

News about the first meeting project (September – October 2010)

School No 4 Elena Donici Cantacuzino – a school for life!

Beginning with this school year, School No 4 Elena Donici Cantacuzino, Pucioasa, Dâmbovița county is coordinating a new multilateral Comenius project, financed by the European Commission through the Lifelong Learning Programme, in partnership with three schools from Poland - „Publiczna Szkoła Podstawowa no. 1” Kluczbork, Portugal – „Escola Secundária de Arouca” and Spain - „IES Salvador de Madariaga” Coruña.

The project named „SoLIFE - School for Life” responds to the needs and multiple interests of the students to develop personally, but also to the role of the school to prepare them for life. The learning situations created in the project require the use of social abilities from the students: teamwork, making decisions, problem solving, organisation competences, efficient communication, tolerance and responsibility.

The cultural particularity of each partner countries will be improved by organising by the students of some local, national or European events. The cross-curricular topics of the project, correlated with these events will be integrated in teaching English and French lessons in the extracurricular activities. The products made by the partners will be presented more detailed in the following numbers of the school Newsletter.

The first project reunion took part on 29th September - 3rd October 2010 at School No 4 Elena Donici Cantacuzino. Through our workshops we aimed at a good integration in the school curriculum of the activities of the project. Each English and French syllabus of the partners was compared in order to identify the common content suitable for the age of the students and the public events planned.



Active methods were selected to be used by the teachers in the teaching-learning process of English and French and the extracurricular activities of organising the proposed events from the project. A common structure of the lesson plans has been created. Each partner was given tasks and we created the calendar of the activities for the next four months of the project.



We are pleased to welcome you, representatives of the community, parents, teachers and students that are interested to join us at the public events that will be organised by School no 4 within the SoLIFE project. Together we have the power to change the lives of our children and to promote the real Romanian and European cultural values!

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News about School Visit event (Romania)

School No 4 “Elena Donici Cantacuzino” develops to its students key-competences necessary for lifelong learning

Within the multilateral partnership Comenius, financed by the European Commission through Lifelong Learning Programme, the students and the teachers from School no 4 “Elena Donici Cantacuzino”, Pucioasa have organized the first public event – “School Visit” – planned within the calendar of the activities of the “SoLIFE Project – School for life”.

By working in teams for a month, under the coordination of the teachers Georgiana Manta, Alina Gealepu, Corina Vancea, Crina Clipea, Claudia Saghin, Alexandra Miricioiu and Violeta Bucur, 30 students from 6th A, 7th B and 8th C have planned, developed and evaluated the event „School Visit”. Each team had specific responsibilities, starting from designing and planning this event, making promotional material, organising an artistical programme and the school tour, mediating discussions with the guests and finishing with creating and applying the evaluation instruments of the activities.

On the 20th of January 2011, School No 4 opened its gates to give a warm welcome to its guests, students and teachers from School No3, Pucioasa. During the school tour our guests appreciated the relaxed and open atmosphere, the friendly attitude of the students and the whole staff, brightly coloured uniforms of the students, modern resources and the boards decorated by the students.



The artistical programme presented, was highly appreciated by the visitors. The songs, drama plays and dances of the little artists of School No 4 were prepared and supervised by Georgiana Manta, Elena Parnia, Crina Clipea, Corina Vancea, Sarah Busse, Mădălina Iordănescu, George Dobre, Claudia Saghin, Rodica Duță and Simona Necula.

The discussions with the guests emphasized the fact that School No 4 represents a favourable environment for the harmonious development of the personality of the students and by promoting learning through cooperation we subscribe to arising students’ motivation in involving in the school life in order to improve their results.



For their effort and involvement in organising and implementing such a big event, the members of the teams have been awarded with participation diplomas. They have been monitored and evaluated all through the development of the organisation of the event and the students that achieved the highest score were Luiza Milea and Silvia Stanciu (8th grade). They are going to take part at the project meeting in Poland on the 14th of March 2011 with the teachers Corina Vancea and Alexandra Miricioiu.

The event „School Visit”, organised in mixed teams of teachers and students had as purpose promoting the image of the school in the local community and also making efficient experience exchanges. This activity of the SoLIFE Project made the students use social abilities: teamwork, taking decisions, problem solving, organising skills, efficient communication, tolerance and responsibility. By involving the students in the event we contributed to the development of their digital competences and their ability of presenting the school, putting forward the special, attractive, interactive and diverse lessons that take place in classes and to meditate to school life.



Because in every democratic society the young people do not expect to stay in only one activity field, and their professional evolution will take unpredictable paths, they will need a wide range of general competences in order to adapt themselves. In the actual context, creativity, reflexive thinking, key-competences and adapting skills tend to become more and more appreciated comparing to the volume of specific knowledge.

Thus, the event “School Visit”, from the SoLIFE multilateral project, represented for our students the opportunity to communicate efficiently, to initiate themselves in organizing a social event and using new technology, and for the teachers – to respond the quest for individualized learning and to help the students become autonomous in lifelong learning.



Teacher Georgiana Manta - headmaster
Teacher Violeta Bucur - project coordinator
Primary teacher Claudia Saghin – project member

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News about the second meeting project

SoLIFE Project- School for Life **Project Meeting Poland, 13th -17th March 2011**

After the success of the first stage of the SoLIFE project, the second meeting took place in Poland on the 13th - 17th March 2011.

In the project team of School No 4 there were two students Luiza Milea and Silvia Stanciu (8th grade) and two teachers (Corina Vancea and Alexandra Miricioiu).

The workshops took place at School No 1 Jana Dzierzona in Kluczbork, a town in the south-west of Poland, the region of Silesia with approximately 27 000 people and famous for honey. Both students and teachers from Poland, Romania, Spain and Portugal took place at these meetings.



The aims of the workshops were creating the structure of the website of the project and writing a civic action project in the community (environmental or fundraising for charity).

The first day began with visiting the school, presenting the teachers and the headmaster followed by a school tour and a short artistical programme. The students and the teachers have participated at a creative and amusing integration lesson in order to know each other better.



In the afternoon the coordinating teachers from Romania have taken the workshop for creating the structure of the website. The members of each country have agreed on the components of the website and have shared ideas and thoughts.

On the second day, each country presented the School Visit event, the products of the students and their presentations.

In the end the students have played volleyball against the coordinating teachers from each country.



In the second part of the workshop the representatives of each country formed three mixed teams to discuss and establish the problems in the communities they live in and to write three projects of civic action in the community.

The projects had a great success and each country had to choose one to implement it in April - May. The three projects were followed by three evaluation instruments (for students, teachers and parents) written by the teams of teachers.

The whole team of the SoLIFE project was invited to visit the Mayor of Kluczbork, Jarosław Kielar, who presented the history of the town. At the Jan Dzierżon Museum the students had the chance to make gingerbread and learn interesting things about the history of bee keeping in Poland.



The last meeting at school took place in a more festive atmosphere in which there were handed participation diplomas, people exchanged impressions and we set the next meeting in Spain.

On the last day our hosts organised a trip to the fourth biggest city in Poland and an important university centre, Wrocław.

For the students and the teachers the visit to Poland represented a unique and special experience characterized by cooperation, cultural diversity, friendship, creativity, civic spirit.

Teachers: Corina Vancea and Alexandra Miricioiu
- project members

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News about the third meeting project

Project Reunion in Coruna, Spain 16 - 21 October 2011

After the two reunions of the projects took place during the 16-21 of October, the meeting in Spain was held. The first reunion was held in Romania during the 29th of September - 3rd of October, 2010 and the second one was held during the 13th-17th of March 2011 in Poland. The working project was comprised of the following students Ana-Maria Brânzoiu, Ioana Ceposu, Andrei Lică from the eighth grade and Ștefania Manta from the seventh grade.

The working meetings took place at the I.E.S. Salvador de Madariaga in Coruna in the North of Spain. Students and teachers from Poland, Romania and Portugal participated in these meetings.



The workshops underlined the evaluation of the civic actions in the community developed in May 2011 by each partner school, environmental projects, or fund raising projects, organizing and evaluating the Languages Festival of all the partner schools, the dissemination of the information about the European Language Festival from September 2011 and planning the activities of the SoLIFE project.

The first day started with the visiting of the school, teachers presentations and also a short artistic program.

In the afternoon all the schools participated in lessons with the Spanish, Portuguese and Polish colleagues while the teachers presented and evaluated the projects. "A civic action in the community": Spain - *Integrating Emigrants*, Portugal - *Water, a precious source but not an endless one*, Poland - *Water, a priceless source* and Romania: *Green Colour Day*.



The second day all the teachers organized and evaluated the European Language Festival. During this activity students and teachers presented traditional folk dances, they sang songs in English and Mother tongue. They played the flute, piano and violin. The Festival was a successful activity for students and teachers. It was also the perfect way to know one another better.



In the afternoon students had classes while teachers from each country presented all the activities done during European Language Day event and also students products. A polyglot dictionary, radio shows and dialogues between teachers-students, students-students, teachers-teachers in different European languages, traditional recipes translated into English.



During the third day we went sightseeing in Coruna. The Aquarium and Hercules Tower were beautiful places that we'll always remember. In the afternoon the students had classes again while the teachers projected/talked about activities which are to be done, email contacts and Skype contacts, lesson in order to write "How to organize a Festival", miniguide, workshops to create a PPT of the

national customs and traditions, sending letters; lessons chosen by students in order to plan an event so they can write and implement the project. The Development of the Public Events Management Symposium was evaluated that day.



The last meeting was a festive meeting when the students and teachers were awarded with the Diplomas by the Spanish Headmaster. Also the teachers from



Spain organized a trip to Muxia, Fisterra and Santiago the Compostela so many beautiful monasteries were visited by students and teachers.

Visiting Spain was a beautiful experience both for teachers and students being characterized by cooperation, artistic talent, cultural diversity, friendship and creativity.

English Teacher Crina Clipea - project member
Primary teacher Alina Gealepu – project member

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