

Xenophobia – Musical Movement Fighting Fear 2017-20

Erasmus+ Multilateral School Partnership Project

Minutes

4. International learning and teaching activity (C4)

Sunday 3rd of November until Sunday 10th of November 2020

Hosting school: Lentiz Floracollege Naaldwijk, Netherlands

**Participants: students and teachers from The Netherlands, Germany, Greece, Poland and La Réunion
(see list of participants)**

Sunday: 03. 11

Arrival of the international teams

Monday: 04.11., 8.15 hrs. – 17.00 hrs.

On Monday there has been a first getting-to-know-each-other game led by Kelly (teacher). The official welcome at the school stage has been opened with speeches by Mr. Eliens (headmaster) and Mr. Arends (mayor), Mr. Bas Mulder (teacher) and Mr. Hans Tobel (teacher). There have been instrumental and vocal contributions by the schools music class. In the afternoon the rehearsals started and every participant found his or her group to work with: choir, dance, stage scenery, actors act I and actors act II. The group work finished at 17.00 hrs..

Tuesday: 05.11., 8.15 hrs. – 17.00 hrs.

Tuesday began with the group work as on Monday. After the rehearsals the group of guests and hosts (students and teachers), 50 people, took a walk through Naaldwijk and visited De Naald, the big theatre of Naaldwijk, where the students performed the musical. After lunch the participating students and teachers presented their schools and some fun activities. Then the rehearsals started again and the students and teachers worked in their groups together. The group work finished at 17.00 hrs. and the students returned to their host families. The teachers prepared Dutch Cuisine at school and had dinner together.

Wednesday: 06.11., 8.15 hrs. – 17.15 hrs.

The same mixed groups as on the day before started the Musical rehearsals again. At 10.00 hrs. the bus started to Madurodam (a miniature city) and the group of guests and hosts (student and teachers), 50 People, visited the exhibition. After lunch the bus started to Hoek van Holland. At 15.30 hrs. the bus arrived at Maeslantkering, where the group was split in two teams. One group started visiting the impressive museum, while the other group started outside (guided tours) and then the groups switched. At 16.30 hrs. the bus returned to school and the students returned tired but happy to their host families. The teachers had dinner together Schiedam.

Thursday: 07.11., 7.40 hrs. – 16.30 hrs.

On Thursday during the rehearsals the exhibition in form of a PowerPoint-Presentation has been proved, stage design was finished and was brought to the theatre De Naald. After lunch the Musical rehearsals at De Naald started and were finished at 18.00 hrs.. The soloists had to rehearse with the orchestra in school until 20.00 hrs.. The other students returned to their host families. The teachers had dinner together.

Friday: 09.11., 08.00 hrs. - 22.00 hrs.

On Friday during the soundcheck and the rehearsals with the orchestra the coordinators met for the detailed planning of the meeting in La Réunion, At 09.30 hrs. the general rehearsal started with everyone. After lunch everything was prepared for the two shows in the afternoon and in the evening. At 14.00 hrs. the first show started with everyone excited and ended 90 minutes later as a huge success. After that there was a break of two hours, so everybody had dinner at 17.00 hrs.. Tired but happy the students started the preparations for the evening show, so at 20.15 hrs. the musical started for the second and for also the last time in the Netherlands. The show ended around 22.00 hrs. with everybody being happy but feeling really exhausted. In conclusion of the week we exchanged impressions and celebrated the great cooperation of all participating students and teachers from all participating countries and the host families.

Saturday 09.11.: Family day for students and free day for teachers.
One group of teachers visited Rotterdam.

Sunday 10.11.: Departure day.

Epilogue: during the preparation of C4, we skipped the planned “questions and answers” with the Naaldwijk audience to decompress the activity in the end. The students have been impressed by the warm atmosphere at their hosting families. It has also been an encouraging experience of respect and a great compliment to the students playing, singing and acting on a big stage. Each participant was attached great importance.

Celle, 19.12.2019
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