



NEWSLETTER Spain Mobility May 2018



SUNDAY 27th of May

Finnish team arrived in sunny Valencia in the afternoon. All the hosting families and Mr Juanmi and Mr Antonio were at the airport to warmly welcome us. Students went to their hosting families and teachers to their hostel Red Nest. Everything went very smoothly thanks to the hospitality of our hosts!

A tour in Colegio de Pio XII and a delicious breakfast



MONDAY 28th of May

The first official day of Spain Mobility started with school tour in Colegio de Pio XII and a delicious breakfast. The Microbit activities were also started in groups which our hosts Juanmi and Antonio had formed.

Time was flying and after grabbing school lunch we headed to the Mestalla Stadium of Valencia CF. We lunched outside the Stadium in beautiful Spanish sunshine. It was memorable to tour the Mestalla, especially for all the soccer fans!





Even after all these activities we still had time to visit the extraordinary Fallero Museum. It is a Valencian tradition in the spring time to build these magnificent statues of paper pulp. Most of the great statues rise up to the height of many blocks and have particular ideas of politics or current topics in the society.

Gulliver park was great fun with all the climbing and sliding the enormous statue-like sculpture.

TUESDAY 29th of May

On Tuesday morning the students were able to attend classes in Colegio de Pio XII, for example math, art and biology lessons in Spanish. Teachers had their official meeting during that time.

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After lessons we headed to Albufera by bus. There we had nice boat tour and heard interesting facts about fishing and cultivating rice in Albufera region. The lunch in Albufera was



traditional paella and our stomachs were full!

With full bellies we rode the bus to enjoy the Malvarrosa Beach right by the Valencia city center. What a treat to enjoy refreshing waves of the Mediterranean Sea!



but not least there were so many fascinating fish and sea mammals to be seen in the Oceanographic. In the late afternoon we took the chance to do some shopping with some students and teachers in the Aqua Mall.



WEDNESDAY 30th May

The day was started off by Microbit activities. Cooperation and learning together was delightful. Afterwards we had a nice walk through the former river, now a park. Especially the beautiful purple blooming palisander trees and palm trees caught our eye.



Our walk ended in the architectural pearl, Science City Museum. There we saw a Hemispheric 3D film with a story of dinosaurs and their survival through the seasons in the jurassic era. Last

THURSDAY 31st of May

Our final Microbit activities involved a lot of problem solving to complete a maze. There was a lot of brainwork and different solutions in the classroom and corridor! After finishing the mazes we were accompanied by the history teacher. Mr Guillermo took us on an interesting tour through layers and layers of history of the Old Valencia with his wonderful English skills.

There was a lot of cooperation and brainwork in the classroom!

On our way to La Pascuala for lunch we visited an open street market and



We have a lot to learn from the Spanish people

As the teams had got to know each other during the trip the most fun times were also when we were making transitions between all the activities. There was always a friend for a coffee shop, a piano activity, joking, etc. We hope to see our new friends soon again!

did some shopping. At the end of the day we had another chance to enjoy the Malvarrosa Beach.

The program was varied and full of points of interest for everyone. The Finnish team is very thankful for all the things we saw and the great hospitality we experienced from all our hosts! We have much to learn from the warm kindness and openness of Spanish people.

Looking forward to meeting our new friends soon!

Best wishes, the Finnish team

