



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme



Multilateral Comenius Partnership – 2010/2012
Project - “Class in the nature, nature in the classroom“
Report on the Comenius Partnership Project Meeting
January 23rd to 27th – Malpils Secondary School, Latvia

The second meeting of the project took place in Malpils Secondary School in Latvia.

The participants were:

- Bulgaria – 4 teachers
- Italy – 3 teachers, 2 students
- Portugal – 3 teachers
- Spain – 2 teachers, 5 students
- Slovakia – 2 teachers, 2 students
- Turkey – 2 teachers, 2 students

22nd /23rd January Arriving days

24th January:

Opening of the meeting:

Presentation of „interests education” examples in the hosting school, meeting with Malpils Mayor, Presentation of the guest schools and towns, Presentation of Malpils school.

After the official opening students attended at the Latvian lessons, teachers visited classrooms, school museum and sport centre, met the Latvian colleagues.



After the lunch the students had the Funny Sport Afternoon: different sport games in mixed international teams prepared and leaded by the Latvian students of secondary level.

In the same time there was held coordinator’s meeting, where were dicussed the project progress, planning of the next tasks, ideas for the next meeting.



The local activities done in every partner school since the last meeting:

BULGARIA:

The World Day of the Trees-activities on 22nd September; Activities in the school library, Earth Day celebration (awakening of student's awareness about importance of the nature resources keeping, healthy life style, working in the garden etc.); Honey day in the school; Water quality research in the river Leva; Christmas gifts from the nature materials, visiting families; PowerPoint presentation "The most popular plants of the region" as basic material for the common herbarium.

TURKEY:

Growing up plants around the school and in the classrooms;
Nature protection days in the school garden; Fire protection training with participation of the firefighters; Day of the regional products, cooking only from natural products; Collecting of recycling materials; Social club in the school (pupil's works once a 2 weeks concerning nature).

SPAIN:

Activities outside classrooms: hiking, excursions; Making a movie about these activities;
Visiting local museum and exhibitions about forest; Working in the museum and in the classrooms concerning forest resource protection; Working out of a Decalogue against deforestation.

SLOVAKIA:

Collecting of paper (5000 kg); Making of different figures/compositions from nature materials;
Fruity- vegetable feast – preparing healthy food from fruit or vegetable by children. Christmas celebration together with parents (self made presents, sweets); Visiting dogs in the classrooms (introducing, ice-breaking activities, how to take care about dogs, home work activities – what the pupils would like/could do with the dogs).

PORTUGAL: Collecting recycling materials, giving them the „second life”; Christmas trees from plastic, glasses and other materials; Contest of the made articles; Christmas cards and bookmarks from nature materials.

ITALY: Creating of the common project website, collecting materials for the website from other partners; Creating a thematic calendar; Improvement of the school surrounding and schoolyard plantation.

LATVIA: Creating a flower carpet in the front of school; Visiting the local park, Collecting nature materials for the autumn exhibition; Excursions to famous nature objects; Thematic creative pupil’s works (about plants, birds, animals etc.); Christmas decorations from the nature materials.

ALL PARTNERS:

Creating project corners (with already few times renewed information).

Powerpoint presentations, photo documentation, movies about their work in the project.

Project diaries have been written as a draft for the reports have to be written after the first project year and at the end of the project.

After partner’s reports about the local activities between meetings Spanish partners told about the next meeting program and gave the others useful practical information.

The partner’s tasks for the next working periode:

- to work according the activities plan decided during the first meeting;
- to prepare ideas for the common European herbarium design until the meeting in Spain;
- to give timely information about their groups, arriving times etc. to the Spanish colleagues who will host the next meeting.

Conclusion:

There are done all planned activities for the first half-year. All partners work very creative and organize even more activities than planned. We pay a big attention to the regular documentation of the project development, preparing of publications and other materials for the project results dissemination.

25th January

“Snowy meadow-Day”

There were organized different activities on the snow hill. All pupils and teachers were involved and had a possibility to try skiing, shamble from the hill, to drive a sledge.



At afternoon were 3 creative/artistic workshops organized in the Malpils culture centre: ceramic, greeting cards creating and decorative paper works - all by using of nature motives or materials.



At evening there was a multiculture evening organized: the Latvian and guests students and teachers presented examples of national food, of traditional music and dance elements.



26th January

Bread-Day

The guests visited Old Riga and the most famous Latvian bread bakery, could see an old-traditional way of the natural bread baking and tried to do it by themselves.



27th / 28th January

Departure days