („Pyra Bar”). Then, we went to Sopot, to take a walk along one of the longest piers in Europe. After the trip, all students, teachers and hosting families gathered at school for a farewell dinner. Then, the students were picked up by the hosting families and teachers went for a farewell dinner to a local restaurant.

As it has been agreed during previous meetings, the next transitional meeting are going to be held in:

* Portugal – 21-26 October 2019
* Italy – 9-14 March 2020
* Spain (Almeria) – 25-30 May 2020

The tasks and responsibilities are going to be maintained as they appear in the application form and as were agreed during previous meetings. All schools agreed to carry on with local activities of the project according to the tasks and post all evidence on eTwinning space.