

"Treasure Island" Comenius Project Meeting in Cristuru Secuiesc

The final "Treasure Island" meeting of the Comenius School Partnership Multilateral Project took place in Cristuru Secuiesc in the period of 18-23rd April, 2012 in the "Petofi Sandor" Primary School.

In this project our school had as partner schools the "Weores Sandor" Primary and Art School in Gyomro, Hungary and Scuola Statale Secondaria di primo grade "Giuseppe Mazzini" in Lanciano, Italy.

10 students and 3 children have participated at the event from each partner school. The children were hosted by families, which helped them to get to know better the life in Romania and it improved their language knowledge in both English and Italian.

The following activities took place during the meeting:

On the first day of the meeting we hosted the children and their teachers.

On the following day the participants of the three partner schools went on a trip to a tiny nearby village called Criseni, where they visited the unique Museum of straw Hats. Here the children have participated in art house. Supported by local artisans they have learnt how to make straw ornaments. In the evening a group of students from our school have presented a theatre performance entitled "The Woman Who establishes a Home" by Peter Horvath. This performance was recorded to a DVD this being one of the final products of the project.

On the third day of the meeting we visited Brasov and the Bran Castle which improved children's cultural and traditional awareness. During this trip they could take lots of photos of the visited places. These photos were selected and constitute the photo album entitled "Europe's Beauties".

On Saturday morning our guests visited our school, our classrooms, labs, school library and the sports hall. In the afternoon the participants visited Corund, a village where they could admire the art of pottery. During the heads' meeting all the project activities of the three partner schools have been presented and the final project products have been discussed. The proceedings of the final report and the preparation of the photo album have also been discussed.

On Saturday evening our school has prepared a final farewell common festivity. All participants of the partner schools have been there as well as representatives of the mass media and the local council, children and parents too. There were power point presentations about precedent meetings and project activities. All the final project products made so far were presented.

We have prepared a varied artistic program for this common festivity with music, group dance, recitals. The surprise of this evening festivity was the distribution of straw hats- a project product- to all the partners and members of the Comenius club. After the ceremony a final common dinner was served in our school for guests, teachers, parents and local principals.

This project meeting has achieved it's purpose. We have managed to achieve the project objectives, to promote the traditions specific to our area. We have stimulated the artistic talent of the students by attracting them in creating traditional products. Our guests as well as our project team have shown interest in the traditions, cultures and languages of the partner countries. In the course of this project friendships have been made between members of the partner schools which hopefully will continue after the ending of this project.

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