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“Getting to know, sharing and enjoying our cultural heritage”

(Poznawanie, dzielenie się i docenianie naszego dziedzictwa kulturowego)

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Zespół Szkół Ogólnokształcących Nr 1 in Chorzowie at the II Partner Meeting of Erasmus + Project, which took place in Naples, a capital of an Italian region called Campania from 11th to 15th of April 2016.

Here is the report of our visit to Naples as written by its participants:

Ania Domańska (class 1A)

On the 9th of April we set off on a incredible journey from our school playground. The objective of this trip was an international meeting in Naples - a part of our “Erasmus +” project. Everyone was very excited and we couldn’t wait till we finally arrive at the place. The road passed fairly quickly and in a nice atmosphere, but before we reached our main destination, we stopped in Florence. We wended our way towards Ponte Vecchio, the bridge of goldsmiths, then we raved about the amazing architecture of this city, which is so much different from our Chorzów. It was an absolute must to visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, built in the gothic style from colorful marble. It was an amazing feeling to see it with my own eyes, because all pictures in the books don’t reflect its beauty.

The next stop was Siena - another Tuscan city. Before we’d arrived at the famous plaza del Campo, we had to face the stairs... Of course, it was the escalator. When we found the square, we sat down and enjoyed the view all around. After a short rest, we went in the direction of a Gothic Cathedral. Enchanted by the charm of the city we returned to our buses to finally head towards our destination.

In the evening we greeted Naples! Everyone quickly felt like at home in our hotel rooms as after such an exhausting journey all we dreamed of was to find ourselves in bed and get some sleep.

The first day of our stay in the capital of Campania started with a delicious breakfast from the buffet - croissants, toast, muffins, pancakes, mini sausages... Everything your heart desires! After such a tasty meal, we went to I.T.I.S. Augusto Righi - a school which hosted the meeting. There was an official welcome of all the students and teachers with whom we launch the project “Getting to know, sharing

and enjoying our cultural heritage". After the end of the formal part we went together with the others to the sports hall, where we took part in the integration activities and played team games. This enabled us to get acquainted with each other and to make new friends. When scheduled activities came to an end, we went to the restaurant to have a real Neapolitan pizza and pasta.

In the afternoon, the whole Erasmus group went on a trip to the city centre. We had an opportunity to see the Bay of Naples, which lies at the foot of Vesuvius volcano and the old, picturesque streets and many squares of Naples. Moreover, we visited the City Hall, where we met the mayor himself. We celebrated this wonderful day with a real Italian cappuccino, coffee doppio and hot chocolate in "Bar Del Professore" near St. Francis Basilica.

We started Tuesday with traveling by subway. The underground train arrived at the oldest part of Naples. Naturally, we visited the cemetery "Fontanelle", which was carved in volcanic tuff. There are over 40,000 bones and skulls of anonymous people! In this place, despite the surrounding darkness and dead silence, there is a unique atmosphere, which makes us remember about "mors" - death. Later we walked through the narrow, charming streets and an integral part of our walk was the sound of the horn. We couldn't resist the purchase of souvenirs - especially red peppers, which bring luck according to a local legend.

After the active first part of the day we returned to the hotel to regain some strength before hard work. In the afternoon, we met with everyone at school again. There we learned about the "App Inventor", which we will use to create our own applications to realize the "Erasmus +" project. Afterwards, we presented a film about our school and the city for which we got a huge applause and words of praise.

The next day started very actively. In mixed groups we began to create our own applications, in which we had to present the important places with a short description of our countries. After intellectually exhaustive work we visited Pompeii. Walking and listening to the stories told by our guide, we realized that we were in a utterly amazing place, which is the cradle of all our European culture.

The last but one morning of our visit was filled with the final work on our applications. Later, the school bus was waiting for us and took us to Campi Flegrei and Castello di Baia. The view of the bay and port from the castle took our breaths away! It was amazing. The best part of this day was a short respite on the beach near Capo Miseno. We couldn't help getting wet feet in the cool, crystal clear water. Well, we couldn't resist splashing water, either. After a short time we were soaked from heads to toes. In the evening, we went to a unforgettable dinner at a restaurant where tasted the local cuisine.

On Friday, our visit came to an end. After consuming the last breakfast in the hotel's cafeteria we packed our suitcases into the boots of our buses and returned to our Italian school. There, each group presented the results of their work and after the successful presentations and farewell to our hosts and other participants, we started our journey back home. On the way to Poland, we visited the Polish Military cemetery at Monte Cassino.

Justyna Rybińska (class IA)

From the 9th to 15th of April, 2016 we took part in the II Partner Meeting of our Erasmus+ project about "Getting to know, sharing and enjoying our cultural heritage." On the first day we visited Florence and Siena. It was a wonderful experience. On the second day we met with the students of the Neapolitan school Istituto Tecnico Industriale Augustro Righi, where we spent time playing games to break the ice. In the afternoon we had a chance to see the Bay of Naples, visit the Town Hall and the old squares and streets of Naples. We spent the third day in the oldest part of Naples. There, we visited the old cemetery Fontanelle di Napoli. Then we strolled through the narrow streets, constantly hearing the sound of car horns and the hustle and bustle of this city. After an exhausting walk, the students of our host school, presented to us the software - Application, which we will use in the project. On the next day, we created an Application about the important locations in individual countries. After hard work we presented a film about our school and the city, which, we are happy to say, received a lot of praise. Intellectual work made us very tired, so to relax we went to Pompei – a historical place, the cradle of European cultural heritage. In the next few days we had the opportunity to see a beautiful castle Castello di Baia and Monte Cassino, where we lit candles at the cemetery and paid tribute to the Polish soldiers who died in the battle fighting to liberate Italy from Nazi occupation. One of the best points of our trip was Capomiseno Beach, where we strolled along the beach, sunbathed and enjoyed the warm sea waters. For us it was a moment of rest. We spent beautiful, happy moments in Naples. On the last day we presented our applications and we said goodbye to the students and teachers from Italy, Greece, Spain, Romania and the United Kingdom.

Kamila Danisz (class IIB)

The whole trip was a great experience. We visited many wonderful places and we had the opportunity to admire the stunning views. Although it was a small break from school, but it wasn't a break from the hard work. However, it was the recuperation for our body and soul. It was a wonderful time, but passed very quickly. I am glad that I had the opportunity to get to know Italy, Naples and its surroundings, as well as their traditions and customs, but not only these. I met a lot of great people. I hope that I will have the opportunity to visit this beautiful country again.

When I heard about Erasmus Plus I knew that it must be something cool, and I wasn't disappointed. Erasmus is a project which allows us to meet foreigners, improve English and learn about culture of the country where the project takes place. In this year that country was Italy! I was very excited, because I had been only once in Italy, but I hadn't seen anything in Italy that is popular and Erasmus project allowed me see such things! We visited: Siena, Florence, Pompeii, Monte Cassino

and of course Naples, where we lived! I was impressed by the characters of the Italians. They have time for everything, if you are arrange with the Italian to meet at 5 p.m for example, he will come at the 5.30 p.m. Why? I don't know, it's just an Italian style of life I think. They often repeat "piano, piano" which mean something like "take it easy, easy". Naples is the city of the car horns. Why? Because drivers use them all the time! But it isn't a malicious trumping, it's a warning one. In Naples everything is a suggestion. Traffic regulations? They are only suggestions, not regulations, really. An arranged hour? This is a suggestion too! Despite that, Italians are very nice people. I was most impressed by the City of Pompei and the Naples beach. I think that these places were the most beautiful. I'm lucky that I could take part in the Erasmus plus Project and I could experience this.

Marek Stepień (class IIB)

I and my friends took part in the project called Erasmus plus. It was hosted in Naples and our meeting place was the school Istituto Tecnico Industriale Statale AUGUSTO RIGHI.

We met other participants of the project, and we started our first activity called "Breaking the ice" These were some simple sport games, which were supposed to makes us feel comfortable and help us make new friends.

The first place we visited was the Town Hall called Palazzo San Giacomo, even the Mayor himself showed up to greet us. Later we went to a big square in the center of the city - Piazza Plebiscito, where we had an opportunity to taste some delicious Italian coffee.

On the next day we went to the oldest part of Naples, where we saw the Fontanelle cemetery carved in volcanic tuff. It was a very strong moment for us, because there was a horrific(scary) atmosphere.

After we'd returned to our host school, we started to learn about making an application on mobile phones.

The next day at school was devoted to making apps in a program called AppInventor. All participants were divided into several groups, which consisted of people of all nationalities. At first, I was dubious of language barriers, but it turned out they weren't an obstacle at all, since we could make our app without any problems. In the afternoon we headed for our main goal, which was visiting Pompeii. We did learn some information about it just as we arrived. Really, it was a beautiful place and we were astonished at how this place had survived so many centuries. On the next day we went back to school, where we polished our applications and after our school activities we went to Castello aragonese di Baia. The view was really spectacular, and the atmosphere was really interesting and mysterious.

After visiting the place, we traveled to Capomiseno, where we could relax and see the beauty of the sea and landscape.

In the evening, we went to an Italian restaurant, where they served us some typical Italian food. We had a chance to see a local dance, which was really awesome.

Our final day was the time to show our work and say goodbye to all other participants of the Erasmus plus Project. Visiting Nepal for sure was one of a kind journey because of their culture, life style and being a real and unique Italian.

Łukasz Zalewski (class IIB)

My name is Lucas and I was in Italy with our school's Erasmus plus project. It was a very funny and enjoyable trip. We visited Florence, where we saw many monuments, for example, the Cathedral di Santa Maria del Fiore or Ponte Vecchio bridge.

Next, we reached Naples where we were living for several days. Naples is a beautiful place and we were lucky to see it. We were there going to school, of course, where we met many interesting people from many European countries. We had many trips in our meeting program, so we visited the Center of Naples, where we went to the office of the mayor of Naples. We saw Vesuvius from the office's windows.

We also visited Pompeii. We could see this ancient city, which survived hundreds of years under volcanic ash and rocks. And we had there lots of fun, but we didn't visit all the city because it was under renovation. At the end we had to do a mobile app in the Neapolitan school with students from every country who'd come to Naples within our Project. I enjoyed working with them, but sometimes we couldn't understand each other. However, somehow we finished apps very well. I liked this Erasmus project and if anyone has an opportunity to participate in one, I will strongly recommend it.

Mirek Mlonek (class IB)

My impressions

Exploring Italy was quite an experience for me. I was able to visit the beautiful city of Naples and some nearby locations. It all started when we arrived at the hotel which was close to the school which was hosting the Erasmus project this year. We have seen many beautiful monuments such as churches, castles etc. The trip wasn't only about exploring, but also getting to know the people of the other nationalities, working with them and also co-operating. The time spent in Italy was really amazing and I can't stress enough how funny and inspiring this trip was for me! It truly opened my eyes on all the possibilities of international interactions. I truly enjoyed visiting Italy and its nearby towns, settlements and such it truly shines with amazing architecture, interesting culture and it's uniquely esthetic. I can honestly say that it was such a great experience for me that I am not planning on forgetting anytime soon. One of the most memorable moments was the dinner during one of the last

days of the trip. The food was great and also the folklore music and dance added up to the mood of the evening! Another great attraction was the beach that we ended up relaxing on! It was truly exquisite! We have also seen Monte Cassino, a hill where a very important assault took place during the Second World War, in which Polish troops made a huge difference to its outcome. You could say it was a turning point for the war. We have also given honors to the fallen soldiers at their memorial that was built there. Leaving Italy was rather sad as it grew on me during these couple of days. I hope that one day I can come back to this charming country and walk these streets once again. I feel truly honored that I was able to take part in this international project that connected many people together and I hope that it will keep evolving and growing so the next generations of students can have the same fun that I had!

Łukasz Piowczyk (class IIB)

So the saying “to see Naples and die” has been fulfilled, fortunately, we managed without dying. I with my schoolmates met with other participants of our Erasmus Plus project in Neapolitan school *Istituto Tecnico Industriale Statale AUGUSTO RIGHI*. We had an occasion to meet with all the students during the games prepared by our Italian mates. We took part in the breaking-the-ice activities, so we played volleyball, football and table tennis. At the beginning getting along with each other was difficult because of language barriers, but it didn't prevent us from having fun together and we spent a wonderful time at the school. I didn't meet with any untoward things, so I was favorably impressed by the school. After the games we toured the centre of Naples. First we visited *Palazzo San Giacomo*, where the mayor of Naples himself joined us. Then we went about the Town Hall. The views from the first-floor windows were incredible. The next place was really big— *Piazza Plebiscito*, where we had a short break to drink some delicious coffee or cappuccino in *Bar del Professore*. We saw old streets and alleys and, of course, the beautiful Gulf of Naples, which is at the foot of Vesuvius Volcano. All these places make a majestic view, the one that must be seen before you die. The next day we spent in the oldest part of Naples, where we could see the Fontanelle cemetery. The skulls in this place were as frightening as exciting. The atmosphere which emanated here was really unique. After leaving the cemetery, we made our way through the narrow streets to the city, where we had an opportunity to buy some souvenirs and see *Palazzo dello Spagnolo*. In the afternoon we met at school, where we learned about the application that we had to use afterwards. In the morning we carried on working with App Inventor at school. We were divided into groups, which raised my worries about language barriers, but everything was fine. Our task was putting some information about important places in our country in this application. When I ended my job, I helped other students, when their knowledge of English failed them. In the afternoon we moved to the culmination point of our trip here – to Pompeii. The guide told us many things about this place, but for me there were too many details, which bored me a little. The view of ancient streets, houses and shops stirred up in me some amazing emotions. This place was so full of ancient climate that it allowed me to feel here like I had stepped back in time. The next morning at school was very much the same as the previous ones, but I felt more comfortable among foreigners. I just felt like in a Polish school. We created a presentation on the application which we were going to show the next day.

After the working session we visited *Castello aragonese di Baia*. The views from here were breathtaking. There was no historical note, but it didn't worry me a lot. After visiting the castle, we rested on the Capomiseno beach, where we could wet our feet in the Italian sea. We spent the evening having a typical Italian dinner, so we tasted typically Italian meals. It was accompanied by a local Italian dance. The meal was funny, greasy and tasty. On the last day we had to show our presentations and then we said goodbye to our new friends. The trip to Naples will stay in my memories for a long time, I'm sure about this. Despite its different driving culture, Naples made a most positive impression on me.