

PONTE IN VALTELLINA, 13-17 MAY

# COMENIUS - Meeting in Italy

After having been in Hungary and in Slovenia, our turn came to host our European friends. The topic was team spirit which we really liked because it implies the spirit of our Comenius project: collaboration, co-operation, and sharing things together. This feeling was already in the air on 13th May while we were preparing the buffet together with our parents. Everyone did his/her bit: who cooked, like the wonderful Mr Sità, our official chef, and his helper Mr.Montaldo, who laid the tables and made the cakes, our fantastic mothers, who decorated the school canteen with banners made by all the classes from our school, who waited for the groups and took them to their rooms. When almost every group had arrived, our school headmaster and our mayor greeted the Comenius partners officially and then we all enjoyed the meal. Yummy...It was so delicious! Congratulations to Mr Sità and his staff!!! On Tuesday 14 May we spent all the day at the sports centre in Chiuro. Mr. Piccinali the volunteer who organized the day, handed over t-shirts of different colours to us and our Comenius friends making so 6 teams composed of different nationalities. We did athletics activities (relay race, long jump, vortex) and played volleyball in the morning. After lunch we played football and then there was the prize giving: we all received a certificate which will remind us for ever of that day, as well as the t-shirt will. In the evening we all had two of the European kids at our houses for dinner and for fun, of course!!!

On Wednesday morning the European kids attended the first two lessons at our school. In our class we had a Technology lesson about photography with some Slovenian girls and Polish boys and an Italian lesson watching DVDs with some other Slovenian girls. Afterwards we went to St.Ignazio Church where all the coordinators of the other countries presented themselves and their schools and some of our students from different classes gave some information about our valley, our village and our school. And finally our Maurizio Quadrio Orchestra played some music for all of us. It was cool! In the afternoon we reached san Bernardo , a mountain locality, where we had an orienteering activity, a walk on the botanic park and a lot of dancing: we danced our Comenius flashmob (danza kuduro) and not only!!!! We also visited the astronomical observatory, though the weather wasn't that good and we couldn't really see a lot in the sky but never mind, we really had a great time up there!!!

On Thursday we went to Milan and visited the centre. Unfortunately it rained cats and dogs but no matter: we went shopping! Those shops are worth a visit!!!

Back in Ponte we had dinner with the same kids we hosted on Tuesday. They didn't stay long in our family as they had to leave early on the next day and so they wanted to go to bed.....Actually we stayed with them at Convitto till midnight!!!! Saying good-bye is always so difficult and sad!!!

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