

Learning, teaching and training activities of Project E.A.R.T.H. in Cyprus, May 2022

The second LTT activity took place in Limassol, Cyprus from 8 until 13 of May 2022 in Agia Marina Kindergarten. The partner schools of Belgium and Slovenia arrived in Limassol on the 8th of May.

The Slovenian delegation, consisting of 3 persons, arrived first and were welcomed by the School's Headmistress Melina Louca Angelopoulou and the project's coordinator Eleni Pitsillidou. There was a planned visit to Lefkara Village (to see the village and how lace, silver and traditional delights are made, and a visit to an olive farm also in Lefkara, where the guests were treated different kinds of olive related products). The excursion ended up in Zigi village for fish meze near the sea. In the afternoon the Belgian delegation arrived, consisting also of 3 persons and the whole team met at Old Port Hotel in Limassol city's old center, for the first time to enjoy the Spring Cypriot night under the stars with local welcoming drinks.



On Monday 9th of May the delegations arrived at the Kindergarten of Agia Marina where they were welcomed by children dressed with traditional cypriot costumes who offered "kerasmata" (welcoming treats) like "koumandaria", "sousioukos" etc. They were introduced to the Inspector of Kindergartens from the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus Mrs. Christina Kosma Antoniou and met with the school staff. The guests visited the four classrooms of the school and then the children of the school presented their school play "Save the EARTH". After a coffee break there was a presentation from CYMEPA organization. Dr. Ierides informed the teachers about eco schools and other programs they coordinate. The day at the school ended with a working lunch and participants shared their first impressions of the program. At night the guests went for a walk at the promenade, the old harbor area and for dinner at Limassol Marina in Epsilon restaurant.



On Tuesday 9th of May the group met again at the school of Agia Marina. Guest teachers from the 4th Kindergarten of Limassol together with the children of A1 class of Agia Marina Kindergarten presented the story of “Terra is ill” in a theatre play (Terra was a gift from the first LTT in Belgium). Children from the 9th Primary School of Limassol also presented their idea about recycling “World Restart” which was about reusing and recycling. In this event guests were invited from the Ministry of Education and Culture of Cyprus (the Chief inspector Mr. Genethlis Genethliou and the inspector), from the Schools Board Commity of Limassol, the Municipality of Limassol, the headmister of the 9th Primary School and members of the Parents Association of the Kindergarten. The event was recorded and given as a present to the delegations at the end. After the event the guests enjoyed a gourmet Cypriot brunch from Boho Restaurant. The day at the school ended with the teachers visiting the classes of the school and watching the children working on spring cleaning and recycling activities and talking with the teachers to explain the goals of the activities and exchange good practice. In the evening there was a dinner with the whole school team at “Karatello” restaurant near Limassol’s castle.



The third day, Wednesday 11th of May, the guests were taken to the Environmental Centre of Akrotiri. They were given a tour of the center by a representative, then they had the chance to watch through telescopes the fauna of the area and with microscopes they observed the feathers of birds. After a small coffee break they were taken to the meadows of Akrotiri area for bird watching and outdoor activities. At noon a guide from the Deputy Ministry of Tourism welcomed the guests to Kolossi Medieval Castle and gave them a tour. After that the group was driven by mini bus to Curium Ancient theatre, the Sanctuary of Apollon Hylates and the Rock of Aphrodite, where the tour guide presented the history of the places visited. The day ended with a late lunch at Chry's Blue Beach restaurant near Curium beach.



Last day of the LTT was Thursday 12th May. The groups met at the school of Agia Marina Kindergarten. They watched a lesson at A1 class which was about recycling and took part at the activities of the lesson. Both children and teachers enjoyed the interaction with each other. After a small break the teachers of all schools presented the activities they had done during the school year and exchanged ideas and good practices about the program. Then a gift given from the Slovenian partners (a seed bomb) gave as the opportunity to plant with the children herbs and the seed bombs in the school garden beds. The program came to an end with a diploma awarding ceremony for the children. Teachers from partner schools of Belgium

and Slovenia were invited to the classes and presented the diplomas to the children. The day ended with a dissemination of the Cyprus activities program and a farewell dinner at Boho restaurant with mezedes!



On Friday 13th of May the two delegations left with their bags filled with Cyprus smell, taste and hospitality. We look forward to the next meeting in Slovenia in 2023!!!!

