

The final meeting of the Erasmus + project 2017/2019 took place in Acquapendente, Italy from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

The international team was made up of four members from Spain, six members from Portugal, three members from Hungary, one member from Greece, four members from Bulgaria and the whole Italian teachers team with their headmistress Mrs. Luciana Billi.

Work sessions started on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of May at Acquapendente Primary School, where children sang some Italian songs to welcome the guests.

Then the guest teachers were divided into four groups to visit the classrooms where they made conversation with the pupils, played with them and gave them some presents from their countries. Immediately after, all the Erasmus group went to the kindergarten where the children of Acquapendente and Onano schools welcomed the guests with a nice performance.

After a coffee break, the work session about the topics on agenda began. First of all, the positive results of the questionnaire about the appreciation of Erasmus project by pupils, parents and teachers involved were displayed. The evaluation of the project was very positive for all countries ; each school had grown in teaching methods, professionalism and culture. Even the Italian teachers who were not directly involved in the project appreciated and were satisfied with the very good job of their coworkers who always pursued the established aims of the programme.

Later the group celebrated the partnership by sharing presents and Italy delivered the "Trans- Europe Express Game" and a Photo book to all partners as a reminder of all the project meetings. Since no country had already celebrated the final festival, teachers agreed to share videos and photos of it on the Blog and on Facebook just after they would have made it. At the end the group established guidelines for the final report that would have been written by the Italian team.

Lunch took place at Bolsena lake and in the afternoon there was an enjoyable boat trip around Bisentina Island.

The following day, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> , began with the welcoming of the Mayor Angelo Ghinassi to the European team in the Town Hall. The meeting took place in the ancient town council room where the Mayor briefly illustrated the history of the town, the origin of Pugnaroni festivity and the life of its most famous personality: Girolamo Fabrizi, an important surgeon and anatomist whose 400<sup>th</sup> death anniversary occurs this year, 2019.

Later, all the teachers went together with the Italian headmistress Mrs. Luciana Billi to the theatre where the Italian group had prepared a nice event involving the whole institute: High School students described the main features of Tuscia in a very good English; primary school children danced and sang; middle school students played the Italian national anthem. In that occasion Mrs. L. Billi delivered the certificates of attendance to the foreign teachers, thanking everyone and expressing the importance and the good results of such a project.

After that, the group caught a bus to Orvieto, a wonderful medieval town that the international team could spend the afternoon visiting independently. In the late afternoon some Italian teachers drove the guests back to Acquapendente by car.

In the evening host and guest teachers were all together in a characteristic pizzeria and after dinner they went through the town visiting the Pugnaroni workshops where young

people were singing, laughing and dancing while making Pugnaroni, the big pictures made of leaves and flowers for the following festival.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> , last day in Italy for the foreign teachers, the weather was nasty and ruined the whole Pugnaroni festival. Because of the rain, the Pugnaroni exhibition was transferred from outside to inside, mostly in churches; unluckily, the medieval parade and the waving of the flags couldn't take place. Later in the afternoon the Erasmus group went to Torre Alfina to visit the castle and listen to its history. The castle impressed the guests and in one of the rooms all the international team had an elegant dinner accompanied by an orchestra led by Mr. Alberto Casasoli. The event ended with dancing, singing and promising each other to keep in touch.