

Mobility C2 – Krakow

The second mobility of the Together We Can project took place in Poland, Krakow, from 18th to 22nd March, with Zespół Szkolno-Przedszkolny nr 4 as the host school. The theme addressed was Solidarity.

Monday, 18th March

It was the day of arrival and the teams were received at the host school by the Polish Project Coordinator and the School Principal. Much anxiety was evident in the faces of the students as a new experience was about to begin, which they will keep for life. The students were welcomed by their hosts and some of them attended classes. In the afternoon they were handed over to the host families.

Tuesday – 19th March

In the morning we had the welcome reception took place that in the school's gym. The school Principle made a welcoming speech and then we were offered a cultural exhibition of dance and music, ending with a representation of a Polish traditional dance.

All teams received a pin with the project logo and a bar of Polish chocolate. Teachers were also offered some books and brochures on Krakow and Poland from the city's tourism service.

After the welcome session, the teams visited the school and then all the group met to leave for the city center to visit the Underground Museum on Market Square. This exhibition presents the history of Krakow, but also highlights the con-

nections and contributions that the city has developed in the past centuries. The magnificent Market Square was always a place of commerce where citizens bought goods from the farthest corners of Europe. The artifacts recovered during the excavations, which underpin the Krakow as a place where many European trade routes intersected, were very appreciated.

After the visit, it was time for lunch and the group met at the Barbicane to take the Royal Path walk, which allowed us to appreciate the streets and buildings of the old part of the city.

Back to school, we recovered energy with a snack and the students began the art workshop, in which they were challenged to paint a T-shirt allusive to solidarity. While the students were doing this workshop, the teachers met to clarify some procedures related to the eTwinning's Twinspace. It was gratifying to see that the students produced very enlightening paintings about Solidarity. The T-shirts painted by each will be signed by five personalities from each country and then they will be auctioned. The money raised will be given to an institution of solidarity.

To close the first day, the students gathered in the computer room for a workshop that aimed at putting their works on solidarity in "genialy".

After that, the teachers gathered for dinner in the city center.

Wednesday, 20th March

The morning of this second day was destined to visit the

Wieliczka Salt Mine. So we caught a bus that took us out of the city of Krakow. The Spanish partners did not accompany us, having stayed at school to carry out other activities – a Spanish Day.

The Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, enchant us with the incredible salt sculptures and statues, its chapels and underground museums. On this visit, we descended 140m below the surface. At this depth we had lunch, taking the opportunity to taste some Polish specialties. We came to the surface by elevator and we enjoyed some free time that provided moments of relaxation among the students.

We returned to school, a snack was offered and we started the art workshop, where it was proposed to paint another T-shirt, with something allusive to the solidarity, but this one would be for the students. While this workshop was taking place, a national TV team arrived, interviewing some students, filming what they were doing and collecting material to be released on television. After the paintings were finished, the photo report of the whole group was made.

Then it was the time to continue the computer workshop started the day before, however, due to the constraints of the internet network, it could not be achieved.

Thursday, 21st March

This day began with the presentation of the works carried out about Solidarity. Spain, Italy, Cyprus, and Portugal have therefore presented their works on:

- The national icon of solidarity.

- An interview on solidarity.
- One social experiment prepared by students in community.
- One short video about solidarity in your country or town or school or class.
- Solidarity statistics in each country.

These presentations were made in the presence of several Polish students. Still, in the morning, we left school towards the center of the city doing a City Game: Polish-Jewish solidarity during WW II, and we visited the Gestapo interrogation office and the History Museum. In this museum, we attended a presentation about the Jews and World War II. After lunch in the city center, the group met at the iconic Adam Mickiewicz monument and the destination was the City Hall, where we would be received by the Mayor of Krakow city. Arrived at the City Hall, we went to the noble hall and there we were greeted by the President, who welcomed all the partners. Then the Polish headteacher addressed the President to thank him for the reception. The Project Coordinator from the Portuguese team made a brief presentation of the project itself and a Polish student explained the T-shirts' action and asked the Mayor to sign them.

After that, a surprise awaited us! A door was opened and there was a magnificent snack in which a chocolate fountain stood out. It that made everyone's delight. A bag containing some brochures about the city was offered by the City Hall to students and teachers. Then we returned to school to distribute the certificate of attendance.

Friday, 22nd March – Departures

Farewell day.

Partners left for their country. Promises of contacts, tears in some eyes and the desire to meet again.