

AN INTERNATIONAL DAY AT "BOGGIO LERA" SCHOOL - ITALY

On 10th October we had a great international day at "Boggio Lera" High School, Catania Italy, one of the schools of the ELOS network. The students of two classes spent a day together with some students from a Dutch school.

Everything started when two teachers from the Netherlands contacted me thanks to the E-twinning Platform. They wrote to me they were going to Sicily on a school trip and would like to spend a day with us. Once we had got in touch, we started exchanging mails and agreed on a programme. On the 10th October - the day they came to our school - the following activities were carried out:

- in the Main Hall, the Italian students described their country to the students from the Netherlands, the Dutch ones showed films on a typical day in their lives,
- we had a welcome party, where typical Sicilian food was offered,
- all together we had a tour of the school,
- we had a lesson in English in the Science Lab,
- after a quick lunch we met again and had a walk in the city centre.

Even though the experience was short, some objectives were reached as our students:

- had the opportunity to enlarge their European competences,
- learned about children's lives in the Netherlands,
- practiced the English language,
- learned to accept cultural diversity within the EU.

The experience also enlarged our contacts and the teachers also agreed to keep in touch in order to meet again.

This is just an example of the numerous international activities organized in my school. As we believe in the international dimension of teaching and learning, we organize international meetings, take part in Comenius projects, include in our curriculum international topics, arrange stages in foreign countries. In this way we hope to form better European Citizens in a better Europe.

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