



Paralimni Gymnasium



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Impressions – CY Team

Schwabach, Germany

The meeting in Schwabach, Germany was the first transnational meeting. Panayiotis Pittakis, the project coordinator was the only member from Paralimni Gymnasium that took part in the meeting.

Visiting Schwabach was very unique for me. The school welcoming in the morning defined from that moment the well-organized meeting. The gold leaf history and production that followed was very enthusiastic to me. I had the opportunity to finally discover how the gold leaf production works. The trips to the cities around Schwabach, Ansbach and Rothenburg, were impressive. The taste of food topped with gold will be missed.

Unfortunately, I could not follow the rest of the team to the brewery walking tour since I had to fly back to Cyprus a day earlier. I am very grateful I had the opportunity to visit Schwabach.

Bialowieza, Poland

Paralimni Gymnasium participated in the 3rd transnational meeting in Bialowieza, Poland with two teachers and nine students. The teachers were Panayiotis Pittakis, the project coordinator and Christiana Pelagia, teacher of Physical Education. The students were Constantinos Tsiolakis, Marianna Kombou, Evita Constantinou, Maria Pasie, Andri Chambou, Fani Shiantani, Emily Christofi, Giorgos Pittakis, and Andreas Zorpas.

That was the first transnational meeting with students. Our students were amazed. The hotel in the middle of a fully green area left them speechless. The food was delicious. “We tried new tastes from their traditional cuisine. We liked that a lot, especially the cucumber soup and the chicken.” Furthermore, during the workshop “we strengthened the spirit of collaboration among us, we utilized our language skills and broadened our horizons.” According to our students “sightseeing Bialowieza and the area was superb”.

Students were hosted one afternoon by hosting families. Students’ words characterize the hospitality and the kindness of the Polish people. Few of them mentioned: “Can we stay longer?” “We had a ride with a motorbike. It was fantastic!” few other students added.

Katuntsi, Bulgaria

Paralimni Gymnasium took part in the 4th transnational meeting that took place in Katuntsi, Bulgaria with three teachers and 11 students. The teachers were the school headmistress Mrs Melanie Hadjicharalambous, the project coordinator, Panayiotis Pittakis and a Modern Greek teacher Nicoleta Loizou. The students were Constantinos Tsiolakis, Marianna Kombou, Evita Constantinou, Maria Pasie, Andri Chambou, Fani Shiantani, Emily Christofi, Giorgos Pittakis, Andreas Zorpas, Elena Chouzouri and Maria Kalorkoti.

During the meeting, our students had the opportunity to meet for the first time the team from Aydin, Turkey. A student mentioned that “we learned to communicate with other people and we finally discovered that we are not that different...”. Another student said that “during that



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meeting we learned about friendship and we made even more friends”. The trips to Rila Monastery and Melnik were the most fascinating. “Everything is covered in pure white” students mentioned.

Even though the students were accommodated in a hotel, they had lunch and afternoon activities with the hosting families. The warm hospitality really surprised them a lot. “They bought me present...”, “They are very friendly...”, “...grandmother speaks Greek!!!” are just few phrases from our students that show the perfect moments they shared with the hosting families.

In General

The teachers who participated in the Comenius project declared that “Comenius in general helps students to travel around. By that students cultivate mutual acquaintance, mutual understanding, they improve their socialization, knowledge of the history and culture of other countries, their awareness on issues related to friendship, freedom, equality, justice, cooperation, the harmonious coexistence and mutual respect among people.”