

COMENIUS PROJECT

“UNITED IN CULTURAL DIVERSITY”

REPORT FOR THE 2ND VISIT

GDANSK-POLAND

27 APRIL TO 5 MAY 2009

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Cooperating Schools:

- 1. Ralleio Pilot School of Piraeus-Greece (coordinating school)**
- 2. Zespół Kształcenia Podstawowego i Gimnazjalnego nr 6 w Gdańsku. Szkoła Podstawowa nr 19:Gimnazjum nr 7/ im. Zasłużonych Ludzi Morza- Gdansk Poand**
- 3. SCOALA NR.37 “ M. EMINESCU-Craiova Romania**
- 4. Sredno obshtoobrazovatelno uchilishte “Ivan Vazov”-Sopot Bulgaria**
- 5. TEKEL İLKÖĞRETİM OKULU-Nizip Turkey**

The meeting in Poland was the second meeting of the project and took place in the city of Gdansk.

In this meeting, from our school, the following team took part:

Dimitrios Kalaitzidis, Coordinator of the project and school Principal

Anna Chatzianastasiou, teacher

Students: Eleni Chrysoulaki, Marianna Zoumbliou, Katerina Meliou, Chara Korombli, Fotini Repa.

The other partner- schools were represented as following:

Romania: 6 teachers, 3 students.

Bulgaria: 1 teacher, 3 students

Turkey: 6 teachers.

1st day: Tuesday, April 28 2009.

We arrived in Gdansk airport about 20.00 and the students were taken home by the hosting families. Teachers went to the hotel. The Polish group gave us a warm welcome holding a hand-made Greek flag.

2nd day: Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

The visitors, accompanied by the Polish group, visited the Town Hall and were accepted by the vice Mayor and the President of the city council. Presents were given to the Mayor and a short presentation of the city was delivered by the president of the city council.

The group then walked along the historic center of Gdansk with a tour-guide, who explained in details the history of the city and of the surroundings.

3rd day: Thursday, April 30, 2009

The hosting school organized a welcome session and presentation of the work that had been done there, in the framework of the Comenius project. The pupils and students of the school presented a very coherent and successful program of cultural activities. The school had organized a drawing contest under the title "Our partners in our eyes". The students cooked their lunch in the school and got to know the Polish dietary habits.

In the afternoon we took part to the Interreligion meeting. We visited three places of worship, a Mosque, a Greek Orthodox Church and a Catholic Church.

4th day: Friday, May 1, 2009.

On the 1st of May we visited the famous Marlborck Castle, the biggest medieval castle of Europe, a really huge castle, divided in three parts, with all the elements that make up a castle mythical and legendary.

Next station was Szymbark a forest-village, organized to host different activities and games. The village includes a wooden house turned upside down, a small church, a house from a gulag, the longest log and other spectaculars. We had a pleasant stay in this village; we ate local food, sung and danced with the traditional small orchestra.

5th day: Saturday, May 2, 2009

A day dedicated to games on the beach. We visited the National Yachting Centre outside of Gdansk, by the estuaries of river Vistoula (Visla).

We played group games under the bright sun, we sailed in the river and in the Baltic Sea, it was a very beautiful and relaxing day. The Polish group of students had prepared a very beautiful happening for the visitors.

6th day: Sunday, May 3, 2009

The day was dedicated to the triple city (Gdansk, Gdynia, Sopot). We first visited the city of Gdynia, a historic city, originally founded as a harbour. Sopot is a famous resort, which hundreds of thousands visit every year. In the afternoon we visited the Catholic Church of Oliwa near Gdansk.

7th day: Monday, May 4, 2009

The principal of the Polish school partner had managed to organize a meeting of the Comenius group with the legendary leader of Solidarity, and President of the Polish Republic, Lech Valesa.

Lech Valesa accepted the group of teachers and students, addressed a very interesting speech to the students and offered a book on his life. We thank very much Pawel Zarembo who has organized this meeting with Lech Valesa.

The whole meeting was very well organized, offered to students and teachers a variety of learning experiences, very interesting places and warm atmosphere.

We are grateful to the hosting families and the core group of Polish teachers (Pawel, Asia, Pawel II, Adam, Kasha,...) for everything they have done for students and teachers.

D. Kalaitizidis