

SLOVAKIAN STUDENTS EXPERIENCES ABOUT THE MEETING IN MACERATA

Do it for the future

“Do it for the future” - in this spirit that bears the name of the project, in which is involved Gymnázium arm. gen. L. Svobodu in Humenné. In addition to our school in this project are involved schools from Spain, Poland, Germany and Italy. Italy has been country, on which project I was able to take part. The theme our project was ecology, how to protect our country/nature, to teach students and adults separate and do something just for themselves but also the environment.

On the 10/24 to 10/28 our new "home" became Italy. It was the city of Macerata, in which was the project meeting. At the station, early evening, the family, in which we were staying a week, waited for us. After getting to know each went to his new temporary family.

On Monday we had the opportunity to take part in their lessons, in their school. I really liked the friendly approach of teachers to students and vice versa. In the afternoon we had free time, and everyone could spend your way. I personally, I went with my new friend to discover the city.

Tuesday was the day when each country presented their work on the theme. But we had the best presentation of all, we were also complimented. Over the presentation, we visited a large park "Abbadia di Fiastra" and "eco-friendly-house" where we have seen, what can be produced from recycled material.

On Wednesday we had a trip around town, but weather was bad. We could explore this historic city center. After excursion, we had lunch at school, where teachers and student prepared for us typical Italian foods. I have to say all was very tasty and delicate.

On Thursday we had an all-day trip. We visited Loreto, Sirolo, Monte Conero, biofarm where is the pasta produced, but also Frasassi cave, which impressed me incredibly.

Friday early morning we left Macerata. We parted from new friends, we were very sad, but on the other hand, we were very happy that we can experience all this and meet incredible people and their culture. This project gave me a lot, I met great people, learned how to protect their environment. And I look forward to March, because then it will be last project meeting just at our school.

This month, few students from “Gymnázium arm. gen. L. Svobodu in Humenné” took part in the project called „Do it for the future”. This time, the session took place in Italy, Macerata. Apart from our school, there were other schools from Europe being involved in this project - schools from Spain, Poland, Germany and Italy. The theme of our project was ecology, especially the main aim of this session was to present ecological maps of our region and also make an ecological guide.

From 24. - 28. 10. 2011, our new "home" became Italy. It was the Corridonia town, where I stayed. Few minutes after our arrival at the station we met with our host families. After quick drive we were “at home” after all. It took me just a few minutes to get to know them and I was completely surprised at their kind attitude and I have never met so amazing people as they are. therefore, you can send them greetings from me via this letter.

On Monday we joined students from I.T.A.S. and we took part in their lessons. I really liked

the friendly teacher's attitude to students and to tell the truth I am very glad that I have found out the big difference between our school systems - Italian and Slovakian one. In the afternoon we had free time, and everyone could spend their time as they want. As far as I know I was given a "guided tour" through the town where I stayed.

Tuesday was the day when each country presented the results of their work which they prepared for the meeting. We were very pleased when teachers from your school and other participants told us that the presentation was good. On the other hand, this meeting was not only about presenting. It was also about friendships, trips etc. and so we visited a large park "Abbadia di Fiastra" and "eco-friendly-house". On Wednesday we were having an excursion in the town which I think was being disturbed by the heavy rain. Nevertheless, the situation became better after the excursion, when we had the lunch in school library all together. The food was excellent and delicious.

Thursday was "the longest day" due to the whole day trip. We visited Loreto, Sirolo, Monte Conero, biofarm where is the pasta produced, but also Frasassi cave, which was the best one. I have never seen such impressive cave and I will never forget it. It was beautiful and kind of adventurous in all.

Friday early morning we left Macerata. That was the "worst" morning as I personally didn't want to go home. Our families saw us off to the train station from which we went home. Having been a part of this project I was given really a lot and this week was one of my best experiences and it influenced me in such way that I am coming to Italy in summer again, indeed. I really need to meet my host family and other people again. Meeting these incredibly friendly people and their culture will stay in my mind forever. In conclusion, all what is important to be said is that I am looking forward to seeing you in March because as everybody knows, the next session will be taking place at our school.

I and the project "Do it for the future" My name is Veronika Jakubová and during the days from 23th to 28th of October I was a member of Slovak team, which took part in the international project "Do it for the future". The meeting carried out in the Italian town Macerata. For the participants were prepared a lot of interesting activities. But first of all, we had to present what we had prepared at home. It was ecological map of the East Slovakia, which was made of waste material – old big white sheet and cardboard from old boxes. The map informed about recultivation of the dump, biological outdoor swimming pool, industrial park and technical services. The second part of our presentation was guide book, which was represented by a film. The film showed how we separate the rubbish at school and in towns and what changes, in how we live, could be done for saving our planet. Apart from it, we visited a lot of wonderful places, as I have mentioned. Winehouse, ekofriendly house, Frasassi cave, Roman church, Palazzo Bonaccorsi in Macerata and company, which produces pasta. I was charmed by cave the most because of its size and beauty.

We lived in the families, so we could get to know how the Italian people live. And now I can say, that they are very hospitable and kind nation, according to family in which I lived. What is more, I have learned a lot about their food, traditions and some phrases in Italian language.

I lived by girl named Celeste Carpineti, who is now my very good friend and we keep in touch. Furthermore, I improved my English and little bit German, what is very important for me. I recommend such a journey to everybody, who wants to become friends with a lot of young people, get to know new culture, learn something about enviroment and improve their foreign language. Now I must say, that I miss all my new friends a lot and that I am looking forward to seeing them again.