Erasmus Barcelona week

On Saturday 22th of September people from some countries of Europe came to Barcelona for the project Erasmus Plus, these countries were Reunion Island (France), Poland and Finland. The meeting consisted in planned activities that were successfully done by teachers and students in one week. Foreign exchange people also toured Cornellà and some places of Barcelona, so the project was fun for everyone.

First, the Catalan team had to greet other countries. The Reunion team arrived the first, on Monday, and their partners took the opportunity to walk around and show them some streets of Barcelona. Then, the next day the Polish team had the same greeting. The Finnish team, however, didn't have time because it was too late. That night each partner had dinner with their families.

On Monday 24th the main activity was to tour Barcelona and visit the Montjuïc Castle. Everything went as expected: everyone visited "Las Arenas", a colossal supermarket near the fountain of Montjuïc, then walked a lot towards the castle, and visited it. Unfortunately, nobody could stay to see the fireworks because that was in late night and students weren't allowed to stay in Barcelona for that long, so they compensated that by meeting everyone in a park of Cornellà after dinner, and then going to sleep after an exhausting day.

Tuesday 25th was a different story, in the morning everyone stayed at the auditorium of the school and exposed by groups some presentations the students prepared, there where even quizzes and videos! After that, Foreigners went to visit the Castle of Cornellà while the Catalan team did classes normally. After lunch there was free time, so each country's students had a different activity, mostly tourism different parts of Barcelona such as the beach, or "Maremagnum" supermarket.

The main goal of Wednesday was to go hiking to the top of Montserrat and learn everything about it's story and origins, and so the students did. The trip was incredibly tiring and everyone rested a lot of times, but at the end, all groups reached the top of the mountain, where there was a museum and a monastery. Inside, a guide explained everything that could be interesting about these hills. In the afternoon, the students went to a Catalan towers training, where they observed (and some admired) the work of people who practice this catalan tradition, even some of them tried it!

At the end of the day each country had dinner in a different restaurant with typical Spanish food. Then everyone went to sleep after that energy-drainer day.

On thursday 27th there was the "Can Mercader Challenge", a very sporty activity that consisted in various sports alternated in a competition. In groups of 5 people, students had to compete in a race, riding a static-bicycle, and swimming. Everyone had lots of fun despite being so dead inside for exhaustion, it was a nice and healthy way to spend the morning.

After having lunch with the families and free time, the Catalan students and teachers organised a last supper, where all the catalan parents came to say goodbye to everyone. This supper became a kind of party: the students started to dance other country's songs and they also did a karaoke until almost midnight. It is said for everyone that it was super fun.

The next two days, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th of September was the day when every partner said goodbye to the Erasmus week in Barcelona, because they were leaving, and so they did. Each group left at a different time, like when they came. The Reunion team was the first, then the Finnish team and on Saturday the Polish one. Logically the Catalan team accompanied the teams with each of their respective country partners.

In general, it was a good, well-executed exchange, with a big variety of activities and lots of fun.