

Report about Short-term exchanges of groups of pupils in Riga, Latvia, C2 (09.05.2016 – 13.05.2016.)

Organized by Riga Secondary Evening School No 18.

Monday (09.05.2016.)

Project partners came to Riga from all four project member states, a total of 44 people.

In the morning we visited school. There was a cordial welcome from the headmaster for all the participants of the Erasmus+ project. Teachers and students will be toured throughout the school.

After school tour we visited children free time centre “Laimite”, where we met the Champion of the world in table hockey (Edgars Caics) and he organized team-building workshop.

In the afternoon at school we had lectures about “Baltic ethnographic ornaments” and “Protection rituals and signs” For teachers and students was made worksheets.

Tuesday (10.05.2016.)

In the morning we visited Museum of Sun, there was a lecture about Sun system, about Latvian symbols and signs. And after scientific parts there was a practical workshop “Made and design your own sun”.

In the afternoon we visited Kemery National Park and swamp. It was hiking tour and after we climbed up to the watchtower.

In the evening we visited Daugmale castle hill for Solstice ritual given by Ineta Romanovska. We speaking about Solstice ritual and St. John's Day traditions and after we try Latvian national food, try to traditional Latvian dances, and make fire rituals.

For teachers and students was prepared worksheets.

Wednesday (11.05.2016.)

In the morning at school was a student's presentation about solstice traditions in each country.

After coffee time we divided all partners in three groups and then we started workshops: envelope workshop (each participant had the opportunity to prepare an envelope with Riga, signs, logo design etc.), amulets workshop (each participant had the opportunity to make key pendant - amulet of natural stones for protection against evil spirits, ghosts or just for luck.), candles workshop (each participant had the opportunity to pour out his candle to it to protect from evil) and wall painting workshop (each state representatives on the school fence painted with their country and the project theme-related drawings).

In the afternoon we visited Riga Old town. It was city tour with guide Aleksandrs Filejs. He explained to our guests about architectures styles: Romanesque, Gothic, Mannerism, Rococo, Baroque, Classicism, Eclectic, Art Nouveau and about project theme: ghosts and spirits in the Riga Old town.

For teachers and students was prepared worksheets.

Thursday (12.05.2016.)

In the morning we visited Jurmala. Theme: Ghosts and spirits in the Jurmala. We visited important and emblematic buildings (Eclectic, Art Nouveau, etc.) and various ghosts, mermaid places and saw Jurmala panorama from Observation tower in Dzintari. In the closing part we walk along Baltic Sea coast from Dzintari to Majori.

In the evening we visited the club "Hot Rio" for dance workshop (project participants learned Latvian national dances and showed their dancing).

Friday (13.05.2016.)

In the morning we visited Riga parks and after we visited Riga City Council and Educational Department. Council representative told about the educational system in Riga and Latvia.

After lunch we went to the Riga Technical University, where the certificates are issued.

Together in project activities - lectures, workshops, project presentations and materials development attended over than 65 people.