**A EUROPEAN WEEK AT OUR SCHOOL**

The 5th and last scheduled international meeting of our European Comenius project took place in our school, 7th Lyceum of Ilion, from 23rd to 27th April, 2012. Our Comenius Project (2010-2012) is entitled << Our Forefathers’ cultural, historical and regional heritage >> and has been developed in collaboration with schools from Italy, Scotland, Germany and Latvia.

The European students were hosted by the students of our school and thus became acquainted with Greek everyday life, our local traditions and the Greek cuisine. The teachers stayed at a hotel near the Acropolis and had the opportunity to visit the sites of the historic centre of our capital city.

On the first day, the groups of Scots, Italians and Germans visited the Museum of Cycladic Art , attended the presentation of a report on the Greek islands and participated in a virtual archaeological trip to Kastelorizo, ​​Symi, Halki, Tilos, Nisyros admiring the archaeological treasures, gathered from the five islands. Sp.Vnatsios and Ir. Evaggelou , students of our school, showed the foreign sudents around in the nearby the area. In the afternoon the group of Latvians arrived in our country.

On the second day all the teams visited our school and were welcomed by Mr. J. Tsikalaki , the Head teacher of our school. Our students organised a short tour around school. The foreign students attended a presentation with reference to the internationally famous Greek composers and had the opportunity to come in contact with many Greek students by participating in various activities, while their teachers had the opportunity to exchange views with the teachers of our school. In the afternoon all the teams visited the Folklore Museum of Ilion and were informed by Mrs Manara about the history of the area. Then, a visit to the Town Hall of Ilion followed with a warm welcome by the Mayor N. Zenetos and the member of the Town Council J. Gionis. Teachers and students were offered refreshments and commemorative medals of the City of Ilio .
Then our partners had lunch with traditional Greek dishes at the Cultural Center "Melina Merkouri". There they were welcomed by the Vice Mayor Th. Deftos and the Director of the Cultural Centre Mrs. P. Milioni.

After lunch our European partners with the company of the students of our school Nef.Tsirikou, Fr.Tore, El Hatzigeorgiou, El. Tona, Al. Tsoupakis, T. Tsipi, M. Harakida and M. Tserga visited the Park of Environmental Awareness "A. Tritsis" and attended a presentation by Mr. S. Psychas, Head of the Greek Ornithological Society. Mr Psychas, then, guided the students in the Park.

On the 3rd day, a day trip took place at the Mycenae, Nafplio and Epidaurus. Our tour guide was Ms. M. Marini. Apart from the visitors , the Greek students of the program who hosted the foreign students went on the trip as well and were accompanied by their teachers Ms. Billi and Ms. E. Giannakopoulou. The first stop was at the famous citadel of Mycenae, the cyclopean walls, the impressive Lion Gate and the Tomb of Agamemnon. In Nafplio we walked in the old town and saw Palamidi and the island-fortress, Bourtzi. After an delicious meal at the restaurant Elatos in Nafplio, we visited the ancient theater of Epidaurus, and there we took the commemorative group photo with all the teams participating in the program. In the evening enchanted we returned to Ilion.

On the fourth day, our European partners went on a guided tour in the historic center of Athens. They visited the hill of the Acropolis and were impressed by the New Acropolis Museum. Our guests were accompanied by the teachers of our school El.Demou and N. Foti and the students Sp. Vnatsios, S. Kollias and F. Maraziotis.

On the fifth day students and teachers stayed at school. The students attended courses which some of our teachers had prepared for them. They attended a Maths lesson taught by Th. Philippas , a lesson of Physics by J. Potiriadou and traditional Greek dances by I. Fortuni. Meanwhile, the visiting teachers had a meeting with the head of the Comenius program in our school, Mr. E. Giannakopoulou and discussed issues concerning the program. Then, all the students and teachers who participated in the program were awarded certificates by the Deputy Director of the school Mr. K.Kollas. The morning meeting ended with the presentations prepared by each group.

 At noon the Head Teacher Mrs I. Tsikalaki invited out for lunch at a nearby restaurant our European partners and the teachers of our school who had contributed to the successful completion of the program. In the afternoon the Greek parents who hosted the foreign students brought to school homemade traditional dishes and thus our European partners had the opportunity to experience once again the Greek home cooking.
In the evening a musical event took place at school and was attended by all students and teachers. The students Sp. Kasnesis ,T. Zacharakis, G. Dramountani and St. Tsesmelis played Greek music (traditional and artistic), while the dancing team of our school danced traditional Greek dances. It was an amazing experience for us all.

Finally, we would like to thank the representatives of the Municipality of Ilion for substantial assistance, the parents of our students for the wonderful hospitality offered and also Mr A. Kollias father of one of our students who offered caps bearing the logo of our Project.