

The Cypriot mascot



Maroullou the halloumi producer

Halloumi, the famous traditional cheese of Cyprus, was produced for many centuries in the rural areas of Cyprus. Halloumi is produced mainly from sheep and/or goat milk or a mixture of both sheep and goat milk. In the past, each family in the villages used to have its own animals and produce its own halloumi cheese.

Since our Erasmus project “European food Adventures” deals with healthy nutrition and local food products, we decided that our mascot should be connected with our famous local cheese, halloumi. In the mascot contest conducted among our school students, two designs won the contest, depicting the local woman halloumi producer and her accompanying animals. So we proceeded in transforming these two children designs in stuffed characters. Our main mascot character, the halloumi woman producer is named “Maroullou”, one of the most commonly used women names in Cyprus.