



Water and Its Magical Power

Erasmus+



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“The Art Is Global” – Course in Pyrgos, Greece

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Day 1 – Leaving home

On 24th March we met on bus station in Brno approximately at 6 a.m. Our team went to Greece to take part in the second meetings within the international Erasmus+ project entitled “Water and Its Magical Power” and the second transnational meeting of teachers too. The members of the project team were the



teachers: Šárka Špičková, Pavlína Trnková Jiří Stibor and Jakub Žák, the students: Anna Woodová, Šárka Štěpánková, Jakub Rafaj and Ondřej Zoblivý. We travelled by bus to Austrian capital Vienna and our plane went to Athens at 10:20 a.m. We safely arrived in Athens International Airport at around 13:20 a.m. local time.

Then we went by bus to a Central bus station and enjoyed a bit of sightseeing in capital of



Greece. We saw the ancient acropolis and Plaga. We were amazed by Syntagma and the traditional army soldiers. In the evening we left for Pyrgos where the Greek hosts were waiting to take us to their homes. Our friendship began.

Day 2



We woke up to the rainy morning. Greeks celebrate their Independence Day. Although it is not a working day today, all teachers from 6 different countries have met for the evaluation of up to now project development. The program for the students was partly organized by host families.

Anna Woodova:

In the morning after the breakfast we met all the students and teachers and the headmaster of the Greek school had a welcome speech. Later we were also informed about the workshops that had been prepared for us. After that we went to see a ceremonial parade where I have met with friends of Alkisti, who is my host. After we've all met by the square and went to the cafe for hot chocolate and to have a talk. Later we've had traditional lunch for this special day. And after that we went to the seaside, where we've walked along the beach. In the evening we've had workshop how to take a camera pictures correctly. We liked this workshop very much. Then there was the evening program, where we were learning national dances of different countries. It was very funny. When we've finished, we went home for the dinner.



Day 3

Jakub Rafaj:

The day began with the breakfast and after the breakfast we all met at a local prefecture where all the countries presented their cities and schools. Then there was an introduction of the typical dances and after the break we continued with the rest of the dances. Before the lunch we saw the local school which was very interesting because this school is completely different from ours and after that we could visit the ancient museum in Pyrgos. In the museum, I was very pleased because there was exposed a variety of knives, coins, vases and many other things. Then my host Kostas invited me to the traditional lunch with his grandmother. After a pause we came to an afternoon workshop where we learned to paint with a local teacher. Everyone could feel like a real artist. After the end of this workshop, Greek parents prepared a great supper which resembled the Swedish tables. Everyone could try Greek food and could learn more Greek dances or listen to a live music. After the end of the program we went back home with our excellent hosts.



Day 4



Sarka Stepankova:

Ancient Olympia was a centre of the cult of the Supreme from the ancient gods, Zeus. It lies between two rivers, Alfeios and Kladeos. Drinking water was important for supplying the whole area and even today it is possible to admire there monuments linked with water such as a magnificent semi-circular building with Doric columns and a typical tank the nymphaeum.

Today we got up at around seven o'clock in the morning. After breakfast, we have prepared for a trip to Olympia and around eight o'clock we left the school. As soon as we arrived in Olympia, there was a guide waiting for us there and she accompanied us to the museum. Here we saw pictures and



sculptures from the Temple of Zeus that were taken from archeological excavations. Then we went out from the museum and visited the ancient monuments outside. We saw, for example, the place where the Olympic flame is lit or the Olympic Stadium. One part of this trip was also the workshop of taking photographs so that we could practise our skills. We all were very enthusiastic about it.

After visiting the Olympia we had about an hour to pass through the city. Then we stopped for lunch in the restaurant-tavern (we had tzatziky, Greek salad with bread and chicken with potatoes). In the evening we went to the workshop and there we made masks and decorations from shells. It was a strange feeling to be a model for a mask but we could only trust our friends. Finally it was a fun but it's a pity we couldn't take the masks home.



Day 5

Ondrej Zoblivoy:

We travelled to Pylos on Saturday. Our journey started at 8 o'clock at the Greek school. We went by bus through a beautiful countryside. We had a short break in a little town to stretch ourselves and to buy some food. Then we continued our journey through olive groves until we arrived to castle ruins from the 16th century in Pylos. We visited this castle, learnt about its importance in history



and then we travelled to another castle ruins in Methoni. It was a large area near the sea. We spent there some time watching the ruins, the rough sea and taking pictures as a part of our workshop. Then we went to a nearby restaurant to have lunch. The lunch was very nice! After that we went to the sea. We couldn't swim in the sea because we didn't have



swimsuits and because of the windy weather. Then we got on the bus and we went back to Pylos. We walked in the city together with our new friends and took some photos. On the way back to Pyrgos we had fun with all the people from Erasmus. It was a beautiful day.

Day 6

The main target of our last day in Pyrgos was the show of the students in Municipal Theatre of Pyrgos. All the students involved in the show were practising their roles for the



whole morning. It was very nice to be with our friends and work together and have fun. After lunch followed by a short break there was a final rehearsal which took a lot of time. But we could be together and really enjoyed

the rest of time we could share. In the evening the expected event began. Crowds of people arrived to watch our final show. Some of us were a bit nervous. The show consisted of six stories, legends and fairy-tales from participating countries. They were followed by songs and finally the audience could see different dances from all the countries. Everything came out well and we finished the evening with good dinner. hearts!



Day 7

We got up very early the last day of our visit to Greece. The reason was simple. We had to travel a long way to the Athens International Airport. All the families managed to get to the meeting point at the local bus station in time although not many Greeks like getting up early. There we said goodbye to each other and took the last photographs. It was sad for all of us.

The journey to Athens on bus 'express' took us more than four hours and we were a little afraid of getting to the airport in time. Finally, we passed the check-in and were on board. Our plane had to wait on runway because the airport is very busy even in the low season. From the plane we could see the beautiful landscape and we enjoyed the flight back a lot thanks to clear weather, too.

When we landed in Vienna we realized that the weather was cold. It was windy and cloudy, too. A little different kind of weather than we were used to in Greece. We arrived to Brno slightly sooner than we had expected because we got on the earlier bus. At about eight o'clock in the evening we were at Grand Hotel Brno bus station where we finally met our relatives. Thanks to all Greeks for a great week. We are eagerly waiting to see you in Brno next October.

