

# CATCH THE BULLY GAME OVER!

#### **Preface**

The aim of the project Erasmus "Fully Avoid Bully" (2020-1-IT02-KA229-079166) is allowing the exchange of best practices developed by each school to fight collective cyberbullying and minimizing its negative efects.

The project wants to contribute to the fact that students are not only in the position of receiving information, they are also active internet users who provide information, produce information, share, discuss.

The key to achieve this goal will be web2.0 tools.

Effective use of Web2.0 tools will enable them to use the Internet and computer correctly and effectively and to increase their digital capabilities.

One of activities planned has been the active participation of all students involved in the project in taking turns in writing a short story. The aim was to help students to think of how important is cooperation in a common target. It's like a relay race where everyone is essential to the common wellbeing.

The story has been developed by all the school partners in a relay race. The Italian team has written the incipit and developed the first chapter, then the other teams took turns completing the short story till the final chapter.

The topic was cyberbullying and how to take down bullies. Students have shared the same ideas about cyberbullying and have come to a happy ending that we hope will always come true in real situations.

During the mobility in San Severo, Italy, all the school partners gathered at the MAT (Museo dell'Alto Tavoliere) where students were guided in drawing some important parts of the short story.

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A short story about cyberbullying

The alarm clock rings with its hateful sound. Five more minutes. It plays again, but George ignores it until his mother goes to call him: «George! You'll be late!» He couldn't avoid getting up, he didn't tell her mum anything about what is happening at school, and he lets her believe that it is typical student indolence. Instead, the tests do not scare him and the lessons do not bore him. He quickly has breakfast and takes the bus that leaves him near the school where, in front of the entrance, Andrew and Eric are waiting. As they see him, they call him with great gestures, as if they were great friends, and meanwhile they already laugh. He pretends not to hear, but as soon as he gets close to them...

He pretends not to have seen them and tries to go inside the school but before doing so Andrew and Eric stop him and start teasing him, grab his arm and take him behind a big van, threaten him saying "If you don't want to be kicked by us I want you to bring € 50 tomorrow and all the homework done. Did you bring the snack? Which? Do you remember the chocolate we asked you yesterday? ". At first George had no idea why Andrew and Eric kept attacking and threatening him, they chose him because he was a very shy and weak boy and that is why they took advantage of



it. At Andrew and Eric's house violence was the rule always used against them. George never told her mother anything about these bad boys because he didn't want to make her worry. Moreover he wanted to demonstrate he was able to protect himself.

Exactly at that moment the Caretaker arrives, discovers the suspect group behind the van and tells them that the bell has just rung and they have to get into their class quickly.

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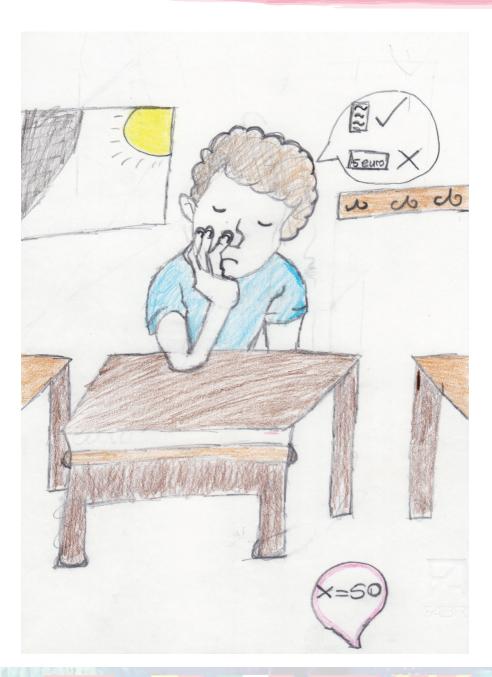
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Thinking about what to do all day long, George cannot do anything even though he wants to. When he comes back home he starts to do all the homework both his and theirs. Her mother is suspicious as it is not normal that he has too much homework and asks him why he has so much homework. He lies to his mother by saying they get a punishment as class because some students make the teacher angry.

The next day when George arrives at school he is both glad that he did all the homework and anxious that he cannot bring the money the bullies wanted the day before. While he is walking towards the classroom Andrew and Eric pull him aside in the school corridor. Andrew asks him about homework. George picks up the assignments from his bag and gives them. Now it's time for money. Eric asks if he brought the money or not. George can't say anything out of fear. The caretaker comes to remind that the bell rings. Andrew whispers in George's ear: "Wait and see what will happen now!"

George thinks about what may happen all day long. When he goes back home he gets a message from Eric. "Have a look at your instagram account!" George turns his mobile on without changing his clothes wondering what he will see.....



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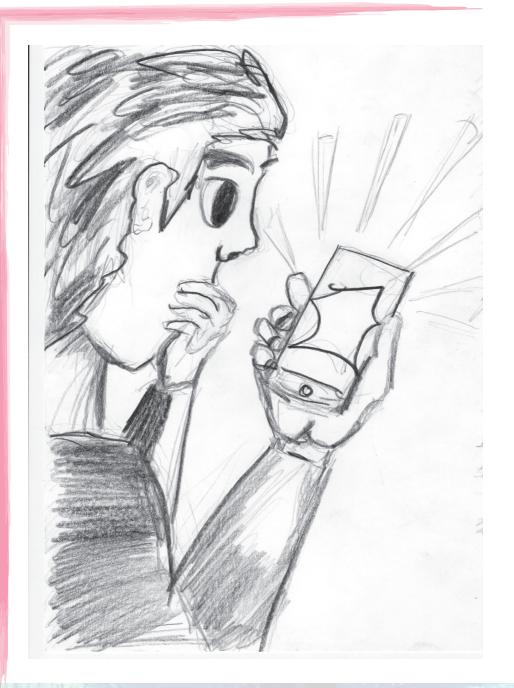
George didn't have his cell phone with him, he ran home very scared, he was very impatient, he wanted to log in to Instagram.

When he arrived home, he ran up to his room without saying "hello" to his mother. He opened the box where he usually keeps his cell phone when he is at school and logged in to Instagram. There was a problem, the wifi didn't work properly and he had to restart it.

Suddenly, his mother said: "George, it's time to have dinner". He asked: "Wait, I need to send some work to my teacher". He didn't want to go until checking what they had posted on Instagram.

After a few long minutes he was able to open Instagram and could not believe what they had done to him. They had posted a nasty comparison between George and a monkey, making fun of his physical appearance. George shed a big tear, but he stopped, he had to go to have dinner.

That night he couldn't sleep, thinking that every minute, more people would see his photo. He decided to investigate if there was any way to delete that publication, the only









solution was to inform Instagram and report what had happened to him.

The next morning, they replied, and they would check the content and delete it in 72 hours. He was angry, more and more people would see that photo. He needed to speak to someone, so he decided to tell his only friend, Diana, about the incident:

"Diane, I need to tell you something, but there is a condition, you mustn't tell anyone". George said.

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Diana told him to sit down and take a deep breath. They both sat down next to each other. Diana calmly told him that she will listen to him...

"It's a pinky promise ", she said with a little smile on her face. Tell me what happened, George." said Diana.

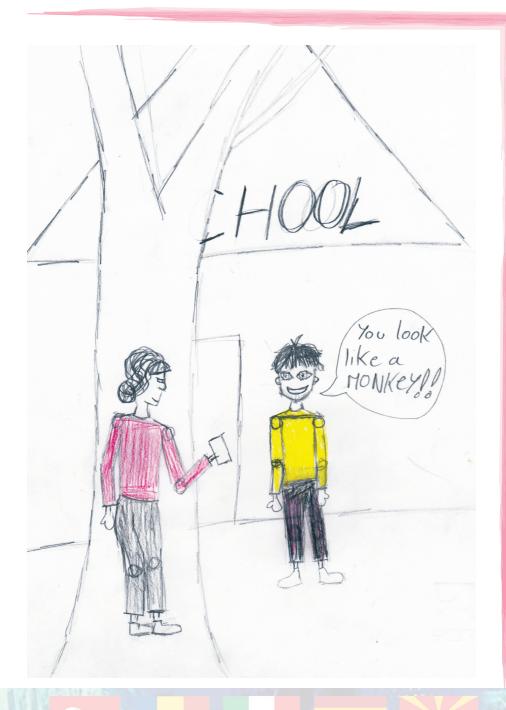
"Well..." George started to tell what happened "Two kids... Andrew and Eric. They are the worst! They make fun of me anytime I meet them, I can't take it anymore... I just can't stand them. I'm scared to go to school now, because of them. It's not right! I don't know what to do!"

Diana comforted him. She then hugged him and said: "What did they do?"

"They posted an Instagram photo of me saying I look like a monkey," George replied.

"That is so rude of them! You have to tell your mom or teacher about this!" the girl said with an angry tone.

"I am afraid to tell someone else… I don't want Andrew and Eric to continue to bully me. If they get in trouble about this, they will definitely take revenge." the boy explained. "If you tell the right person they won't ever bully you again. Let's talk later, we need to go to classes. See you later" she said.



Diana had a plan... She wanted to record George when he gets bullied by Andrew and Eric, if she gets the chance. She went to school and hid in a spot where she could see the school yard. She started recording the moment George arrived at school. She saw the two bullies coming towards him...

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She started recording the moment George arrived at school. She saw the two bullies coming towards him and she made sure she had the perfect angle where the two bullies' faces were clearly seen as the two assaulted her best friend both verbally and physically, no matter how painful it was watching her best friend get treated so lowly and horribly, she had to endure it because his entire life depended on her ability to do this right and show these bullies masked as nice mannered boys were doing to her best friend and report them to the right authorities so they can never have the chance to do this to anyone ever again. The moment the boys left George alone she quickly ran to him, excited to show him the proof she had just acquired to which George responded with a tired smile and thanked her while pulling her into a grateful hug and thanking her for her help.

That very evening Diana sent the video along with a complaint to many authorities ranging from the school administration, the disciplinary board and to the police station nearby so the horrible bullies could be dealt with the proper way.

The next day all the bad photos from Instagram and the other social media platforms had been deleted and a letter had been sent from the school apologizing for not catching





on to the problem earlier and helping him sooner and telling him that the two troubled boys had been dealt with and that he was safe to return to school.

That was the first time George left his room with a smile on his face and was excited and happy about what the day held for him in months.

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