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### SECOND MOBILITY (Short-term exchanges of groups of pupils) IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY



From May 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>rd</sup> 2019, the second mobility of the Erasmus+ “Walking the Talk” project took place in the partner school Özel Fener Rum Ortaokulu (ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΤΟΥ ΓΕΝΟΥΣ ΣΧΟΛΗ) from Istanbul-Turkey. The other two participating schools are Zakladni skola Josefa Bublka from Banov- Czech Republic and the coordinating school PLOYTARCHEIO - 4<sup>th</sup> GYM-

NASIUM OF LIVADEIA. (The project idea is to get inspired from experiential education techniques and create a selection of outdoor lessons in subject areas that fit the curriculum).

**On Monday** morning all partner students and teachers met at school, where they were welcomed by the Headmaster and introduced to teachers and students. The Headmaster of the school started with a speech at the opening ceremony. The



Heads of the visiting schools also addressed the meeting and then students and teachers had a school tour and admired the imposing, beautiful building of this old school. Afterwards they got some useful information about the daily programme. Then there were presentations of schools and cities and presentations of outdoor teaching activities carried out so



far by all schools. After lunch students and teachers participated in a workshop on “Documentary creation”. That was the closing of the first day.

**On Tuesday**, after arriving at the school, the group visited the Ecumenical Patriarchate and was accepted by His All-Holliness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew who addressed and blessed us all. A walking tour followed to the FenerBalat area, next to



the Golden Horn gulf, where the group visited the Bulgarian Orthodox church of Saint Stephen, the Ahrida Synagogue, the church of Saint Demetrios Xyloportas and the church of the Virgin Vlacherna. During the tour the students had an outdoor Greek History lesson. After the tour there was lunch at school. The day’s programme closed with two outdoor lessons, the 1<sup>st</sup> on Mixtures and the 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Isoskeles Right Triangle.

**On Wednesday**, the group went on a cruise to the Adalar islands. The 1<sup>st</sup> stop was at the island of Heybeliada (Halki) where we walked to the Theological School of Halki and the Holy Trinity Monastery. There we were welcomed by the abbot of the monastery and learnt about the History of the Theological School of Halki. In the gardens of the monastery the

students had two outdoor lessons, one of Biology (Identifying plants) and the second on the Solar System.. The trip continued to Buyukada (Pringipos), the largest island of the Adalar,



where we walked to the top of the hill to visit the Monastery of Saint George Koudounas, a sacred place for both Christians and Muslims. An English outdoor lesson was held there (Writing Haiku).

**On Thursday** a visit to the Town hall of the Fatih District where the group was received by the spokesman of the mayor of the city and greetings were exchanged. Afterwards, we had a guided



tour around Istanbul’s greatest monuments –Agia Sophia, the old Hippodrome of Constantinople, the Topkapi Palace and the Blue Mosque.

**On Friday**, the final day, the students were divided in three groups and participated in the city game, which was a game of knowledge and awareness on what they had seen and learnt about the City during the previous days. The winning group received pre-



sents. Teachers met at school and discussed the project's future activities and plans. The final outdoor lesson was a Physical education lesson for students and teachers. A farewell party followed where food and drinks were prepared and provided by the students’ parents. The week’s work was closed with the distribution of Attendance Certificates to all the participants. The Evaluation of the meeting was carried out online.



