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COMENIUS PROJECT REPORT-TURKEY-İSTANBUL

The Comenius Project had its second engagement with all of the partners participation at İstanbul FMV Private Erenköy Işık High School. 3 students 2 teachers from Poland, 5 students and 3 teachers from Spain, 4 students and 2 teachers from France, 4 students and 4 teachers from Portugal, 5 students and 3 teachers from Romania and 2 teachers from Cyprus came around in our engagement.



We met with our guests at 21st March on Friday in our school. Participant students had the chance to observe the lessons with their friends. Later we observed the sky in the planetarium with the students.



After that, sports activities were organized in order to orientate both guests and students who were responsible for the Project. Also, we organized a small trip the “Göksu River” that we made our research to observe it.



On 22nd March Saturday, we met in the hotel and we toured the city accompanied by a guide. We visited Topkapı Palace, Hagia Sophia, The Blue Mosque and the Basilica Cistern. We introduced our historical places to our guests. At the end of the day everyone enjoyed Turkish coffee at Medresseh Caferağa.



Sunday, in the morning of 23rd March we met on the Eminönü ferry station and continued sightseeing by walking from Karaköy to Taksim. In the afternoon our guests and us were pleased with the Bosphorus Tour. In the evening a dinner was organized to our Project partners.



On 24th March Monday, we met again in school. Our school principal Özden K. Soyer made a welcome speech to our guests.



Later on in turn every country shared and discussed their experiment results depending on their analysis of water. Examination of water, including the identification (reactants) in phosphate (PO_4), nitrate (NO_3), nitrite (NO_2), ammonium (NH_4), pH and water hardness, and the study of sediments and observations of many other factors associated with water.



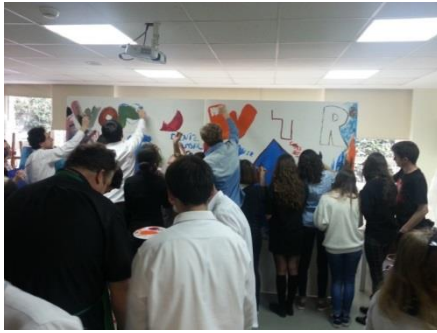
At the end of the presentations our school band performed their favorite songs for our guests.



Then the teachers reviewed the results and made preparations for the meeting. It was decided that each school would prepare a 15 min. presentation about 'Invasive Species' until Romania meeting and send this meetings work to the coordinator school. Moreover, the date for the next years Project meeting was settled.



Meanwhile, our students hold a painting work as a part of 22nd March World Water Day.



We finalized our Project with a small school tour and sky observation in the planetarium with the teachers. 25th March Tuesday, was the departure day for the guests. After 4 days of companionship and study it was hard to say goodbye. However, we are not sad because the next meeting is coming soon.



I would like to end the report with my Comenius story. It was 2003 that I met with Magda and Jerzy thanks to Comenius Project...Both the project itself and the friendships from different countries were quite new for me. We were so excited while carrying out our first project. At last we did really a good job and also made such close friendships. We finished this project, but our friendship has lasted in spite of those years passed. We have reinforced it by corresponding and meeting from time to time.

It was 2013. Magda called me and said “Elife, I have got a new project. Would you like to join?” I got so exhilarated and accepted it immediately as I knew that it would be a new adventure and new friendships and association for me.

For this project our second meeting was in İstanbul. While meeting with our guests, I was so excited and while saying them goodbye, I was so sad. It was as if I was with my family. Four days went with the wind.

I hope everybody participating in this project has taken the same pleasure in it like me. I also wish newly made friendships will last in the future.

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