

Highlights of the first – Kőszeg – meeting of Let There Be LIGHT

The first students' exchange of the Erasmus+ project Let There Be LIGHT took place in Kőszeg in April 2017. Students and teachers arrived from Croatia, Germany, Italy and Turkey to take part in the one-week programme. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the different aspects of light and to learn about the relationship of light and the environment.

The foreign students were hosted by the families of the Hungarian students. They spent there 5 or 6 days. In the first few days the main aim was to get to know each other. We did it with the help of ice-breaking games and a funny competition of mixed, international groups. The highlight of the first day was the International Cuisine, where we had the chance to taste the specialities of each participating country. On Tuesday we learned about each others' countries and schools through PPT presentations then during a workshop we worked in groups on the topics – Light and Art; Natural and artificial light; Light and health; Light pollution and Harnessing the energy of light. In the evening we took part in a common international dance night, where we practised the typical national dances of the 5 countries.

Our trip to Budapest was definitely the most exciting part of the project, especially for our foreign friends. We could visit the most important sights – The Basilica, Fisherman's Bastion, The Castle District, Vörösmarty Square, Heroes' Square. In the evening we took a cruise on the River Danube, which enabled us to see the illuminated Parliament and the beautiful city right from our dinner table.

The weather was on our side so the next day everybody had the chance to relax after this exciting but tiring journey. The afternoon was packed with interesting programmes: after a presentation by a former student, Ádám Cserkúti and interesting experiments by dr. István Mátrai we had a multicultural performance of the 5 nations with music, singing, poetry and a play. That was followed by the common farewell dinner as 3 of the delegations were leaving the next day.

The results of the workshops during the week – the PPT presentations – were presented on Friday morning. Not only the participating groups, but also many of our school's students listened to these presentations about light. The last program was a visit to Jurisics Castle and Heroes' Gate, from where our foreign friends could take a final look at our charming town. The farewell was tearful of course, but we had to comfort ourselves with the thought that we would see each other again at the next meetings in Croatia, Italy, Germany and Turkey.

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