

Newsletter – second meeting in Ibiza, Spain

14-20. April



First day of the meeting in Ibiza, Spain

After travelling on Sunday, students from all the countries in the Project finally met up in Ibiza. Our students met their host families, and quickly went to IES Algarb for an international evening. Everyone had food from their home country and a delicious spread was enjoyed by all the students, host families and teacher. The Spanish hosts put on a great evening with plenty of music, dance and entertainment. This was a very successful start to the project week, and at the end the students had already got to know each other quite well.

Monday

The following day, we met up in school to go through with the first day of the project.

The students were divided into mixed groups to get to know each other, and to present their families and home city to one another. They also presented their work on the pre-task.

When the tasks were completed, the group went to the town hall where the Mayor of Ibiza talked to them about the state of the city, and they were able to ask him some questions. Then, there was time for the students to do a treasure hunt around the town. They walked around the old town, recording films where they danced, answered questions and found important places around the old castle. After lunch, everyone was taken on a walk in the new part of the city. They walked around the harbour of Ibiza and saw some interesting architecture in an exclusive part of the town.



Tuesday

Today the students worked on the survey that they had prepared in their own country. This work took place in the school. Later on there was a trip to Sant Jordi where the students learned about how places are built so that they are accessible for wheelchair users. They made presentations about this at school.

There was also a teacher's meeting during the day, where there was a discussion of the work done during this week. In addition, some plans were made for the further work ahead.



Wednesday

On Wednesday, there was a conference at school before the group were taken on a guided trip to Ses Salinas Natural Park. There, they viewed the salt production areas, and walked around the National Park guided by an excellent representative from "Amics de la Terra", called Juanjo. This group does an amazing job to preserve the environment on Ibiza, and he enlightened the students and teachers on several interesting topics. After the guided tour there was time to spend relaxing at the beach doing different activities like swimming, ultimate frisbee and volleyball



Thursday 18th February

The students began at school and worked on the photo essay in their groups. There was a lot of concentration and activity going on in the school.

Later, the whole group went on a visit to a biomass company in Santa Eulalia. They met special engineer Raul, who gave them a very interesting talk about different forms of renewable energy and how they could be used in the future.

Friday

Today was the final full day of the project. The student groups showed their finished products during the school's open day. It was really enjoyable to see all the students present their finished work. The outdoor concert was the highlight of the open day. Once everyone had finished the activities at IES Algarb, they went to the beach to participate in a kayak excursion. After a short introduction to the art of paddling, they went out to the open sea to touch the poseidona. We also explored some beautiful caves and played a few kayaking games which eventually made everyone spend some time in the water.



Saturday

Sadly, today it was time for everyone to depart, and everyone agreed that they had all enjoyed their stay in Ibiza. The hosts in Ibiza were extremely hospitable, and the week was very successful. Today a lot of new friends had to say goodbye to each other, but many of the students made promises to stay in touch and to visit each other at a later date.

For more information, and pictures from the project week, please visit:

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