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What's Up?

Elektrėnų 'Versmės' gymnasium A few interesting facts:

Participating countries:



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- On September 1, 1986, Elektrėnai 3rd secondary school opened its doors to almost half of the town's schoolchildren.
- In 1987, Egidijus Kontrimas was appointed the school principal.
- On September 1, 1993, the school was renamed Versmės secondary school following the suggestion of student Jūratė Markauskaitė. Literally the word 'versmė' translates as a source of water coming up from the ground. However, the author interpreted the name as „the source providing knowledge“.
- There are 54 teachers and 464 students at 'Versmės' gymnasium.

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Tour of 'Versmės' school

During the project, both Italian groups had a short but informative tour around Elektrėnų 'Versmės' gymnasium, which was prepared and shown by Lithuanian pupils. The participants of the project had a possibility to explore many classrooms such as Lithuanian language classes, mathematics, social studies classes, science lab, music studio and so on.

In addition, everyone was invited to the gym hall, where volleyball as a game was played by both, Lithuanian and Italian, pupils. Without a doubt, it was the most interactive and entertaining part of the tour. And finally, being in a music

studio, the guests not only had a chance to see, but also try out some music instruments by themselves.



At the music studio



The members of IMAGINE project at 'Versmės' school

The welcoming concert

The Italian participants of I.M.A.G.I.N.E project were welcomed with a concert held at ‘Versmės’ gymnasium hall, where some of the school bands showed their short performances. Later on, the guests also took part in a concert by singing a couple of Italian songs.

And that was the way when both sides, Italians and Lithuanians, had a chance to get acquainted with each others’ popular music.



Andrius Simankovas playing the song



The lovely concert hosts: Vilius and Daina



All participants of I.M.A.G.I.N.E project on the stage

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If a foreigner asked any Lithuanian person which town is famous for its mineral water, one would definitely answer – Druskininkai. That is why the guests from Italy were taken to this lovely town.

So, early in the morning the coach moved towards Druskininkai and after a couple of hours everyone was able to enjoy every single part of it. There, the guide, Regina Stasiukynienė, who is a German language teacher, showed the participants of the project the old town by telling interesting stories and legends.

In addition, after having visited Druskininkai SPA, the guests went to the cafe, where

everyone could taste Lithuanian food as well as have some rest. Later, those who wished were able to visit Druskininkai Water Park, which is very popular in Lithuania.

After having had some fun at the water amusement park, everyone returned home to Elektrėnai with full of excitement and good mood.



Hello from Druskininkai

Chocolate factory

On October 2, the Italian participants of the project I.M.A.G.I.N.E had a possibility to visit AJ Šokoladas 'Chocolate factory' in Trakai, which produces handmade chocolates in the best Belgian tradition. In addition, many sweet recipes are designed by the factory chefs or its owner Algimantas Jablonskas.

Talking about the chocolate production, the guests not only were able to taste white, black or milk chocolate, but also try to make their own piece of fresh and tempting chocolate treat. In the end, the project participants were given a short quiz after which the winners received some prizes so called sweet treats made of Belgian chocolate.

All in all, each guest enjoyed trying out high-quality chocolate as well as retro-style chocolate shop atmosphere, relaxing music, and even romantic sellers' outfit.



From the left: Morena Quadrio and the owner of AJ Chocolate, Algimantas Jablonskas



The process of chocolate production [Page 5](#)

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Trakai

When Italian pupils and teachers visited Lithuania, their first trip was to Trakai, a historic city surrounded by lakes.

After having spent some pleasant time in the chocolate factory, everyone had a lovely walk by the lake enjoying every moment of stunning view of the city until the restaurant called 'Karališka Kibininė' had been reached, where the pro-

ject participants had lunch trying out one of traditional dishes of Lithuania - kibinai.

Later on, the castle of Trakai was introduced, where the guests had an educational program as well as explored the treasures of the past. Not only everyone did have a great time, but also found out some new things which hadn't been heard before.



The teachers in front of Trakai castle



I.M.A.G.I.N.E participants:
students and teachers

Kernavė

After the visit of Trakai, the coach full of Italian and Lithuanian pupils headed towards Kernavė. The whole journey took about 20 minutes. So, everyone was talking and communicating with each other cheerfully.

Having arrived to Kernavė, the guide, Povilas Liperskis, greeted everyone with a big smile. Talking about the town, in the past

it was a medieval capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and today is a tourist attraction and an archeological site. It is located in the southeast of Lithuania. What is more, Lithuanian state cultural reserve was established in Kernavė in 1989. And in 2004 Kernavė Archeological Site was included into UNESCO world heritage list.



The guide, Povilas Liperskis, is telling about Kernavė

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In summer, Kernavė comes to life. Celebrations and folk festivals are organized. Archeological expeditions have been held for more than 20 years, in which Lithuanian and foreign archeologists, students, and school pupils take part.

Kernavė is famous for national celebrations of Mindaugas coronation day on 6 July. On that day a festival is held, where medieval authentic crafts, war games and folk music are pre-

sented. The craftsmen come from around the Baltics and neighbouring countries.

The participants of the project were mostly impressed by the mounds of Kernavė, its ancient church as well as by one of the most beautiful landscape seen in Lithuania. After a pleasant walk around the old town and mounds, everyone took some crazy photos and went back to Elektrėnai.



Watch out!

The I.M.A.G.I.N.E project participants are coming!

Having fun at the Ice-Palace

Elektrėnų 'Versmės' gymnasium pupils and both groups of I.M.A.G.I.N.E participants from Italy spent their spare time not only visiting some well-known places of Lithuania, but also having fun while ice skating. Everyone was enjoying the time spent in an indoor ice-hockey arena in Elektrėnai - no matter whether you were a newbie at skating or an expert. That's why the ones, who didn't know how to skate had some friends aside holding their hands while skating carefully. Without a doubt, there were lots of falls, but everyone just had some friendly laughs. When the skating time was over, a group picture was taken.



From the left: Andrius Simankovas, Laura Pozzi, Morena Quadrio and Edvinas Baradulinas



Inside the Ice-Palace

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A game 'Show me your Town'

During the hectic week, Italians had a possibility to participate in a game 'Show me your town', which had been prepared by Lithuanians as a way to introduce a tiny, but cozy town Elektrėnai by showing as many interesting places as possible. During the game, a bunch of various questions were submitted to the guests regarding the town. As a mat-

ter of fact, not only Italians, but also Lithuanians found out a lot of new things about their hometown Elektrėnai.



Let me think for a minute...



Silence!

I'm trying to concentrate!



Greetings from the Ice-Palace



Will we succeed?



Are we having fun?
Definitely!!!



Be careful.
Try not to throw me off!



Watch out!
The scooter expert is coming:))

Tour of Palanga - The Amber museum

On one day, early in the morning, the project participants gathered near 'Versmės' school, got onto the coach and travelled to Palanga by the sea despite the fact that the whole journey had taken much more time than expected.

First of all, arrived at the place, the Amber museum was introduced, where everyone had a chance to take a walk at the park as well as take some pictures. Later on, at the museum, the guide introduced the Italians with the history of the museum, its amber, where it can be found and why this symbol of beauty is so important for Lithuanians.

After having had the exciting

tour, all participants, Italians and Lithuanians, went to the sea through one of the most popular streets in Palanga, which is called Basanavičiaus street. During summer time, this street is packed with young people. And always passing this street one has to buy the famous Palanga's waffles. In a couple of minutes the sea was seen with all its loveliness...



By the Baltic Sea



The tractor made of amber



Italian teachers having fun on the beach of Palanga



Annalisa Pasini is exploring the Amber museum



Should I take a picture of it..?

The national dinner evening

The farewell dinner evening took place on the last day of the week, where both, Italians and Lithuanians, had to present their national dishes.

Many of Lithuanian pupils had never had a chance to visit Italy, so that is why the dishes presented by the Italian pupils

were quite unseen. In addition, it was difficult to understand what was eaten, fruit or vegetable, but despite that fact the taste was mouth-watering.

The atmosphere was amazing and so was the music. The time just went by really fast, what a memorable evening...



The girls at the whirl of dance

Italians about Lithuania

Gloria Locatelli

The week we passed in Lithuania was really beautiful. For me it was the first time that I went abroad so I had the possibility to know a different culture from mine. Before we left I was expecting a certain kind of experience but then, once I got there, I changed my mind, living a very different week but much better than I'd imagined.

All students and teachers were very nice and friendly with us and they had always made us at ease.

Annalisa Pasini

Last October, from the first to the eighth, I flew to Elektrėnai (in Lithuania) with some schoolmates and three teachers of my school – Don L. Milani in Meda, Italy. I have never been in Lithuania before this travel, so it was a really good experience for me.



Before the flight I chatted on Facebook with Beatrice, my host, and we talked about my stay in her home.

We left by the 'Caravaggio' airport, the Bergamo ones, and we landed at the

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Vilnius International Airport.

When we arrived in Elektrenai I found a different weather from Meda, it was really cold! I wasn't ready sincerely!

During that week we visited a lot of cities where I saw some beautiful sights of this part of the world, I saw the Baltic Sea and the city of Palanga, the museum of amber (I really liked it! It was interesting), the Trakai Castle, Kaunas (where, probably, I'll finish my university studies), Druskininkai and its spa plus the aquapark, Vilnius – where I completely fall in love with capital – and, obviously, Elektrėnai, our host town.

In this week we saw, also, a different type of school from ours because we don't have a lot of labs like in Lithuanian schools. We found a school with the dance class, the chemistry class, the music class with the recording studio, the gym... and all the other classes.

During this week we ate the typical Lithuanian dishes like 'Bulviniai blynai' (potato pancakes with cheese cream) and 'Cepelinai' (potatoes stuffed with meat).

Thanks to this experience I was able to create some friendships with a lot of young people aged as me, thanks Erasmus group for giving me this chance to travel to Lithuania.

Realda Myftari



The experience I lived in Lithuania was really beautiful. I had the possibility to meet a lot of guys and to speak another language. It was my first experience

abroad because I have never gone out from Italy. When I just arrived in Lithuania the Lithuanian people welcomed me warmly and they were always available. I thought it was a normal experience but it was something special!

The memories that I collected during this week I think I can't delete them from my head and from my heart, they are my story, they are part of the journey of my life. Just a perfume, a song or something other to remember and cause in my thoughts a lot of indescribable emotions and sensations. I have met a lot of teachers and mates who had always been kind with me and they made me feel at ease. I'd like to thank my teachers for giving me the possibility to participate in this project and for leaving Italy in order to meet new guys and to know new culture, its custom and habits.

'When you leave your city for a trip, on the way back you'll never be the same as before' and it's true! I conclude thanking all, I will always carry you in my heart.

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Traditional Lithuanian Dessert 'Tinginys' – 'The lazy one'

Ingredients:

Cocoa powder– 5 tbsp

Tea biscuits – two packs

Butter – 100 grams

Sweetened condensed milk – 400 grams



Tinginys

Crush up the biscuits into small pieces and place into a large mixing bowl.

On medium heat – melt the butter and add the condensed milk and cocoa powder. Mix everything thoroughly and let it simmer for 5 minutes making sure you stir well to avoid burning.

Pour the chocolate, butter and condensed milk mixture onto the biscuit pieces and mix.

Pour the mass onto a cling-film covered surface and form into a sausage shape, making sure

everything is pressed together well. Place in the refrigerator for at least several hours, but preferably overnight.

Once it is solid and holds its shape – slice and enjoy!

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A short mobility meeting



The students and the teachers from Lithuania 'Versmės' gymnasium will be meeting in Italy in Meda

Mini dictionary

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Good morning –	Labas rytas	– Buongiorno
Good evening –	Labas vakaras	– Buonasera
Good afternoon –	Laba diena	– Buon pomeriggio
Cheers –	Į sveikata	– Salute
What's your name? –	Kuo tu vardu?	– Come ti chiami?
Nice to meet you –	Malonu susipažinti	– Piacere (di conoscerti)
Where are you from? –	Iš kur tu esi?	– Da dove vieni?
Thank you –	Ačiū	– Grazie
You're welcome –	Prašom	– Prego
Please –	Prašau	– Prego
How are you today? –	Kaip laikaisi šiandien?	– Come stai oggi?

From the left:
Neringa Laimutytė,
Ilona Švenčionytė,
Birutė Morkūnienė,
Rita Grigonienė.
 (Elektrėnų Versmės
 gymnasium,
 Lithuania)

