



NEWS FROM LITHUANIA

In October, 2016 we welcomed guests from Denmark. We had an interesting week full of challenges. Our teachers held integrated lessons, we shared our experience about biodiversity and it's meaning in preserving species. We spent our free time admiring the most beautiful places of Vilnius and doing fun/entertaining activities.



Monday



After waking up on Monday, we along with the Danes set out to school where we got know each other better by playing team building games, showing a presentation about our school. We had an integrated biology lesson about living organism classification. After the lessons were over we showed them the old city of Vilnius and in the evening we went climbing at UNO park. It was joyful and interactive day.

Tuesday

Tuesday started according to the timetable of gymnasium students. After the lessons we went to get delighted of the natural beauty of Lithuania in Kairenai botanical garden. Afterwards, we went to Trakai where we observed a splendid Trakai castle. When got hungry, we went to taste traditional Lithuanian dishes. After coming back to Vilnius we went to play bowling and had a good time over there.

Wednesday

Wednesday morning started with two biology lessons. During them we made a research of air pollution. A lot of maple leaves were brought and using them the level of pollution in different Vilnius regions was identified. Later on, using a magnifying glass we were observing the moss of different locations. At that time we were learning their species and tried to distinguish them practically. On the third lesson we were divided into two groups. The first group had a Physical education and the second one had an English lesson. After having dinner we took our guests to the orangery of Lithuanian university of educational sciences. There we saw many unusual plants and knew many interesting facts about them. After the lessons we went to party again. This time we played paintball. The day was interesting and interactive.

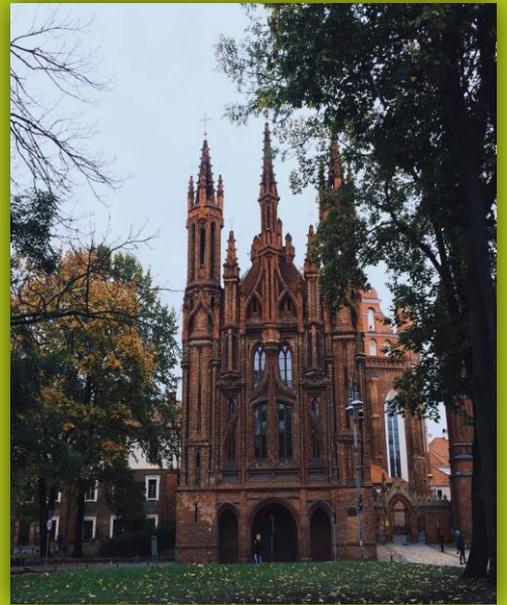
Thursday

On Thursday at school we were divided into two groups. One group had English, the other one had Technologies. Afterwards we had a History lesson. In order to make our mood better and wake us up, our third lesson was dancing. Afterwards we had an integrated lesson of Biology. We had funny, logical and interesting tasks, played a game of orientation and knew about the qualification of animals. After the lessons we went to the adventure center and had a good time skating on the ice and also eating pizza in pizzeria.

Friday

Friday was the last day in Lithuania for Danes. In the morning we had to lead them to the airport and say goodbye. Although we've been together for only a week, we got used to each other and saying goodbye was surprisingly hard. In this short period of time we got new experience, got to know ours. We hope we'll be able to fly to Denmark to see our belonged, new friends.

THESE ARE OUR MEMORABLE MOMENTS TOGETHER...





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NEWS FROM SPAIN



National Youth Conference “Let’s Take Care of the Planet”

From November 16th to 19th, 2016, 46 teachers, 23 administration technicians and 12 facilitators from 10 networks of sustainable schools from Spain participated to the 3rd National Youth Conference “Let’s Take Care of the Planet”.

Youngsters from 9 autonomous communities (Albacete, Canary Islands, Catalonia, La Rioja, Madrid city and community, Murcia, Navarra, Basque Country and Palencia) representing 300 schools implicated in the LTCP Project during 2016 gathered in Logroño in order to exchange on their experiences, to debate and to reach an agreement allowing them to establish the “Keys for a more sustainable life inside the school and out”.



For three days, the youngsters divided in work groups to draft collectively a **manifiesto** which could serve as a reference document **summing up the responsibilities** taken by the students and the **actions** they want to implement within their own schools to guide them along the path towards **sustainability**.

Other ways of expression have also been used during the **educommunication workshops to valorize their commitments**: rap music, news report or comics. The high point of these workshops materialized in a giant flash mob on Logroño’s central square where the youngsters played percussions on plastic bottles and retook their motto “Being ecofriendly is not an obligation, it’s a way of life”.

The Conference ended with a **general assembly** of all the participants. The youngsters read their **manifiesto** and **elected the delegates** in charge of representing Spain for the next European Conference.





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NEWS FROM POLAND - Konopnicka Upper Secondary School in Katowice.

The first news out a series connected with ecological activities and ones connected with health in our school.

During 8th edition of Trade Fair for Water and Sanitation Utilities HydroSilesia held from 26 to 27 October 2016 in Expo Silesia Exhibition and Conference Centre in Sosnowiec, Poland the students of biology-chemistry sections of Konopnicka Upper Secondary School went through a LABYRINTH OF KNOWLEDGE which helped them get to know the way which the water goes through from the moment it is taken from a water tank or river to the moment when it becomes drinkable water. Going through that path the students saw a big aquarium with many types of big carnivorous fish from Goczalkowickie Lake, which is the biggest water tank and water intake for Silesia region. The fish which are called first cleaners of the water are also showing the condition of the lake – the healthier they are the better condition of the water. Next, students saw the filtration column which demonstrated the process of filtering the dirty water with the use of sand and activated carbon. Next station was showing a film explaining how to save water. Students took part in workshops which included experiments on chemical and physical properties of water. They finished the workshops with a quiz where they had to answer questions concerning this precious liquid.



A team of teachers from our school (including teachers of biology, chemistry and geography) prepared a set of lesson plans under a common title "Where does the water come from?". The project was submitted to a contest which was organised by Upper-Silesian Water-Supply Company GPW in Katowice. We are proud to announce that the team of teachers from our school won the contest for teachers and the lesson plans prepared by them will be used by GPW company during ecological education classes. During Hydro-Silesia Trade Fair for Water and Sanitation Utilities our principal Jolanta Mol, PhD (also a biology teacher) collected the main prize on behalf of the team of teachers from Lukasz Czopik, the chairman of GPW Company. The prize was a Samsung TV set for the chemistry lab and e-book reader.

Recently, southern Poland has been fighting with significantly high level of smog in the air. During the conference entitled "Silesia without smog – how to do it?" (in Polish: Slaskie bez smogu-jak to zrobic) the representatives of Silesian Voivodeship, environmental organisations and medical doctors were discussing ways to make the Upper Silesia, Zagłębie and Podbeskidzie the regions which are resident-friendly. Our students from biology-chemistry sections took part in a debate where important representatives of our region discussed those ecological issues.



In October 2016, our biology - chemistry sections 2b1 and 2b2 during their Physical Education lessons had a chance to work on workshops from first aid. Students were divided into groups where they worked with a person who was conscious - they had to learn how to put the person in a recovery position and cover the person with a protection blanket, then they had to learn how to maintain stability of a knee and an elbow in case of injury, how to protect the neck and backbone with a special neck brace and how to transport an injured person on a spinal board and how to help in case of minor cuts.





NEWS FROM PORTUGAL

In Portugal, ASPEA - Portuguese Association of Environmental Education, has been organizing LTCP work sessions since October 2016 in two schools in Lisbon. In Santa Maria School, ASPEA works with four classes following the "Let's take care of the planet" methodology of work. We are currently in the organizing of the action phase which we hope will be done in April. The other school is the Spanish Institute. With them, we are focusing on the topic of Educommunication, in a set of 5 sessions throughout the year. In total, 103 students and 6 teachers are involved in the "Let's take care of the planet" Project. All the participants are very participative and creative and are very excited to continue the project.



Events

National Environmental Education Seminar in Guimarães (Portugal) between 24-26 of March 2017.



This newsletter was written by a team of Vilnius Žemyna gymnasium from Lithuania!

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Our project "Biodiversity research and concept of the value in Lithuania" was implemented with biology teachers Gražina Drebeckienė, Regina Kryžiuvienė and Asta Navickaitė.

A team of the students has been concluded from the II gymnasium grade Gerda Petkevičiūtė, Dovilė Jadzevičiūtė, Aleksandras Adomaitis, Karolis Mariūnas together with the guests from Denmark.

