## " Mihai Eminescu" College in Europe

One of the most important criterion that offered the little of European School for "Mihai Eminescu" College represents the European Comenius Projects (the last three projects were in 2004, 2007, 2010).

The aim of the project refers to the improvement of the English skills, and starting with September 2012 until June 2014, the Comenius project "WordCrossing" insists on the vocabulary, reading and writing skills. As coordinator, Andrea Ardelean, English teacher, intended to organize a team of teachers belonging to different curriculum areas and students of different English knowledge, who are willing to deal with the European demands in education.

All teachers and students involved in the project will take part in local activities, workshops; they'll have a site of the project; articles will be published in different newspapers and magazines.

The participant countries in the project are: Greece, Spain, Italy, Poland and Turkey.

The first meeting was in Spain (Catalunia - Igualada) from  $6^{th} - 10^{th}$  November 2012 and it was not only an important exercise of communicating in English, Italian, French, but it was also an exercise of knowing the socio-cultural and economic identity of the countries involved in the project.

For the teachers PhD Ileana Vasilescu, deputy director of "Mihai Eminescu" College, Laura Mihaela Roman, English teacher and for the four students, this visit was a rich experience because "we had the chance to be familiarized with a world of tolerance of knowledge and of sympathy; it was a situation in which we had to define and redefine the common goods although the history and the culture is different for each county".

During the four days spent there, the students were involved in all kind of educational activities, having the chance to know a part of the Catalan gastronomy, history, culture and the hospitality. The teachers found the balance between working efficiently for the project and getting involved in socio-cultural activities.