

Meeting in Italy, Castelnuovo Magra

6TH – 10TH MARCH 2017

The Fourth Learning Teaching and Training Meeting was held in Castelnuovo in Italy between 6th and 10th of March 2017. The participants in this meeting were 20 students plus 17 teachers from the foreign countries, as well as students and teachers from Italy.



The program of activities was organized and planned in the best possible way by the coordinator and the teachers of the Italian School. Furthermore all our visits in the school area were aimed at facilitating the objectives needed to gather the information for our projects according to the topics. The teams had been formed before our trip to Italy.



MONDAY 6TH OF MARCH

On the first morning we went to the school at Castel Nuovo by bus. We were greeted by the Italian colleagues and the pupils of the school. Then we watched a short welcome ceremony. Afterwards we played cohesion games organized by Italy and Poland. A presentation about sustainable energy followed at the auditorium by an environmental technician.

After lunch we visited Monte Marcello Nature Park and we walked through the Botanical Garden. We were divided in two groups and a guide explained all the types of plants in the park. The pupils had the chance to collect small samples of the parks flora. Then they worked in smaller groups to present their work.





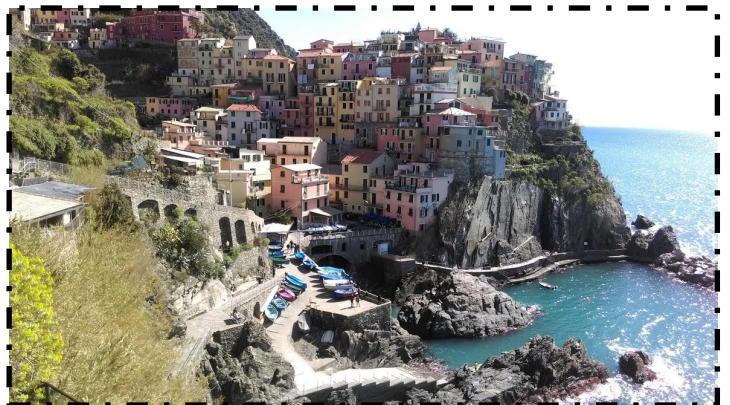
TUESDAY 7TH OF MARCH

On Tuesday we visited the archeological site of Luni. The pupils were divided into groups and played a treasure hunt game with a guide on the site. Through the game they were able to learn about the history of the place and the archaeological findings in the museum. The pupils were impressed by the ruins of the ancient arena and the mosaics representing the ancient God Poseidon. After lunch we went to the small town of Sarzana. We visited the town's castle and its multimedia museum. The pupils were able to find out information about the life in the castle, the area's history, the building of the castle, even the way trade was made in the older days between European cities. They even had the chance for role playing. Who wants to be the ruler of Sarzana's castle?

WEDNESDAY 8TH OF MARCH

Ready for our visit to the world famous Cinque Terre! We arrived on the top of a hill with a fantastic view of the first village of Cinque Terre, called Rio Maggiore. There, the pupils were divided in smaller groups and made observations about the flora and the fauna of the Natural Park's area. Then we walked down the hill and arrived to the second village called Manarolla. There we had a good rest and lunch which was packed for us for picnic. The view was amazing. Everyone had a walk in the small streets of the village exploring the way of life in such a beautiful but remote place. Then the pupils with a marine biologist did a biodiversity workshop by the

sea. They learnt a lot about how the Natural Park is protected, the quality of the waters and about the species that inhabit in its sea. Our last stop was Porto Venere where we had the chance to relax after a long but exciting day.



THURSDAY 9TH OF MARCH

We travelled to Genoa by bus to visit the Aquarium. We were divided in two groups with a marine biologist guide each. The pupils had the chance to explore the aquarium. Many of the tanks were really impressive. We met sea lions and found out about their habits. We were amazed by the sharks and we had the chance to see the aquarium's technicians fixing something under water. The penguins were so funny! All of us loved them. The "touching" tank was a very interesting experience for all the pupils who loved the touch of the rays. The tour finished with a show by the dolphins of the aquarium.

Lunch was offered at a nice restaurant by the port. Pizza!!!

Then the pupils were again divided in smaller groups and did a workshop about the world of invertebrates. They found it very interesting! Full of new experiences we headed back to Castelnovo.



FRIDAY 10TH OF MARCH

We arrived at the school and after some more cohesion games we went in the garden next to the school for seeding. Following that, we were all divided in six groups according to the topics of study, and started working on our final projects. After lunch in the canteen, we all continued working on the projects. All the team work had great results! In the afternoon the final projects were presented to the teachers and all the parents who in the meantime came to the school. A party at the canteen was offered by families, with lots of homemade food and drinks. We all enjoyed it so much! It was time to say goodbye to all the lovely new friends we have all made during this fantastic week.

Thank you Italy!!!



COORDINATORS' S MEETING

During the coordinators' meeting the topics that were discussed were:

- **Evaluation** for the meeting in Italy— Joan and Asia are responsible to prepare and send to the partners the questionnaires for students, hosting families and teachers that have participated in the meeting in Italy. (By the end of March)
- **Penfriends:** The third letters from penfriends were disseminated to the partners. The fourth letter should be exchanged in Cyprus with the topic: «Visiting my country. Places that you should visit».
- **Videoconferences:** a new schedule has been organized. All videoconferences must take place before the meeting in Cyprus.
- **Twinspace:** all material (cohesion games and lesson plans, from the visits in Ireland and Italy) should be uploaded in our twinspace before the visit in Cyprus.
- **Visit in Cyprus:** The visit will take place from 8th to 12th of May 2017. 6 topics are going to be covered as has been decided in Ireland. Each student coming to Cyprus must prepare one different topic. Regarding the accommodation of teachers the Local Hotel and Traditional House have only double and tripple rooms so some may have to share rooms.