



**FAMILY-SCHOOL  
NETWORK**

# NEWSLETTER 3

Autumn Newsletter 2022





## Welcome to our Autumn 2022 Family-School Network Newsletter

Due to the Covid issues encountered during our project timeline, some things had to be shuffled around, this has meant a closer than anticipated timeframe for partnership meetings and of course the two student mobilities. In this edition of our Newsletter, you will be able to read about everything the partnership has been doing since our Belfast meeting in June 2022.

### Student Mobility IC Orte (Italy) to SPS Poprad (Slovakia)

Our partner schools in Italy and Slovakia managed a student mobility that commenced on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 and ran until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Students from IC Orte travelled to Poprad and stayed with families of students of SPS Poprad.

Below are some brilliant photos of those who took part in the mobility.





The students had a fun filled and educational visit to Poprad that included swimming at Aquacity, hiking and outdoor activities in the shadows of the high Tatras mountains and time spent at SPS Poprad School.

The students stayed with families of local school students and developed brilliant relationships with their host families, where they sampled local foods, got to know the family, and got to explore the area.



We would like to recognise the contribution of the families for helping us make the mobility such a huge success and for opening their doors to welcoming our students. We couldn't have done this without you!

**Our sincerest thank you!**

**Naša úprimná vďaka vám!**





## Partner Schools visit IC Orte (Italy) October 2022

During October 2022 our Italian school partner IC Orte hosted the other school students and teachers for a 5-day mobility. Hosting 30 visiting students for 5 days is no easy task but everyone who took part agreed that it was a fantastic and life changing opportunity. Real friendships were formed, and everlasting memories gained. The mobility is the final outcome of all the work put into our Erasmus + project and after coming through COVID 19 issues for almost 2 years it was the culmination of lots of hard work, preparation, planning and ultimately execution.

It would not have been possible without everyone contributing and working so well collectively and collaboratively (a real strength of this project team). We think you will agree that there are some fantastic photos and videos (which can be seen in full on our Facebook page).

SPS Poprad travelled to Italy by Bus and took a little detour on the way!



Our colleagues from Bulgaria had an early flight from Varna





Our colleagues from Belfast flew from Dublin to Rome.



We think they all enjoyed themselves when they got to Ortel!





Our students got to spend a day in Rome too!



They had wonderful weather for their visit and made the most of the experience by exploring the Colosseum and a walking tour of the city where they got to know each other, enjoy some local food and gelato, and learn a little bit about each other and the history of Rome.



### Erasmus Days Multiplier Event IC Orte

Whilst we had the opportunity to bring together so many different students from our 4 partner schools the timing of our mobility coincided with #Erasmusdays and our partner school IC Orte hosted a multiplier event, attended by all our travelling students helped to showcase the work of our project and how much of an impact the opportunity has had on them. We were delighted to be in a position to support the mobility and offer such a life changing experience. Of course, none of this is possible without the investment and funding by Erasmus across Europe, it is with sadness that this will be the last experience for our UK partners (for now!!!!)



Our teachers did have a little time to unwind and enjoy some beautiful local food



However, all good things must come to an end and there were some sad goodbyes as our partners packed up their cases and prepared for their journey home.





## Transnational Partnership Meeting in Slovakia

Despite a very busy few weeks our next partnership meeting took place in November 2022 at SPS Poprad in Slovakia. We had an excellent multiplier event (hosted in Aquacity) with a fantastic attendance. Our hosts talked us through their experiences of Erasmus projects, their involvement with this particular project and we heard from some former Erasmus participants. Their experiences of the Erasmus projects and how it impacted on their lives and helped develop their skills and knowledge.



We will produce one final newsletter which will showcase our final meeting in Rome, during December 2022 and will describe some of our achievements as a partnership

Thank you all for now!