**At the foot of Mount Etna the flags of six European countries wave together!**

Another intense week of events at the Comprehensive School "San Giovanni Bosco" of Catania, (Headmistress Mrs Valeria Pappalardo), is over. These events took place between the 4th and 9th of November, when thirteen teachers from five European countries "coloured" with their flags the corridors of our school and the classrooms full of students and pupils excited at the idea to exchange with them such easy sentences as "Hello, how are you?".

The project we are talking about is one of the three Erasmus projects in which our school is involved thanks to the hard work of the coordinator, Mrs Rigano Lucia Nina, that allows our school to be involved in a wide-range of international activities. This time we are talking about the project "Let's Myth Together" with Poland as its leading country. The head of the school, Mrs Anna Czarnowska and the coordinator, Prof. Krzysztof Maruszak are here with a group composed of three colleagues from Bulgaria, three Lithuanian colleagues, two Slovakians and finally three Portuguese teachers. Six European countries meet for a short period of time during a lukewarm autumn in Catania where our lives and professionalism“myth together”. But let's describe this Italian “tranche” of the project in details. From Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th, the planes land in our city and the warm welcome that our country can offer to its guests begins at the airport. Many of the teachers involved in this project had already had the opportunity to get to know each other personally, so the meeting is the opportunity for greater emotion and joy. Eventually, we are all ready to get to know our city, the black city because of the colour of the lava stone.

 The first dinner is made up of various traditional Sicilian dishes, such as “parmigiana”, “caponata”, followed by delicious “pasta alla Norma” with tomato sauce, fried aubergines and fresh basil. Our guests are happy and delighted even because the “Piazzetta delle Belle”, where the restaurant is located, offers the ideal setting to start this new experience.

The day after,Monday November 5th, finally the gates of our school officially open the Erasmus week. In the school courtyard overlooking Viale della Regione, a multitude of pupils and students in traditional Sicilian costumes dance together giving their warm welcome to the thirteen foreign teachers waving with pride the paper flags of the six countries. Our colleagues are excited, they stop to give them a greeting and have a quick look at the posters on the walls, each of which is dedicated to their countries. In the auditorium the official welcome takes place: music performed by the school choir, the official greeting by our headmistress, Mrs Pappalardo Valeria, and the coordinator, Mrs Rigano Lucia, and finally a welcome by the school mayor, middle school student Adamo Miriam.

After that, a rich morning coffee break takes place in the meeting room: our delicious pastries are served, that is “iris”, croissants, “raviole” which sweeten even more the joyful moment started in the morning.

The welcome goes on till the afternoon when the foreign teachers together with the Headmistress, the Coordinator of the Erasmus Project, the deputy teacher, Mrs Carciotto Annamaria, and a representation of teachers of the school are received in the City Hall, known as “Palazzo degli Elefanti” to officially open the week of the " Let's myth together " Erasmus Project. The Education Councilor, Mrs. B. Mirabella welcomes us all with kindness offering us an exclusive tour of the rooms, richly furnished with paintings by local artists, and a detailed explanation of historical and cultural events of our city. The culminating moment of the meeting is held in the meeting room, where, while sitting around the work table, there is finally an exchange of gifts and thanks in six different languages.

Our colleagues have now become familiar with Catania, its monuments, its colours and flavours and fully enjoy a walk in the streets of the city before they get ready for the official welcome dinner on the same evening.

Two more intense days are reserved for the Erasmus teachers: Tuesday 6th the "roaring" good giant, mount Etna, so feared by some of its hikers, "offers" its black and steep slopes to its visitors and Tuesday 7 the “white”and bright Syracuse "during a warm November day , is the final setting of this Italian transfer. We are all exhausted, but very happy to share these moments together. Despite our tiredness, we cannot miss the farewell dinner at the “Quarticciolo” restaurant.

The suitcases have been packed, taxis are ready to pick up our beloved guests and take them to the airport and yes,our eyes with tears have exchanged a last goodbye. Our school, thanks to its Headmistress and the Coordinator has lived a unique experience that has enriched our lives, and as Mr Salvatore Pedi, a special need teacher of secondary school, emphasized during his speech in the farewell dinner "from tomorrow our life will never be the same".