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ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME KA 2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP "European Schools Go Green" 2017 - 2020



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***With intensive preparations, activities, work, hospitality and endless creativity we are continuing enthusiastically the third and final year of the European Erasmus + Programme / KA2 Key Action / "Collaboration for Innovation and Exchange of Good Practices" 2017-2020 entitled "European Schools Go Green" 2017-2020 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior High School of Amaliada!***

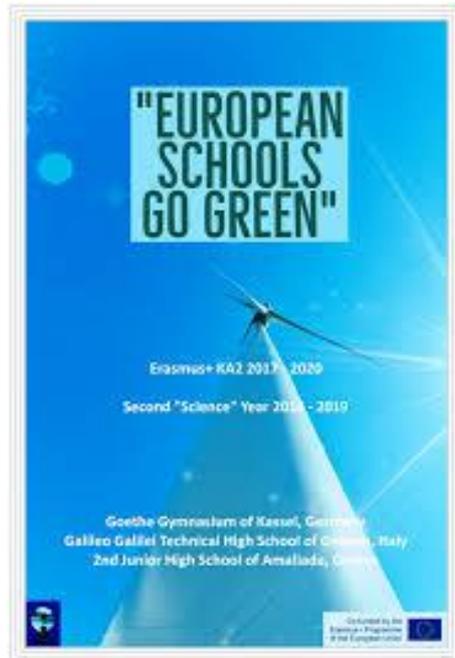
After two exceptionally creative years, we reached the third and final year of this European collaboration, having already exchanged visits and hosted students and teachers from both schools abroad with success and excellent results. Our students and teachers have already also traveled and have been warmly hosted in Genoa, Italy, and in Kassel, Germany, returning with life experiences and spiritual and mental resources. A collaboration with great dissemination of our work and a particularly warm response from the local community, the school and family environment of the students, the numerous collaborators and local authorities and many institutions we are working with, with publications and extensive articles in print and digital Greek, Italian and German Press, a tribute from local television, the website of the Directorate of Education of Western Greece which posted articles about our collaboration and our digital products on the "best practices" website and more.

**The pedagogical team of the 2nd Junior High School of Amaliada:**



From left are Teachers: Mr Haris Spiropoulos, Mrs Efi Karvouniaris, Mr Grigoris Vassilopoulos, Principal Mr Antonis Gounaris, Mrs Maria Tzavara, Mrs Eleni Charda, Mrs Antonia Rambavila, Mrs Stavroula Salvanou, Mrs Katerina Andreou.

Even before the schools opened we started with excitement. Since August, the teachers' pedagogical team has been preparing our partners hosting for October. Also, our digital journal was published with the presentation of work and products from all three schools of the second year "Science Year" 2018-2019.



the cover of our latest digital magazine

In September before our students came to school for the new school year the first harvest was made by the Photocycling company of small appliances and lamps that we collect in our school's special bins. After our first year in this important recycling network, it was a great pleasure to see the full bins emptied and sent where everything the pupils, educators and sensitized citizens collected would be recycled safely.



As Mrs Salvanou, the IT teacher and member of our school's Erasmus + pedagogical team that has been in charge of organizing the small appliances recycling, writes :

"We all can!!! Small daily habits change, recycle with us starting from home and school ... One by one, class after class, home after home ! At our school we already recycled 82kg of electrical appliances and 3.2kg of lamps . Through *Photocycling SA actions* (approved of the Greek Ministry of Education, Research & Religions) at the 2nd Junior High School of Amaliada pupils and teachers collect old - damaged electrical appliances in special bins. The company cooperates with the Greek factory - recycler *Eco Circle* so that the appliances are not disposed of in an environmentally unfriendly manner, but undergo a special withdrawal process. Only 65% of the devices disposed in Greece are recycled, mainly through hospitals, companies, municipalities or affiliates, motivated by other financial or planning objectives. In schools this action is still rare, which does not mean it cannot be expanded. " says Mrs Salvanou.

At the beginning of October we completed the mural "Erasmus + - European Schools Go Green 2017-2020" which will now adorn the multipurpose room "Erasmus" that has been designed and equipped by our program, and will remind us of our experience over the years and how much Erasmus has changed us and connects Europe's students , schools and local communities.



Above left are students: Iliopoulou Evi, Karaflos Giorgos, Kaoukis Matina, below: Aivaliotis Nikos, Apostolopoulou Danai, Papachristodoulou Giorgos, Teacher Andreou Aikaterini) Top right: Doussas Giannis, Vassilopoulou Georgia, Georgakopoulou Eftihia.

In front of the mural are also displayed the models of our school created last year by our students under the guidance of their teacher Mr. Spyropoulos Professor of Technology, with modifications to the energy profile of the building and the addition of renewable energy sources, together with the energy study they did with their professor Mr. Vassilopoulos Professor of Physics for a more "green European school" as is the goal and title of all our cooperation with schools abroad.



Erasmus team working after school, our school and one model from the same angle!



During the week of **October 21<sup>st</sup> - 25th 2019**, our school enthusiastically welcomed the Italian delegation of teachers of our partner school Galileo Galilei Technical High School (5 Italian teachers, also having the great honour of having here Mrs Monteforte Headmaster of Galileo Galilei Technical Genoa High School) for a week of conferences, work and cultural visits and activities.



Our school has prepared a wealth of conference equipment material for our hosted colleagues which along with cultural and informational materials has been provided to each guest with stationery, digital and printed worksheets, local delicacies, a «green school» backpack, and more.



The Teachers of Galileo Galilei Technical High School of Genova with the Greek newspapers who first published our activities on the same day

The rest of the Italian delegation: the project manager Franca Monzeglio, and the teachers Pietro Belmonte, Gianluca Litterio and Mrs Giovanna Rosso.



**The work meeting place, our school's Erasmus room**

That week we had a series of meetings in our school's specially designed Erasmus multipurpose room, we evaluated the second year of collaboration and organized this year's work and final products.

Also brunch, coffee, snacks and sweets were shared during our working hours and the school's teachers prepared several greek cuisine meals and lunches we all enjoyed together.



**Headmaster Mr. Gounaris and Headmaster Mrs. Monteforte exchanging gifts at school before the first day's conference and work.**

With our guests we visited the City Hall of Ilida where gifts and souvenirs were exchanged. The Italian teachers expressed their joy for the cooperation and their thanks and greetings by presenting gifts to the Mayor of Ilida Mr. Yiannis Lymberis, while receiving warm welcome from Mr. Kapsis, Counselor of Culture of the Municipality of Ilida, Mr. Ioanna Stavropoulou, Chairman of the School Committee for Secondary Education of the Municipality of Ilida, Mr. Christos Nikolopoulos Chairman of the School Committee for Primary Education Chairman of the Public Council "Elios", Mr. Eugenios Asteris, in a ceremony relayed by local television and has been published in print and online media. The Municipality of Ilida also culminated hospitality by offering a working dinner in the town of Amaliada.



The Greek and Italian delegations together with the representatives of the Municipality of Ilida



Our visit to the City Hall of the Municipality of Ilida in Amaliada was also covered by the TV channel ORT

However, we visited, except Amaliada, the city of Pyrgos as well, where on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 we were guided to the Archaeological Museum of Pyrgos, the Merkouri estate, and finally the historical Katakolo Lighthouse having a special permit from the Hellenic (Greek) Navy Military Office.



At the Archaeological Museum of Pyrgos

It was a great pleasure and honour for us to have lunch with Head of Directorate of Secondary Education of Ilia, Mr.Vasileios Dimitrellos, who warmly congratulated the participants on the successful course and results of the cooperation. He exchanged gifts and souvenirs with the visitors and discussed many educational issues of our schools in both countries with our Headmasters and olus schools' teachers.



**Headmaster of 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior High School of Amaliada Mr. Gounaris, Headmaster of Galileo Galilei Technical High School of Genova Mrs. Monteforte and Mr. Dimitrellos , Head of Directorate of Secondary Education of Ilia Prefecture.**

We were also honoured to be accompanied by Mrs Tita Terzi, who as a School Activities and Culture Officer in previous years has supported our partnership, as well as all the activities of our school morally and practically, Mrs Harbali Iulia, a representative of the European Programmes Group of the Directorate of Secondary Education of Ilia, who was also close to us from the start of the programme, our eTwinning's Ambassador awarded with 1<sup>st</sup> European eTwinning and other educational prizes Mrs Sofia Kouzouli, who warmly welcomed our guests and donated to our guests important works of Greek literature in English translation.



**eTwinning Ambassador Mrs Kouzouli and Headmaster of the Italian School Mrs. Monteforte**



**Mercouri estate**



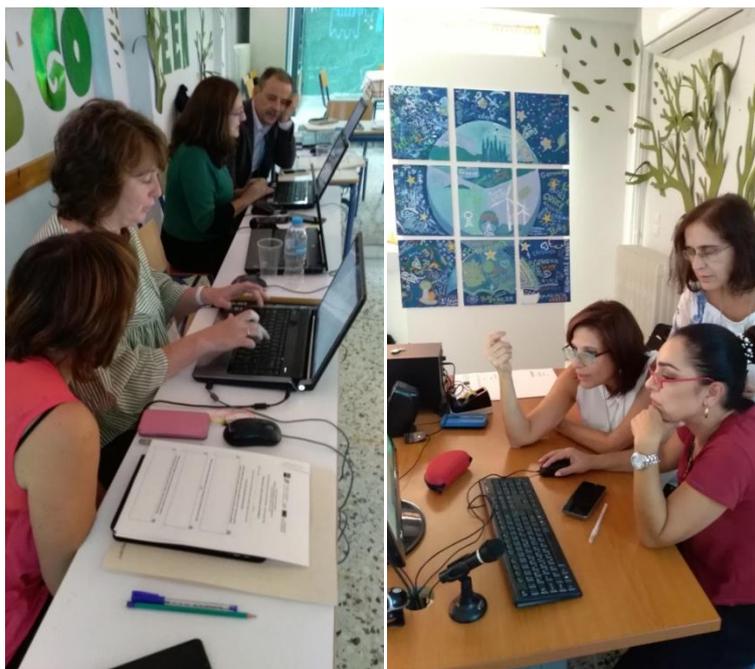
**Katakolo Lighthouse**

In Ancient Iliada, the ancient town which organized the Olympic Games in Ancient Greece, on the morning of Thursday, October 24, 2019 we all enjoyed the magnificent archaeological site and Museum with a guided tour by the archaeologist in charge Mrs Panagodimou.



**Ancient Iliada Museum**

All the above important representatives of the Educational Community and the State, despite their overwhelming workload, were extremely welcoming hosts and gladly participated in the organizational meeting work with the Italian colleagues and as a result our guests returned excited about their welcoming by the representatives of Greek authorities.



**Working at school during our conferences, in the Erasmus multi-purpose room of our school**

At the end of the week's work, the conclusions and timetables were finalized and details were discussed about the upcoming trip of the Greek and Italian students to Kassel, Germany, hosted this time by the German Goethe Gymnasium.

Finally, the certificates of attendance were awarded and commemorative gifts were offered to Italian colleagues and their school. In the Erasmus Room of our school, the guests as well as the students and teachers of the Erasmus team left their message and signature in our mural so that the wall of the room would be filled with the positive emotions that brought us close.



**Headmaster of Galileo Galilei Technical High School of Genova, Mrs Monteforte, writing her message on our European Schools Go Green mural in Erasmus+ multi-purpose room of our school**

In November and December informative and presentational meetings with the parents of our students took place, as well as a special briefing for the parents of the students who will be travelling to Kassel, Germany in April 2020.



**Informing parents of Erasmus students**

The last year of cooperation is already in the middle! For two and a half years, during which we have had the great pleasure of meeting and collaboration of the students of the three schools, the

satisfaction and pride of our best ambassadors, who linked Amaliada with Genoa, Italy, and Kassel, Germany, we are glad we are building a strong and productive bridge of communication between our educational communities, families, cities and countries. But it is also important the fact that we have been able to reflect, inform, inspire first mentality changes and promote ideas and present the work of the students who have communicated with perseverance and enthusiasm, creating products by studying renewable energy, sustainable development, climate change and cultivating the social consciousness of the modern citizen.

Students are leading and continuing to zealously promote the change of our mentality and daily life, enriching it with the use of new technologies with low energy footprint and a more established ecological consciousness. We have come to this third and final year to complete our programme, which seems to be also successful.



On the left there is Mrs Franca Montgelio, Programme contact person and responsible for the Italian School.  
Next there is Headmaster Mrs. Monteforte, and our school students along with the rest of the Italian delegation.

**Amaliada, December 2019,**

**Andreou Aikaterini**

Fine Arts educator / Teacher PE08/Erasmus+ contact person - 2nd High School of Amaliada Greece

Our blog: "[EuropeanSchoolsGoGreen](#) "

Our project on Twinspace: <https://twinspace.etwinning.net/34044>

Highlights Website with selected products and activities: <https://europeanschoolsgogreen.wordpress.com/>

Our digital magazines: <https://issuu.com/europeanschoolsgogreen>

Our programme in various articles in Greek and foreign press: [https://blogs.sch.gr/samiamidi/?page\\_id=504](https://blogs.sch.gr/samiamidi/?page_id=504)

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