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WHAT'S NEW IN OUR INTERNATIONAL ERASMUS WORLD?

We would like to present you the next (3) issue of the Newsletter of "Active, creative, enterprising" project. Here are the reports from our online meetings, information about partner schools activities, and above all, we share our experiences.

The time when we have to implement the project is difficult. We're all tired of limitations, online working, and hours spent in front of computers. Despite this, **our project is alive, it is continued and and still developing**. This is evidenced by regular meetings of the international team of teachers coordinating the project. We managed to organize student meetings in virtual reality. We try to modify our tasks and methods of their implementation. We adapt them to the changing working conditions and forecasts for the future.

What do we know for sure? We sadly announce that there is probably no chance of any of the short-term student group exchanges planned for this school year. The state of the pandemic and the restrictions that apply in the individual countries participating in the project prevent us from doing so. For the same reason, we perform planned tasks slower. However, I would like to emphasize - **we work all the time!**

What have we managed to accomplish? A series of interviews with entrepreneurs has been created, we are finishing work on the task "My first business", we are preparing for the task "Locally active". We also applied to the Polish National Agency of the Erasmus + Program to extend the duration of the project. We have obtained consent to implement it also in the next school year (2021/2022).

What does this mean for us? The project implementation time agreed in the contract is slowly coming to an end, but due to the state of the pandemic, we do not have a chance to complete all the tasks. The additional 12 months gives us the opportunity to implement all ideas, and also (if the situation improves and some restrictions are lifted) to organize international meetings with our partners.

Let's remember! We will officially finish our project in August 2022. We still have time! We won't give up!

Hoping for a better tomorrow :)

Adam Bech
project coordinator





HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH CREATIVITY AND RESPECT

During December, the teachers of math, faced financial education as main topic, they explained also solidarity trade: how to do business with creativity and respect.

The art teacher cooperated on the creative aspect, making postcards and objects to sell. Pupils calculated and did:

1 – a market survey to understand the interests of potential customers (Families and communities) and their tastes-colours, subjects, materials-

2 – calculated costs of the materials to be used: - recycled material, sharing of the material to avoid waste

3 – the producing times to immediately reach customers who are waiting for the product that has already been advertised

4 – advertising costs

The income was calculated from the sum of the basic costs of materials and advertising plus the number of requests which increases the commercial value.

The three most requested postcards were auctioned to earn more money.

The proceeds were given to the local Caritas association which supports families in need.

The goal of this activity, which will be repeated with other tasks of reality, is to make people understand how a small business can be built while respecting basic principles for civil coexistence.



TRADITIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Winter always has something magical, maybe it's about the weather or the holiday but I think it is about people, about family and about being together.

In 2020 we weren't able to be physically together but spiritually we were there. Also, our meetings before Christmas were really interesting, funny and we could learn a lot about all of the countries in the project. I am really glad that we could meet, even if on an online platform and we could exchange ideas, opinions and traditions.

I think that the best thing about winter celebrations in Romania are traditions, which are an important part of our culture, even if this Christmas we couldn't do everything we wanted, because of the pandemic situation, I hope that next year everything will be back to normal.

I wish you happy new year and I hope that all of your hopes and dreams will become true!

Greetings from Romania!

Student,
Sofia Rus



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GREAT UNION DAY OF ROMANIA

The National Day, December 1th, is a holiday for the entire Romanian nation. A special day, which reminds us that starting with the first years of the twentieth century, the Romanian historical provinces became history, and Romania, a unitary and indivisible state, appeared on the world map. Romania's National Day also represents for the entire Romanian soul an occasion to honor the memory of those who managed to fulfill the ideal of union of the inhabitants of all Romanian provinces.



December 1th 1918, signifies the union of Transylvania, Banat, Crisana and Maramures with the Kingdom of Romania. The joining of the last piece of Romanian land, between Mures, Tisa and the Danube, represented the natural continuation of the unification efforts of all the Romanian provinces, started in the middle of the 19th century. Then, on January 24th 1859, by the double election of Alexandru Ioan Cuza as lord of Moldavia and Wallachia, was the beginning of the great historical event of the Carpatho-Danubian-Pontic space, the Great Union, which saw its realization a few years later, in December 1th 1918.

Today, December 1 is a public holiday, the Romanians remembering every year the hard fight that their ancestors fought to bring the people under the same flag. It is a solemn moment of joy, which offers people the opportunity to reconnect to national values and the spirit of the nation. On the occasion of the National Day, numerous military and religious demonstrations take place throughout the country. Also, Romanians celebrate this day by participating in open-air concerts, where traditional dishes are consumed.

In 2020, the National Day was in a complicated period from a sanitary point of view, and the ceremonies took place in very special conditions, without the traditional parade of the military and combat equipment and without the planes flying over the airspace. The event, which was not open to the public, took place in strict compliance with the legal provisions regarding the prevention and control of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Student,
Sarah Briciu

WE MOVED TO THE WEB

If Covid-19 didn't exist, we would be able to see the other schools who also participate in the Erasmus+ project, but sadly it won't happen.

We weren't going to give up, so we found a solution: Doing virtual meetings.

some of us have already experienced it. Here are some of our thoughts:

- Really fun and entertaining
- Very nervous
- Different
- Meeting new people





GREEK SCHOOL NEWS & WISHES FOR 2021

In the beginning of November Greece went to a second lockdown due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

This time students and teachers were better prepared and more familiar with online lessons and teaching tools. We also decided to continue with our Erasmus project every Wednesday online.

I admit that it was a big surprise that the students kept being active, and continued working the best they could on the topic „My First Business“, preparing presentations for Romanian Day and for our planned meetings with our partner schools before Christmas.

Although it seems that we will continue to work online after Christmas Holidays, we hope that we will stay healthy and the situation will allow us to go slowly back to normality and our schools during 2021!

Irini Kafida,
programme coordinator of Gymnasio Agria



ROMANIAN DAY AT GYMNASIO ARGIA

On 4th of December 2020 we held our virtual meeting for “Romania Day”. In the beginning we watched a video about the history of Romania, where we found common elements with Greek history.

Then our students Elisabeth and Theodora presented to us Famous Celebrities from Romania and remarkable Romanian Musicians. After that Marini and Stela presented general characteristics of Romania, using cards that they had made by themselves. Mrs. Savva showed us some amazing facts about Romania and spots from a video about Dracula’s Castle. Mrs. Kafida made a reference to the Christmas customs observed in Romania and she also cooked “Sarmale” and “Mamaliga”.



Our school headmaster prepared “Mici” and our student Marisa cooked her special “Mamaliga” to honor “Romania Day”.

Unfortunately we couldn’t taste any of all these delicious delicacies, where there were similarities with Greek cuisine as well!!! Finally we closed our virtual meeting with a “mentimeter word cloud” where all the participants wrote three words that cross their minds when they think about Romania

Dimitra Polychroni,
Technology Teacher at Gymnasio Agria



STUDENTS TEACH STUDENTS

During this year of participating in the Erasmus + project, we understood that knowing how to edit videos is a very useful ability to have.

I am really interested in filming and editing videos and I know a few basic things on how to do that. So my teachers and I came up with the idea of organizing a video editing workshop in order to make my classmates and teachers more familiar with the process of making a video.

It was first considered to take place at school but due to the quarantine, we decided to do it online. During the workshop, I tried to firstly talk about the variety of video editing software and what is suitable for everyone. Then some things were explained on how to do some basic adjustments to your clip and finally, some advice was given in order to make a video more appealing.

I think it was a useful experience for all of us. Video editing has become more and more useful and needed nowadays so it is good for children to be aware of the basics. When we go back to school we hope to organize a second part of this workshop on which students will practice making a video on their own.

Video Editing



Charis Vamvakos (student of Gymnasio Agria)



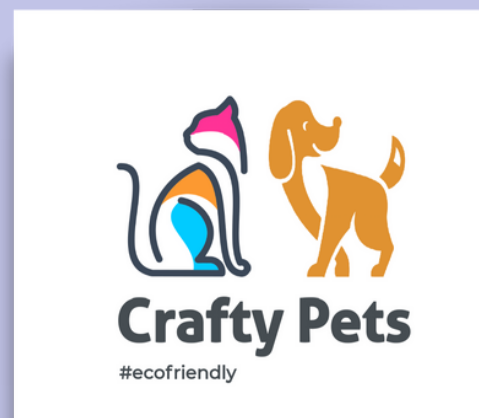
CRAFTY PETS NEWS

You already know about our First Business, Crafty Pets. In order to promote it and make it accessible to everybody we created our own video/commercial.

The truth is that we were not familiar with the process of editing, adding music and trying to get our message across through a short video.



It was hard in the beginning but at the same time fun and rewarding. You can watch our commercial, select something and make your pet (and us!) happy.



Panagiotis Synanis, Christina Tsimpanogianni
(Students of Gymnasio Agria)



PHOTOGRAPHY LESSONS AND CALENDAR FROM STUDENTS

From the previous year, an important action has begun to take place in our school with the remarkable initiative of the president of the association of parents and guardians, Mr. Papantoniou.



This was the beginning of the creation of a group with the chosen object of learning the 8th art, photography.

Through this activity, students and teachers gained this valuable opportunity to reclaim the creativity that was hidden inside us for so long.



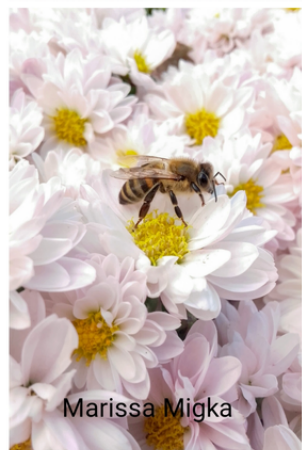
Charis Vamvakos



Marissa Migka



Martha Dionysiou



Marissa Migka



Thanos Papantoniou



Elisabeth Papantoniou

It also pushed us to improve our critical ability by choosing the images we would display, but after the understanding and assimilation of various new information, on a theoretical but also practical level, of this art, but also science at the same time.

After an efficient learning, an idea flourished and resulted in designing a calendar, with which we would promote our school and Agria. Thus, the best photos were collected, each of which would represent a different month.

(Calendar Photo: Dimitrios Papantoniou)

Marissa Migka (student of Gymnasio Agria)



COMMUNICATION 3.0

Since January, the first classes in our school, are taking part to an interesting project linked to the world of communication and information, to promote the area and create business. This activity is called "Communication 3.0". It is a part of the Erasmus project "AKE".

We started a few weeks ago and the first meeting was attended by "US", the pupils of the first and second grades.



We talked about the languages used by the different means of communication, we have started with one of the most popular: the radio. The meeting was conducted and edited by Mr. Giuseppe Errante, he is the speaker of a popular local radio, radio "R.A.M".



Mr. Errante explained us how nowadays, the modern means of communication work, he specifically focused on the radio. In this way we were able to understand the evolution of radio and how much potential there is in the radio communication, to promote and advertise the resources and activities of our territory.

We also listened to a radio program together and analyzed its characteristics, discovering, through practical examples, what is the function of elements such as the jingle, the commercial and the podcast. The last step was very interesting. In fact, we listened to the radio-news and, after observing how the news is structured and what language style to use, the class tested itself and we all became journalists for a day and talked about the tourism and resources of Rosolini.

We started with the conducting tests (we learned how to set the voice, for example) and then, using the radio equipment, we recorded a news, concerning the virtual Erasmus meeting, which was broadcast in the R.A.M. news.

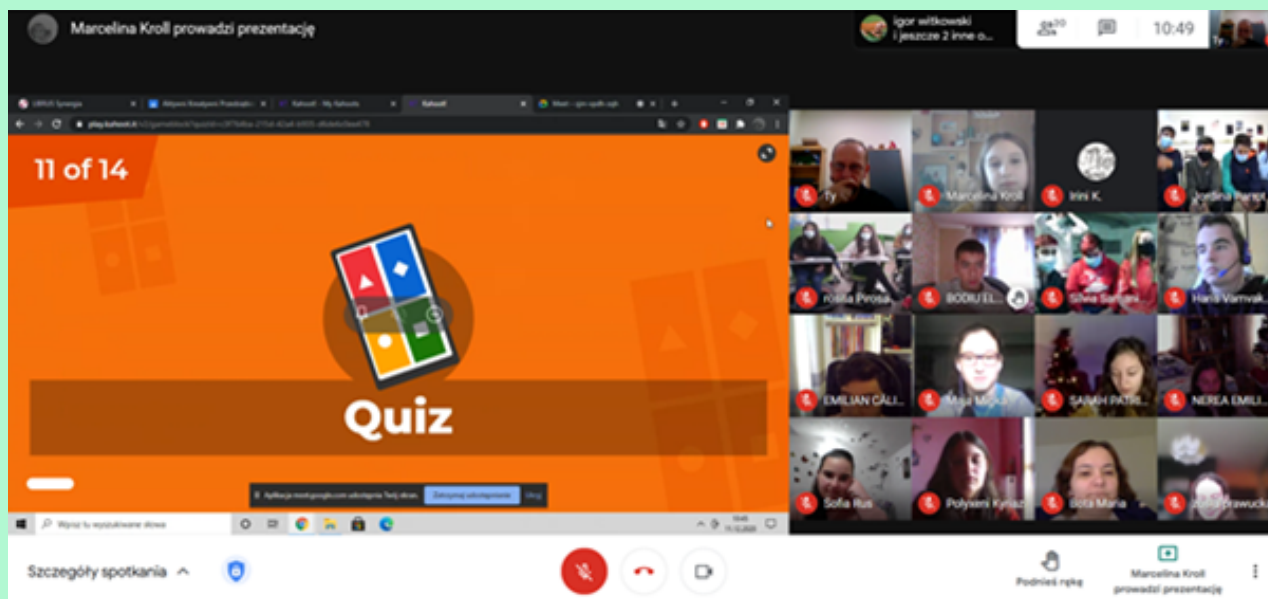
What was the most exciting part?.. then, it was the final part, while we were waiting for the broadcast to listen to our voices at the radio news.

The students of IC & 2A





ABOUT ONLINE MEETINGS

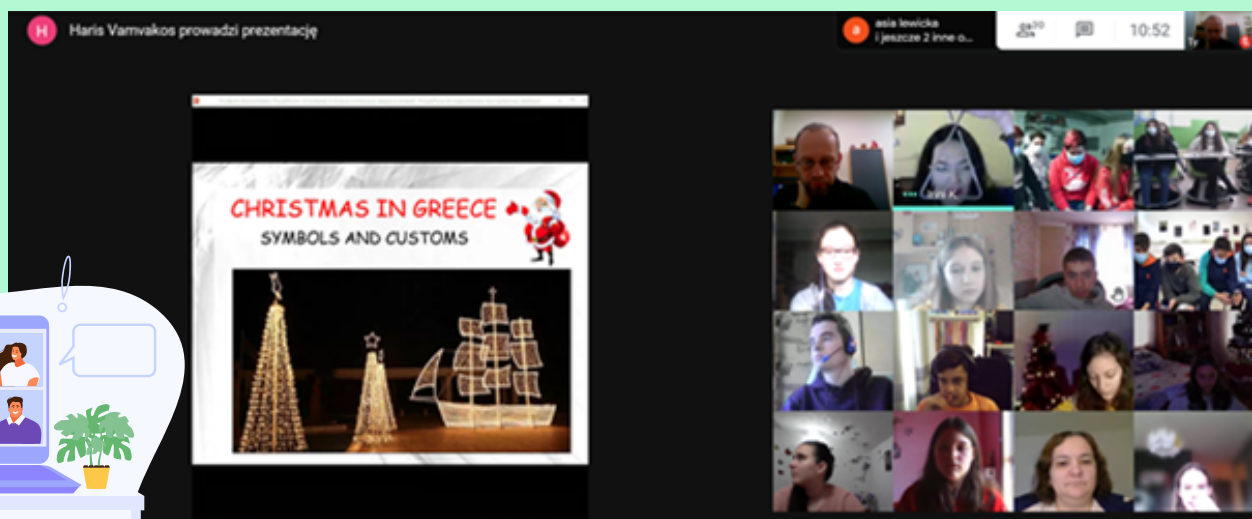


The time of the pandemic forces us to work online. In recent months, we have organized 3 online meetings for students. Two of them took place in December and the third in the first days of April.

During the meetings, we talked about, among other things, Christmas customs. In this way, we also organized a virtual Romanian day. Then we told each other about this beautiful country and the habits of its inhabitants, and together we solved the quiz summing up the meeting.

The third meeting was about the idea of volunteering and was related to a project task called “Locally active”. It was attended by 3 volunteers working in Rome as part of the European Solidarity Corps.

Our schools also exchanged experiences in organizing student volunteering. We showed what actions we organized in the past and how our school volunteers worked.





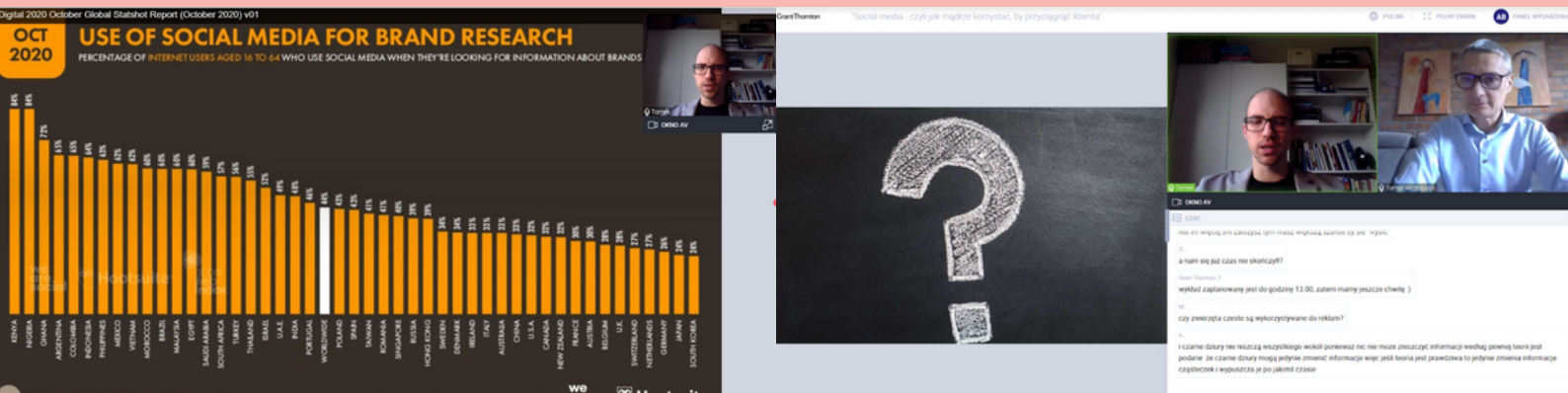
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YOUNG ECONOMISTS

Another edition of the Interschool competition "Economic key to the future" has started. For the sixth time, young students of economics had the opportunity to learn about the basic concepts and mechanisms governing the economy. This year, they additionally broadened their knowledge of the ABC of marketing and the real estate market. It was possible thanks to online lectures prepared and conducted by specialists from the University of Economics in Poznań.

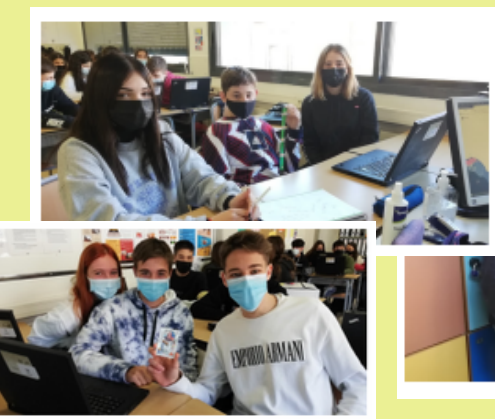
On February 23, 2021, students enrolled in the Competition could listen to a speech by Dr. Tomasz Zawadzki. Our speaker is a PUEB researcher specializing in researching the petrol station sector in Poland, creating new FMCG brands, marketing innovations, marketing in sports and social media in marketing. This last topic was devoted to his lecture and the chat with the participants of the meeting.



Dr. Zawadzki presented the material "Social media - how to use wisely to attract a client" in an accessible way. It seems to us that the presence in the world of social media is a matter of course for companies today. As practice shows, not everyone can do it well. During the lecture, basic data on the use of social media in marketing and examples of good and bad practices were presented.

A few days later, on February 26, Dr. Sławomir Palicki introduced the contestants to the subject of "Real estate - necessary for life and ... multiplication of money". The aim of our lectures and competition is to interest young people in economics as an important field of knowledge, useful in life and contributing to development. Elimination is coming soon! We wish the young economists GOOD LUCK!

Polish Team



MY FIRST BUSINESS



In our Erasmus class, we're working on a project called «My first business». It consists in creating a product in order to earn money for our students' cooperative. During these past months, we've done everything: from coming up with the idea to creating a prototype. Once we finish it, we'll present it to our classmates and teachers.

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