MOBILITY DAY IN PORTUGAL

May, 16 2022

On May 16th Pardilhó welcomed its Salt work in Progress partners from Italy, Greece, Romania and Slovenia. Several activities were planned throughout the day and the week, coordinated at national and international level.

The Kindergarten and Primary school pupils, directed by Music teacher Ms. Carla Leite welcomed everyone with songs. Then the school director Ms. Lurdes Pereira made a welcoming speech wishing everyone a week of enriching Erasmus+ experiences.

After that there was a visit to the school main buildings with special welcoming activities at the Pre-school, Primary and Special Needs areas where activities and welcoming exhibitions were programmed.

Afetr coffee break there was a performance by the ethnographic group Danças d'Aldeia, who have always been available to collaborate with the school and then a traditional Portuguese lunch at *Casa Galricho* in nearby Murtosa where our Italian team was hosted for the week.

In the afternoon we headed to the Comur Museum where Eng. Januário from Murtosa Municipality gave us a guided tour of the history and process of canning together with our little guides. At the museum’s auditorium all the teams presented their excellent work on the salt pans and the human activities involved.

Finally a very special dinner as a gift from the Portuguese host families and also teachers and schools staff which was shared by all. This dinner also served the purpose of introducing the host families to the students and teachers from the partner countries. Thus, twenty families from Pardilhó received students in their homes, providing them with the most diverse good ways of feeling and living as a family in Portugal. A special thanks to the parents for their support from the very beginning. Their enthusiasm, total commitment and affection helped make this an unforgettable week.

Our most sincere thanks to all those who participated: the School Management, Teachers, the Parents' Association, Parents, Students, Mr. António Tavares, President of the Town Council of Pardilhó, the Technical Team and the Office staff, Staff, Cook and kitchen staff, Danças d'Aldeia Group, among many others, making this experience, of which we are very proud, so memorable.

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Meeting point at the school at 8:45 am and departure by bus to the salt pans of Aveiro. Here, the 5 student-guides explained the story behinf the salt pans in Aveiro: the working process for the production of salt in the different seasons of the year; the products obtained, such as fleur de sel and the traditional coarse sea salt, the instruments used, etc. We visited the Troncalhada Ecomuseum and in two multicultural groups with the aid of the cicerones and the salt museum tour guide we got a clearer notion of the salt pans and the work involved.

Then we headed to the University of Aveiro, to the auditorium of the Biology and Environment Department where we were welcomed by Prof. Dr. Filomena Martins, who had prepared a lecture for us. We learned about the various projects involving the saltpans in which the university is involved and about the future projects related to salt and ways in which the production of salt can be enhanced and be a valuable asset to the city.

At 13:00 we had lunch at the University Campus, at the Centre for Faith and Culture.

At 14:00 we visited the Museum of St. Joana, in which our 5 guides explained the importance of the saltpans in the context of the convent, as well as the applications and interactions of the marnoto salt workers with the convent and its nuns at the time. The origin of the conventual sweets, with special focus on the sweet soft eggs, called ovos moles was also a highlight of the afternoon.

The bus took us further south to the city of Ílhavo where from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. we had aguided tour to the Maritime Museum of Ílhavo, where the fishing process involving cod was presented and explained, as well as the importance of salt in the whole process.

We all also had the pleasure of visiting the codfish aquarium where the different origins of cod, their colours, feeding scheme, water temperature etc. was explained. At the end of this visit, it was time for a small snack, after which we headed for a short visit to Costa Nova beach and its famous colourful striped fishermen houses.

Finally, the trip back to Pardilhó, where our host families were waiting for the students. They had dinner with the families and at the end ach student had some adventure to tell.

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At 9:00 the day began with a Collaborative workshop at the Kindergarten school, prepared by the pre-school teachers. Students watched a video presentation on "Arte Xávega à moda antiga" which portrays the traditional coastal fishing technique of trawling that is still practiced in some coastal locations of Portugal. They learned about the importance of sardines throughout the ages in Portuguese culture and the importance of salt in its conservation. This was followed by an interesting Workshop with creative painting craft of a sardine made of reused fabrics" Salty Canned Sardines".

From pre-school to our sports gymnasium, the students were able to try out social games prepared by PE teacher Ms. Maria João Luz.

After a short coffee break students headed to the School Library where they watched a Puppet show: "The Taste of Salt" by grade 7 class C students. Bible studies teacher Ms. Ana Leão prepared the scenario for the story, which was adapted and translated by English teacher Ms. Luísa Miranda with her pupils. Afterwards, they participated in a lively workshop led by Librarian and Science teacher Ms. Amparo Morais entitled: "An idea to keep" which allowed them to take home a souvenir of salt with an interesting mix of aromas.

Meanwhile, the Erasmus+ project coordinators and teachers held a meeting, discussing and assessing details and upcoming events.

Lunch was served in the school canteen by all the friendly canteen staff.

Around 14:00 it was time to try the trip on the Moliceiro boat which is a candidate to UNESCO Heritage of Humanity seal. We began our adventure at the pier of Bico and passed by the islands of the ria in an hour long tour. Once again our Young Cicerones were in their role as guides, explaining the function of this type of boat when the importance of the removal of the seaweed in the ria was a necessity and an added value for the fertilization of the fields.

On this trip we were able to observe flamingoes, black-winged stilts and other common birds in this project, as well as learning about the many stories and legends passed down from generation to generation. We thank Verónica and Ricardo of Terra d'Água for the professionalism, care and friendliness with which they guided us.

At the end of the day there was once again time for meeting and dining with the Portuguese host families who besides dinner had other outings scheduled like a trip to the beach or to a nearby town!

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Meeting at school and travelling by bus to Vila Nova de Gaia and to the city of Porto.

Our student guides explained the important role that salt played in these two cities and its relationship to the salt pans of Aveiro.

At the Cockburn's Port wine cellars they learnt what these cellars were in other times, the connection to the salt trade coming by land from the salt pans of Aveiro to the pier and its commercialization. Once inside the cellars we could learn the whole universe related to this excellent wine, its history, founders and almost magical way of production. Our young cicerones worked in close collaboration with the cellar guide who also gave students useful information about this profession, which contributes a lot to the dissemination of heritage and interest in preserving the culture and identity of a people and their traditions.

The visit to the Gaia Quay, where the Rabelo boats and others were moored. We admired the beautiful cityscape of the city of Oporto on the other side of the river, on a short walk along the river,with a quick stop at the Casa Portuguesa do Pastel de Bacalhau, where they tasted this delicacy together with the Port wine and also observed the beauty of art, music and literature in the same building. The D. Luís bridge was also an obvious attraction and reference was amde to its style, architect and classification as World Heritage by UNESCO since 1996.

At 12:30 we returned to Porto for lunch at the Capa Negra II restaurant, where the iconic francesinha was savoured.

At 14:30 a visit to Oporto's Historical Centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit to the S. Bento railway station, observation of the rich tile panels, where the guides explained their historical context and iconography, with special focus on the panel that depicts the Rabelo boats on the Douro river.

Then a visit to the "Chapel of Souls", observation of the tile panels that covers it and explanation of this monument by the student guides.

That night at 20:00 we had the very special traditional dinner at "Casa Noquinhas" where our Greek and Romanian team were hosted. Twenty students from Portugal, representing the host families, and all partners attended dinner. The musical entertainment by Tiago Amador allowed moments of joyful sharing among all and we were all specially fascinated by the talented voices of students and teachers from Romania and all the happy faces at the end of the evening!

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Early in the morning the day began with a "Collaborative Fabric Panel" workshop by Arts teacher Ms. Florbela Barreto. On a raw cloth support, surrounded by paints, brushes and other materials, all the students were invited to illustrate the most vivid memories of their experiences in Portugal. It was wonderful to feel that in a spontaneous and creative way everything took shape and colour! The partner students were handed a t-shirt offered by the Parents Association of Pardilhó, whom we thank wholeheartedly.

A coffee break followed, as usual during this short and intense week.

Then in the ICT room students were divided into multicultural teams and given the task of sharing their best moments of the mobility week using Web2 tools. ICT teacher Ms. Susana Cipriano was there to help with her expertise and skill. The result of the work was put together oin a padlet which was presented at the school’s amphitheatre. After that the students from each country also recited a poem, in their native language, alluding to the word "SALT". 7th grade student Iara Lopes recited the poem poem "Mar Salgado" (Salty Sea) by Fernando Pessoa.

All the students and teachers were then given the links for the assessment forms.

The diploma delivery session followed at the School Hall. The Director Ms. Lurdes Pereira and Subdirector, Ms. Leontina Pinto together with the Erasmus+ project coordinators Ms. Florbela Barreto and Ms. Luísa Miranda handed out the diplomas.

 A special moment of an Orthodox thanksgiving payer was sung by the Romanian partner and after that the delicious Erasmus+ cake was cut. Also birthday wishes were sung to Romanian student Laura Stan and Portuguese student Margarida Cunha with a special cake gifted by the Cirne host family.

The mobility came to an end. A mix of sweet farewell emotions which will remain part of the Erasmus+ common story in our school, within our families and our partners’ as a sign of our European bond of friendship, trust and hope.