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Greece – “We were welcomed by the mountains and olive gardens...”

On 19 - 24 February 2013, students from Roman Czernecki Secondary School in Słupia participating in Comenius Program – Partnership Schools Project were hosted in Greece. This time they went on a trip at the invitation of the fifth Middle Trikalon School in Trikala. School teachers were represented by Katarzyna Stepień - project coordinator, Kamil Hukowski - English teacher and students: Catherine Prusek, Natalia Konarska, Sylvia Wylot, Thomas Woźniczka. During the meeting, representatives of six partner schools from Poland, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Italy and Romania presented the logo and Wordcrossing project anthem and a list of best books for young people. Students from Słupia prepared a multimedia presentation about the book “The Little Prince” by Antoine de Saint Exupéry, book reviews and illustrations thanks to which an e-book was created.

Stay in Greece has provided teachers and students many experiences because this country has a long history and rich cultural heritage. It is the oldest centre of European culture, and also one of the most stunning countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea. Here are memories of students from a trip to Greece:

“The project Wordcrossing is the best adventure so far which happened to me. Thanks to this journey I got to know the Greek culture and the joyful and unforgettable people. With great pleasure I learned the traditional dance. My host family was great, I felt like I was still at home. During this visit I could see how well I know the English language and what else do I need to learn. I hope it was not the end but the beginning of the beautiful friendship and knowledge”.

Katarzyna Prusek II a

“Thanks to the Wordcrossing project I could see a piece of the world, learn about other cultures and meet many interesting people from other countries. I had the opportunity to see traditional Greek dance - Zorba. I saw many interesting places, but most drew me to one thing - Meteora. It is a massive rock on top of which is the Orthodox monasteries (monasteries). Due to the local religions women must wear long skirts. The best experience was meeting new people. Greeks are open, without prejudice. They love to have fun, to dance. They are full of serenity. An important part of this project is the developing and sharing English language among teenagers. Staying in Trikala, I found out that my English is not so good. Now, my dream is to go back and explore the rest of this beautiful country”.

Natalia Konarska II c

"Thanks to taking part in the Comenius program we had the opportunity to visit a middle school in Greece. Majority of us visited the families living in Trikala. We met many interesting people including the famous Greek writer. We made new friends and acquaintances. We learned a lot about the customs in European countries. We tried dishes of regional cuisine. We visited many interesting places - Meteora monasteries and rustic. We experienced Greek folk music (music, dancing, singing.) Working on the

project was good fun for the students. Thanks to the project we all spent nice time in Greece. "

Tomasz Woźniczka IIIc

"Staying in Greece,I took a bit of the local culture. I could see the old places, for example in the district of Trikala Varousi the Byzantine castle, monasteries situated on the rocks near the town of Kalambaka. I had the opportunity to learn traditional Greek dance.I learned several Greek words including kalimera - good morning, kalinichta - goodnight. During the trip I learned a lot English language. It was really worth to visit the country for those beautiful places, views, and wonderful people. "

Sylwia Wylot III b

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