

TOMORROW STARTS TODAY...MEMORIES OF THE TIME SPENT IN EVORA

The multicultural nature of most of the European countries is deeply rooted in the history of our continent. We want to refer to our international meeting in Evora, in Portugal, - in a picturesque, historical town - with Roman remains, with links to the past and at the same time cultivating the values of the present. Tiny, old houses - beautiful flowers - and a nice exhibition of pupils' art- works.

It seems that the new generation is important for the locals; the spirit of creating art fulfils them with joy, with pride...

We – from the Igazgyöngy Primary Art School in Berettyóújfalu, Hungary – were selected for participation - as one school of the winners in the art competition in Portugal, Evora. It was a great honour for us to spend one active week there.

In this week in Portugal, - local people were very proud to host us.

The Portuguese traditional food was a little bit strange at the beginning but very delicious (except the octopus!) They have and eat a lot of fish and vegetable - very healthy!!! For lunch, at the student's canteen pupils can always have fruit, pudding, fruit jelly or yoghurt.

We also visited many beautiful places, not only in Evora, but some others like beautiful temples, churches, museums in Lisboa, the Lisbon Cathedral, the National Theatre, and the Nautical Museum etc. The Vasco da Gama Expo – site and bridge, that made us enjoy also the miracle of the ocean, the enormous waters.

The real great event of our visit was the Ceremony of prize giving.

Before the prize giving ceremony all participants gathered at the central square of Evora.

Everybody put down his or her artwork on the cobble - paved ground. A lot of inhabitants and tourists were eager to see our works. They thought that we were very talented and they wanted to buy our drawings! We were very happy and surprised!-/ but no business was made!/

The prize giving ceremony was staged in a beautiful temple. Our school was awarded by 5 gold medals, 2 silver and 2 bronze. We could meet the jury- members and celebrate with them this wonderful week. The Indian participants wore their traditional 'sari'. It was so impressive!

Later sad moments came too – when we had to say good bye to each other. We were able to bring together and collect experiences; - we were sharing and exchanging views, made friends.

We could learn from and about each other in a wide European dimension, actively participated and decided that we would like to multiple all our experiences in our villages, in our surrounding.

The international atmosphere made it possible for us to meet and learn about other countries like Slovenia, India, Russia, Portugal, China etc. After these experiences we will continue to keep contact with our foreign friends, sending e-mails and artworks to each other in our European club.

We will share our ideas, our traditions with them too.

It was an unforgettable week for us in Portugal! We would like to thank for Theodolinda - her hospitality, her high quality and professional knowledge with artworks!

We have learnt a lot! Thank you all:

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