



## MINUTES OF ERASMUS MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016

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### 14/03/2016 – The Therapeutic Garden

- Finding way around Cologne and getting our bearings.
- Welcome – Johannes, Christine and Britta, a traditional German meal together.

### 15/03/2016 - a.m

- Good breakfast, then tram journey to Frechen.
- Welcome – greeting friends we have worked with in the past, and now in this project.
- Tour of School: lots of interest in inner courtyard play space/new garden project.
- E-Twinning practice: putting PDF's on site and understanding how to section the work into the five senses (see 'How to use' sheet).

### 15/03/2016 - p.m

- Visited Museum Island: Hombroich. A very good visit: Art/Nature, an interesting place with lots of ideas for our project.
- On return to Cologne – some visited the Chocolate Museum for presents; hot chocolate with Baileys, was a favourite!
- Evening meal, convivial, but everyone tired!

### 16/03/16

- Started today with a Fire Practice – full on affair with Police/Fire Service!

**Reports/Presentations** – See E-Twinning site

## **1 – Germany**

### *Gardening in our school – Next steps:*

- Seed – plan, process, use of syringe to plant.
- Practice steps and be able to do them without support.
- Watering plan.
- Long term wait overview.
- Think about
  - Reading?
  - Understanding?
  - Visual steps
- Focus on each step.
- Independence helped by routine/chart/order of materials.

### *Process of Planning / Garden Development:*

Visited another school for ideas and made a plan

- 1 Tomato Frame
- 2 Raised beds
- 3 Barefoot pathway

Further ideas: Composting, hedgehog hotel, bat/bird boxes, willow tent, berry bushes, seats, hedging/structures, planting Mediterranean plants/North European plants.

## **2 – Spain**

- See lovely examples of work/photos (E-Twinning site)
- “Our Recipes” – Set out of page discussed
- Shop in school idea – Garden → Kitchen → Product → Shop

## **3 – Gran Canaria**

- Process of seed to plant – just takes 3 months! So it is easier to watch.
- Children share food with families.
- See many examples (E-Twinning site).
- Matching game/Books of Recipes.
- Video of the Garden: planting/watering/growing/harvesting/eating.

## **4 – UK**

- Introduction to using our senses in the garden, particularly around Pan Haggerty recipe.
- Gardening processes.
- Visual planting plan.
- Example of recipe book for Pan Haggerty.

Many interesting ideas from all participants. A lot of thought and work has taken place.

In the afternoon we visited "Finken's Garden" which had been specially prepared, thinking about children's interests and sensory needs.

The garden Ranger gave us a tour: the greenhouse and sensory plants were well presented and exciting! There were lots of ideas for our gardens e.g. sensory boxes, a 'listening area', a walk using mirrors to see up into trees/down onto the paths.

The Ranger illustrated some good observational practice. All agreed it would be a good place to visit with our special needs children.

An early farewell to our Spanish friends. We enjoyed a great final meal in the Brauhaus with a lot of our German colleagues, Gran Canarian friends and The Dales mob!

Thank you for an excellent visit.

#### **Action Plan for Meeting in UK 6 – 9 June 2016**

- 1) Visual Plan of the process of plant care.
- 2) A video of sensory session, to share (Jill will send a CD of sounds and Ashleigh will send the link for the Boardmaker programme).
- 3) Examples of a model observation diary, observation work, a game featuring birds, insects, garden creatures? (Please create these with a view to put on 'Twin Space')
- 4) Note flights to Gran Canaria in October which may influence working days.