

Portugal Meeting Report



28th February to 8th March



The *V Meeting* involved 17 students and host families from Portugal and 17 students from the partner countries; 20 teachers from Portugal and 15 from the other partners.

Portuguese classes involved in the project: 12^oB, 12^oC, 12^oD, 10^oE, 10^oF, 11^oC. P26, P28, P29, CEF 9^oH and Primary School Students.

There were some important partnerships involved in the meeting events: Municipality of Póvoa de Lanhoso, Pastelaria Maria da Fonte, Areal Editora, Livraria Editora Figueirinhas Lda, FM Brindes, Teatro Club, ATPL, Musical Group Canto D`Aqui, Group Ka7 on the Radio, Tuna da Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto, the School Board and the families.

Arrival and welcoming partners by teachers and families

28th February: French team

2nd March: Romania and Poland

3rd March: Cyprus, Turkey and Spain

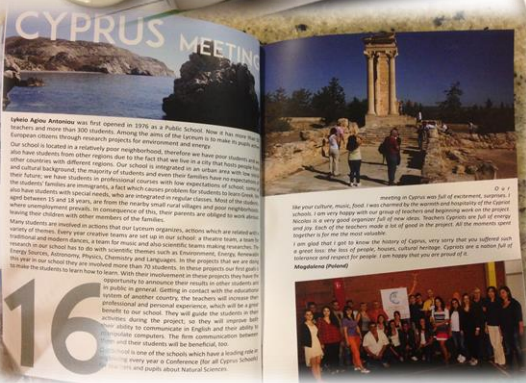


The French team was the first to arrive, on Saturday, the families organized visits in the region (cities of Braga and Guimarães) for students and teachers got to visit the Douro vineyard region of Port wine (Régua). On Monday, students attended classes and participated in an activity of collecting macro invertebrates in the river near the school



4th March –Activities at school

- Welcoming by the School Board
- Lecture by University Professor Nuno Formigo - Biological Water Quality, the Water Framework Directive and Macro invertebrates
- Practical Laboratory activities on Macro invertebrates
- Group work for the students
- Meeting of the coordinators



Scientific lecture by Dr Nuno Formigo

Lecture on Biological Water Quality, the Water Framework Directive and Macro invertebrates - Professor Nuno Formigo in his lecture began by making a summary of the legislation on water quality assessment as well as some of the best techniques of sampling and cataloging of biodiversity. Then he showed us how we could establish the link between water quality and the composition of the biodiversity of rivers/Macro invertebrates.

In the laboratory students grouped with members of different countries, could practice the identification of species/ Macro invertebrates (some collected by students on Monday, others brought by Dr Nuno Formigo team).



Laboratory activities

Students Group Work – Reporters for Biodiversity Day



During the afternoon we carried out the group work. International teams were reporters for a day. The task was to make the front page of a newspaper for the International Biodiversity Day. The three hours that were provided for the development of the task were not enough and the presentation of the work had to be quicker than it was planned.. But the results were extremely positive, both in terms of teamwork, as well as interaction between participants.





In a moment of pure relaxation after lunch Teacher Fernando gave a dance class for all participants.

Everyone learned dancing “ Kuduro” ...



While students worked in the afternoon, took place a working meeting of the project coordinators. Were discussed upcoming activities and future meetings:

(Reunion Island and Poland)

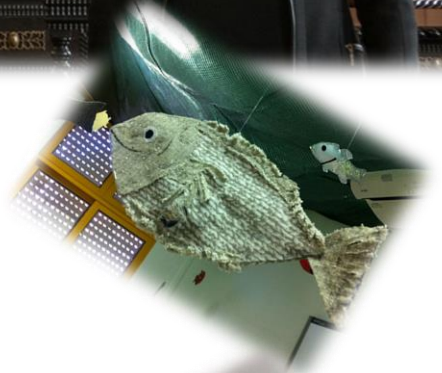


5th March – Activities in the region

- Welcoming at the Town Council
- Guided town tour (Castle and Andorinhas Dam)
- Visit to Basic School and Primary school music and biodiversity exhibition
- Cultural show in Theatro Club in Póvoa de Lanhoso
- Farewell dinner at school



Welcoming at the Town Council



6th March -Porto

- Guided visit to Porto
- Visit to Palácio da Bolsa
- Cruise in river Douro
- Visit to the Porto Wine Cellars





“This week was one of the best experiences of our lives. We had the great opportunity to socialize with excellent people coming from different countries and get fantastic and unforgettable memories. Projects like this help us to grow and improve our relationship with people, learning about other cultures and different ways of thinking. We don’t need to be fluent in English so all went perfectly well. In fact, the wrong use of some words, mixed with gestures and laughter made this experience so hilarious...”

“Hugo, Rita, Diana and Marta



On behalf of the Board of Agrupamento de Escolas de Póvoa de Lanhoso, my students and my fabulous team of co-workers, I appreciate the privilege to welcome everyone and experience these unforgettable moments of work, joy and friendship. When we organize an event we always think we could have done better, but I hope that our country, all the activities and the welcoming were appreciated by everyone.

The Portuguese team coordinator

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