

Newsletter

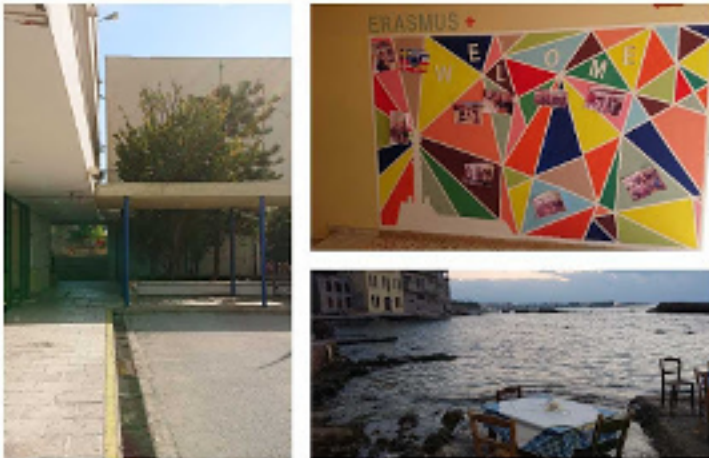
GREEK MOBILITY, CRETE, 29 SEPT-5 OCT 2018

Our journey to Crete, Greece, started from our school yard in Rauma already on Saturday morning the 29th of September in very excited and a bit worried feelings as the news of the Mediterranean Hurricane, Medicane, had reached Finland. However, the flight went really well and even the landing was nice and smooth, and that way the emotions were calmed down. We were welcome by the sun and still wind of Crete as well as extremely warm hostfamilies. The rest of the day the students spent with their new families meanwhile we teachers had a chance to enjoy a little walk and have a delicious lunch: our first Greek salad in Crete with the best feta cheese in the world! In the evening, as all other teachers from our project countries had arrived, we finally gathered together to have a dinner together in an old bath that had been renovated into a restaurant.

On Sunday the students stayed with their hostfamilies and we teachers were taken to another side of the island to see and experience the mountains, beautiful views, an ancient cathedral and one very well-known beach and finally to enjoy a lovely lunch in the mountains in a village called Milia. On the mountains and the western coast of the Crete one could easily see that there had been some kind of a hurricane swiping over the island, but as soon as we were back in Chania, everything was "normal" again. We spent a nice and peaceful evening strolling on the streets.

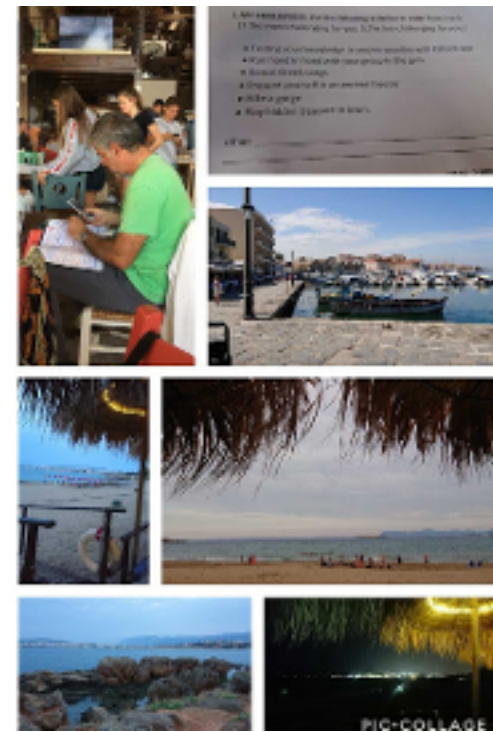


The first day at school, on Monday, we gathered in a school gym nearby the main school building. We were officially welcome by the headmaster, the international groups were formed and the programme of the week was presented and started. The day at school ended with a Greek dancing. Awesome! In the evening we had a welcoming dinner on the coastline of an old leather factory.



On Tuesday we were taken to an ancient theatre which was just renovated and retaken in use. For our students, the experience to actually be an actor and actress there was amazing! From Aptera we continued to Imbros Gorge, in order to hike in the nature. It turned out to be a really hot day, so it was fantastic that after the hike we had the chance to swim in the Mediterranean Sea and relax a little at Frangokastello beach before heading back "home". Exhausted we were, indeed, after the marvellous day!

On Wednesday the international teams were sent to explore the secrets of the Old town of Chania together. We teachers had a lovely time as we waited for the students to arrive at our meeting point, Chania Sailing Club. After the interesting group activities and the individual reflection on the



days using practical optimism, the students were let go home and we teachers had the last coordinators' meeting.



On our last working day, Thursday, the students were given a challenge to use a given money and certain time wisely and to cook for the farewell party. Meanwhile we teachers finally had a good chance to go shopping and geocaching before the beach party at Chrissi Akti Beach. The students had so much fun swimming, playing football on the beach and simply enjoying themselves! It was quite late when we got back to the hotel to prepare ourselves for the Friday's journey back to Finland.

Luckily, our flight left late in the afternoon, so on Friday morning we could still take a glance at the local boutiques and do the last minute shopping. The Cretan sun was smiling welcoming us back again as we got on the plane and left for home. The week was absolutely fantastic!

