

C2 mobility report FOOTFALLSofNATURE Erasmus+ project meeting Short term exchange of group of students Held on 27th June - 1st July 2022 In Zespół Szkolno - Przedszkolny w Wojsławicach - Kolonii

C2 meeting was organised under the subtopic of waste management and #trashtag challenge.

On the first day, the opening ceremony was organised at school. Mrs Emma Czarnecka-Durczak, the headmistress, welcomed the participants and project gadgets with the logo of Erasmus+ were distributed. Students from the dance group "Iskierki" performed two traditional Polish dances and later partners attended the walk around the school, accompanied by Polish teachers and students.

Next, the meeting with the headmistress was held to discuss the details of the C2 meeting and to present the school's main goals and methodology. After a short break, the participants went to town hall to meet the mayor of Wojsławice and learn about main aspects of the environmental department. Wojsławice municipality is mainly an agricultural area, but lots of effort is put into creating an environmentally friendly community and to act with respect to nature. Therefore, new energy sources are introduced, such as solar energy, heat pumps and the biogas plant, which will produce energy from organic waste gas. Inhabitants are encouraged to recycle rubbish and most people do it properly. Last but not least, the town hall is proactive about environment protection and the natural landscape is well preserved and respected.

After the meeting, the visit to the town of Wojsławice followed. The participants could see all the most important monuments: Catholic church, Jewish synagogue, Eastern Orthodox Church and the statue devoted to partisan soldiers.

The last activity was Krav Maga training in the school gym, which was organised to integrate the students.

The second day started with activities at school. First, students designed the labels for different waste type bins. The labels were stuck on the bins and put into school corridors. After that, the best slogans were chosen to be put as speech bubbles in the forests/parks. Next, all participants presented the videos about waste types, after which they took a quiz to check how much they learnt.

The next activity was trekking in nature - students and teachers, led by a forest ranger, discovered the beauty of loess gorges in Stary Majdan. They were told about this type of landscape and the species of animals and plants that can be found in the area.

After trekking, the participants visited Three Cultures Centre in Majdan Ostrowski and House of Former culture and tradition in Roziecin. There, the cooking workshop was organised - students prepared the traditional "cebularz" and learnt how to make butter. They discovered that traditional cuisine is not only delicious but also environmentally friendly.

On the third day, a visit to the Lublin Museum of the Countryside was held. The guide talked about how people of Countryside lived 100 years ago and how the museum tries to continue the traditional farming, which is very hard but ecological and rewarding.

In the afternoon, the participants visited the Old Town in Lublin and the Culture Meeting Centre, where on the fourth floor there is a bee hives area to educate the visitors about the importance of beekeeping.

In the evening, a dinner meeting was organised for all participants, teachers, parents and local authorities to promote the project and to integrate the participants. Teachers discussed the next mobility and shared ideas about next project tasks.

The fourth day started with a sightseeing tour in Zamość. In the afternoon the participants visited Roztoczański National Park to discover the biodiversity of the Lubelski region. Short trekking activity in the park was followed by a picnic in nature with a beautiful view of Echo Lake.

On the last day we went to Chalk Mine in Chełm, where the participants learnt about the past of the city. Later, the evaluation meeting was held to understand weak and strong points of the mobility. At the end, the participants visited the Chełm Museum of Nature, where they learnt about many different species of animals which live in the area. After visiting the exposition, the students attended an art workshop "Animals with pastel crayons".

All participants benefited from this LTTA as they were provided with the opportunity to experience learning and teaching in another country with new methodologies and techniques and peers from five different countries. Thanks to the lecture and videos both teachers and pupils gained a better understanding of types of waste. We learnt how to protect the environment, what our responsibilities to the environment are, why to recycle, what the polluting materials are, which waste should be recycled and what to do in order to produce less waste. The partners had a chance to apply good examples of different environmentally friendly actions in their schools. All participants improved the consciousness of saving by teaching and learning the types of waste. We also strengthened our social responsibility behaviours and ensured sustainability for the next generations. In addition, we also developed foreign language communication, creativity, tolerance and mutual understanding, self-assurance, teamwork, collaboration ability and knowledge of different subjects related to the project. Participant countries are familiar with Polish culture, customs and traditions. The teachers improved their creative natural teaching skills, coaching and problem-solving talents. The host school developed organisational skills and gained experience in managing international exchanges.