

Learning, teaching and training activities of Project E.A.R.T.H. in Belgium

From 17th to 22th October, the partner schools visited Gemeentelijke Basisschool in Kortrijk. After the difficult "Covid" period, it was great to meet each other again.

On Sunday evening, director Herwig from Kortrijk welcomed the delegations of Cyprus (2 members) and Slovenia (3 members). They spoke about the coming week and tasted a good Belgian beer.



On Monday, the delegation went to the pre-primary school Blauwe Poort. There was a guided tour and also a presentation of projects of sustainability in the school. They went also in the classroom, where the teacher told a KaMOShibaistory to the children.

After the lunch, together with the team, Linda, Ingrid and Joke learned the delegation about MOS (www.mosvlaanderen.be). They told the delegation about actions of MOS concerning environment, sustainability, KaMOShibaistories, ... They gave also a nice present to each member: a KaMOShibaistory (in English) that can be used in their own school.



In the evening, the Alderman of Education of the city of Kortrijk offered a guided tour in the Guildhall and in the Tower of the St.- Maartens church. Thereafter, there was a drink, offered by the Alderman and we ended the day with a tasteful diner in Maddox restaurant.



On Tuesday, director Herwig picked up the delegation at the hotel and drove them to the school in Kooigem. There, DJAPO (www.djapo.be) presented what they are doing: working with schools around sustainability. They told about their actions, their general approach, their focus on the climate, ...



After the lunch, together with the school team, the delegation helped the children of the third class pre-primary with planting berries in the garden. After a short evaluation, everyone went back to Kortrijk to pick up e-bikes in Mobiel, to use on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see how the director of Cyprus started again cycling after such a long time she did not biking.





In the evening, there was a dinner in Au Casino, together with the whole school team of Gemeentelijke Basisschool.

On Wednesday the delegation went on bike to Warande. They learned about actions that the city of Kortrijk organize, concerning climate, environment, sustainability, ...

After the lunch, the delegation visited some “Good Practices” (about making greener the school and the playgrounds) in Kortrijk. Teachers of Kortrijk joined the delegation and this tour was done on e-bike.

On Wednesday evening, the delegation members had a free night to visit and explore Kortrijk.

Thursday was the last visiting day. In the morning the delegation helped the children of the third class pre-primary with planting berries in the garden in Kortrijk. After the lunch, there was a guided walk in Kortrijk. After an evaluation of the week, there was a final diner in restaurant d’ Oude Burcht.

Plans were made and we said goodbye.



On Friday, everyone went home.



Visit Belgium was a nice week, where a lot of ideas were launched!