

Olympeace

A peaceful bridge through the Olympics



Turkey



England



Italy



Catalonia



Ankara



Lincoln



Pescara



Terrassa





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“A Peaceful Bridge Between the Cultures Through the Olympics”

Is a multilateral partnership cross-curricular project that involves four schools. The aim is to enable teachers and students to work together with our partners.

The associated schools are working on a common project called “Olympeace”. The project will give us the chance to exchange experiences and improve students' and teachers' competence not only on the issue of the topic but also in understanding the meaning of values associated with European citizenship.

This project is a unique opportunity for the students involved to meet their peers from the other countries, to know other cultures and to improve their knowledge and use of foreign languages; enhancing motivation to learn.

The results that will arise are: presentations (PPT), e-albums with photos, Mini Olympic competitions in each participating country, an interview with an athlete, short videos of meetings, a common brochure, T-shirts with the project's logo, a website for the project, a calendar and the organization of rules for the Mini Olympic Competitions.

The teaching methods that will be used are: presentation, individual and group work, online communication between students and teachers, sports-competitions and cultural & social activities.

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The students will research about the Olympics (aims, process, areas of sports etc.) and Olympic philosophy by using ICT technology, study and present the collected information. Additionally, they will research peace, war, friendship, brotherhood, values, tolerance, patience, empathy, and cultural differences, individual differences, misperception concepts and the evils of the war.

Olympeace in Terrassa

Standing at the foot of Sant Llorenç del Munt i l'Obac Natural Park, Terrassa with a population of over 200,000 people is one capital of Vallès Occidental and one of the most important medium-sized cities in Catalonia. It is a university and industrial city with a rich cultural and artistic heritage. Terrassa has a very strong personality influenced by an industrial past which has left its unique imprint on the city's heritage. Its sights, history and heritage make Terrassa an attractive focal point for people with cultural interests and the desire to discover new things.

Terrassa is also an active city, featuring a lively array of cultural and leisure facilities, sports activities, large green spaces and places for people to get together. Its Jazz Festival, Modernist Fair, field hockey, dance, music and theatre seasons, castellers (human tower building) displays and golf round off the wide range of facilities on offer in a dynamic services city.

There's a lot to discover in Terrassa. Welcome to Terrassa!



Market



*Seu d'Ègara.
Romanic architecture*



City Hall



*Masia Freixa.
Modernist architecture*

CAR - High Performance Training Centre



Training fields

We have gone to el CAR (A High Performance Training Centre) where we have visited the premises and we have listened to a very interesting lecture about the Values of Olympism given by an Olympic athlete called Ivan Rodríguez; we have also learned by Xavier Balius what CAR is about. After the lecture we have had lunch at CAR's cafeteria and have come back to school.



Indoor facilities



Opening Ceremony Of The Olympics

The Opening Ceremony of the Olympics has taken place. There has been a parade of the Olympic teams while some students played the national anthems of each country, some speeches have been given by the teachers of the participating countries, some students of the school have performed typical Catalan dances, the Olympic torch has arrived to the school and the Olympic flag has been hoisted, to finish the ceremony the mini-olympics have been opened.



Catalan team



Turkish team



English team



Italian team



Olympic Torch



All Teams



Olympic and European flags

Sporting Day



This morning we have met at Club Natació Terrassa to practise some sports. The students have been divided into different groups and they have trained and practised basketball for an hour, after that they have changed into their swimming costumes and have gone to the swimming pool to practise some water polo, they have learned about the rules and enjoyed this fascinating water sport.

Later they have changed again into their tracksuits and have played grass hockey which is an important sport in our city. All of them have enjoyed the morning very much and have gone home to have lunch a bit exhausted.



Water Polo Activity



Basket Activity



Hockey Activity

Olympeace in Pescara

It is the capital city of the Province of Pescara, in the Abruzzo region of Italy. In January 2007 it was the most populated city within Abruzzo at 123,059 residents, approximately 450,000 including the surrounding metropolitan area. Located on the Adriatic coast at the mouth of the Aterno-Pescara River, the present day municipality was formed in 1927 joining the municipalities of Pescara, the part of the city to the south of the river, and Castellamare Adriatico, the part of the city to the north of the river.

The surrounding area was formed into the province of Pescara. The poet Gabriele D'Annunzio, a native of Pescara, was a major sponsor for the creation of the new city. The main commercial street of the city is Corso Umberto I, which runs from Piazza della Repubblica and reaches the seacoast at Piazza Primo Maggio. The rectangle that it forms with Corso Vittorio Emanuele II and Via Nicola Fabrizi encloses the main shopping district, where several of the best fashion shops are located.

Corso Manthonè, the course of the old Pescara has, for many years, been the center of the nightlife of the city. City hall and the administration of the province are in Piazza Italia, near the river, and in the area between here and the faculties of Economics, Architecture, Foreign Languages and Literature of G. d'Annunzio University to the south, a business district has grown up over the years.



Pescara Cathedral



Ponte di Mare

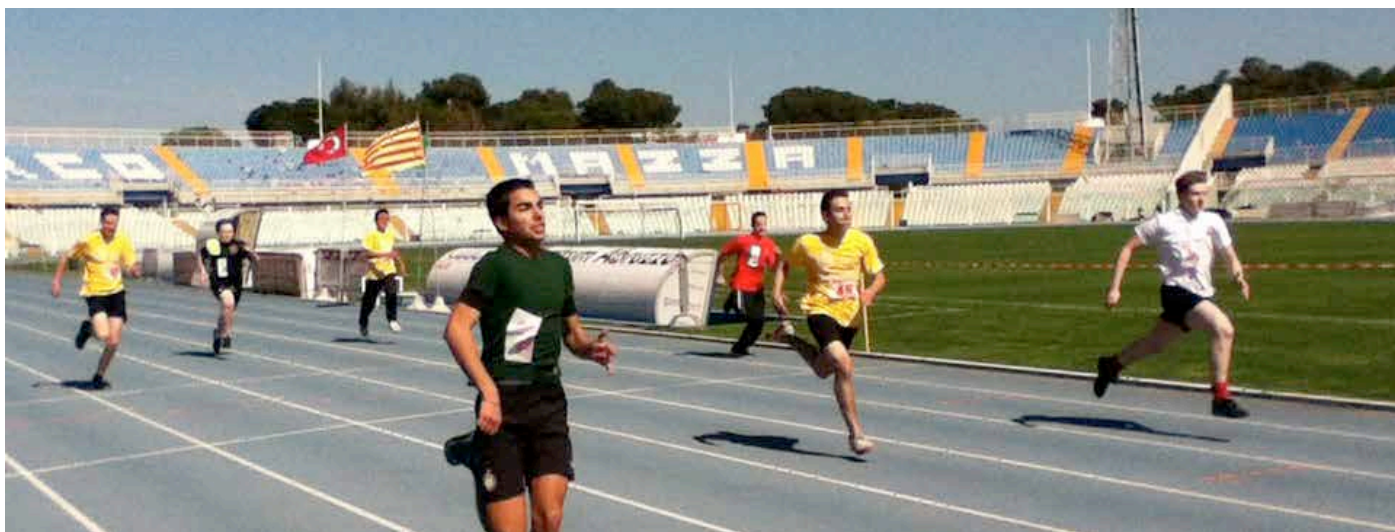


Nave di Calcella Sculpture



Pescara Street

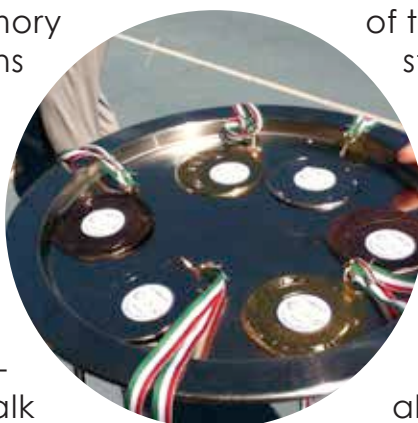
Athletics Day



Today It was our Olympic day. We went to Pescara's stadium to start the miniolympics. The teams changed into their outfits and after some preparations and warm-up, competitions started.

There was an opening ceremony, and then competitions started: 100 sprint, 1000 Long distance, a surprise dance. All teachers were very proud they competed following the spirit. All teams did a great job. Even though not everybody could win we breathed a feeling of friendship among all participants.

In the afternoon we had a lovely and sunny picnic at the beach. Some students were in the Adriatic sea. We took a walk along the sea front and the bridge of the sea "Ponte del Mare". Then at 5 we were taken back to our villages happy to have been truly Olympians.



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Olympic dance



Olympic Podium

Adventure day

We left the hotel at 8 to meet the students in Noccianno, from there we drove to Piana Delle Mele in Guardiagrele.

After two hours drive we were at Adventure Park Majella. The students and some teachers listened to the instructors' instructions and got ready to start climbing trees and enjoy the adventure.



When they had finished all the routes we stopped for lunch. We had a picnic in the area and some free time. Back to the coach we are taken to Chieti, to the museum la Civitella to join a workshop on gladiators.



Prepared to climb



In action



Waiting to descend

Sports and fun day

Today it was Olympic fun day. We played volleyball in Pescara's sports stadium. First the students trained for some time and later Patrizia, the P.E teacher, read out the teams names, explained the rules and everybody got ready to play. The teams are made of mixed nationalities.

Their names are: the wolves, the foxes, the sharks, the eagles, the panthers and the lions. The teams have played a fun competition and the best have been the sharks and the runners up have been the wolves. All the teams have enjoyed the game and after that we have walked to a park to have lunch, unluckily it has started to rain so we haven't been able to have a walk around Pescara. We have waited until 3:30 for the school bus to come and take us home.



Game Instruccion



Volleyball Game



Volleyball Game

Letter by “Oympeace Students”

The Oympeace week in Italy has been fantastic! We had a great time: we met very nice guys and girls from Catalonia, England and Turkey, we lost one week of school, we went all around by bus doing sports and enjoying ourselves.

Some of us hosted foreign students in their own house and, today, still have communications with them, because they became friends.

Some of us, after this experience, want to go to study in Paris, London or NY... Milano should be ok too! We know that we changed in our mind and we think we have been very lucky to do this experience at 13 years old!!!
Who can forget this week?

30 March 2014

Some of us met their new guest friends! Some has been not so lucky because of snoring...

31st March 2014

We went to “Cantina Bosco” and our teachers were tasting wine... Unfortunately we couldn't but we think wine was very good!

Then we went to walk to Rosciano and we had sandwiches in the old town. In the afternoon we went to Rosciano's school and we showed our power point presentation concerning the rules of games.

After that every school introduced its mascot, ours was the nicest! At the end, our Headmaster came to welcome foreign schools.



1st April 2014

Our teacher Patrizia arranged a great sport event in the PESCARA CALCIO STADIUM!!! It's the place where Verratti and Insigne, our heroes, were playing last year!!! Chiara was great! She won 100mt. race. After 1000 mt and raly race we went to Pescara center. At the end we were very tired!



2nd April 2014

We woke up very early in the morning and we went to Rome by bus. We were a lot of students and we visited to many different places:

Colosseo, Fori Imperiali, Fontana di Trevi, Altare della Patria. We were very very tired but Rome was beautiful.

3rd April 2014

This has been our favorite day! We went to "Parco Avventura Maiella" and we really had a lot of fun going from tree to tree...

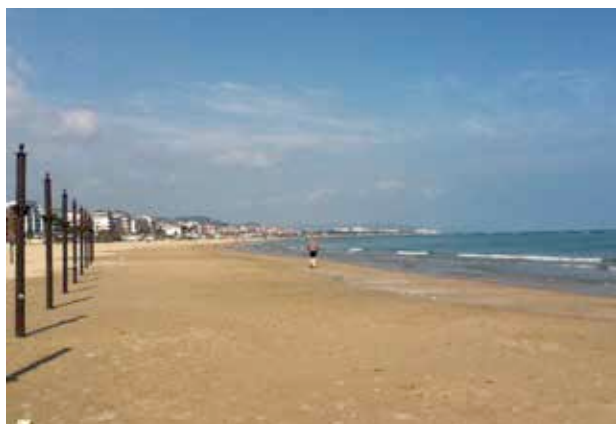
In the afternnon we had an interesting workshop concerning gladiators in the "Museo la Civitella" in Chieti.

4th April 2014

We went by bus to Pescara to play volley and then to Pescara "Ponte del Mare" and last to sea bath! It was great!!! We were very very very tired but in the evening we had the final party in Nocciano Castle. We had good food, great entertainment and, during the party, there was some "flirt"... Who knows if something is going on?

5th April 2014

Departures... The Olympeace week is going to finish, but we are very happy (and tired). On Monday are going back to school but we have not homework... VIVA COMENIUS PROJECT!!!



Pescara Beach



Pescara Street

Olympeace in Lincoln

Lincoln is a Cathedral City and the county town of Lincolnshire - one of the UK's largest counties. Part of the East Midlands, Lincolnshire sits on the East coast of England, to the north of Norfolk and the south of Yorkshire - nestled between the Humber and the Wash.

An ideal destination for a city break, Lincoln offers an experience rich in history combined with independent boutique shopping, great arts and culture and a wealth of places to eat and drink.

The city is easily walkable for visitors with good mobility - the main shopping and tourist area stretches from St Marks Shopping centre in the south up to the Cathedral Quarter known locally as 'Uphill'.



Ellis mill



Lincoln Cathedral



Steep Hill



High Bridge

Mini-olympics: team sports



We started the day at 9 o'clock in the morning. In the morning we did a kind of mini olympics and we played different games. We were taught how to play rugby. Later we were divided into five groups of mixed nationalities. These ones were divided in two for the first game. Half of the team was playing badminton while the other half was playing bench ball to score points. Team 2 was in the first position at the end of the first game.

We had a break before we started playing basketball. We played different matches versus each team to score more points. Finally the winner was team 2 with Lalo and Carlos as the Catalan students in the team.



Basket Game



Winners

Olympic park

After some sightseeing around London, we have caught the bus again to go to have lunch and visit the Olympic Park. We had about 1 hour to have lunch and go shopping in the shopping mall, after that we have visited the Olympic Park from 4'15 to 6, and now we're at the bus, enjoying our last day with the English people, we're gonna miss them loads.



All of us



Stadium



Swimming Pool



Catalan Team

Values of Sport

Through history, the games people play have helped us to understand their core values.

The Olympic Games evolved out of the ancient Greeks' appreciation for the beauty of form and the human body. The blood sport of the Romans was a natural outgrowth of a society based on conquest. Native Americans loved contests that emphasized speed and the accuracy of their weapons, because their whole existence depended on those skills.

Which brings me to this: What will future generations think of us if they look to our sports? Basketball players brawling with fans, a college football player photographed kicking an opponent in the head on the side-lines, all this against a continuous background of millionaire players whining about money and drug testing.

We have spent a lot of time this year talking about values, but isn't it time to talk about what has happened to our sports? Too often, from the Little League level up, we have put so much emphasis on winning that we've come to accept, even encourage, the more boorish behaviour by athletes as long as they win.

The great value of sport is that it teaches us to recognize the difference between winning and striving for excellence, the better but much harder achievement. More important, sport teaches us how to handle failure, to get up and try again when we lose. That's the most valuable lesson, since we lose more than we win in life.

Somehow those lessons have been lost in modern sports. If we are blind to that and do nothing about it, then the core values which have been the strength of this country are changing. We cannot let that happen.

Lincoln



Olympeace in Ankara

It is the capital of Turkey, located in Central Anatolia. With a population of 4,587,558 in the urban center (2014) and 5,150,072 in its province (2015), it is Turkey's second largest city behind Istanbul.

Ankara was Atatürk's headquarters from 1920 and has been the capital of the Republic of Turkey since its founding in 1923. The government is a prominent employer but Ankara is also an important commercial and industrial city, located at the center of Turkey's road and railway networks. The city gave its name to the Angora wool shorn from Angora rabbits, the long-haired Angora goat (the source of mohair), and the Angora cat. The area is also known for its pears, honey, and muscat grapes. Although situated in one of the driest places of Turkey and surrounded mostly by steppe vegetation except for the forested areas on the southern periphery, Ankara can be considered a green city in terms of green areas per inhabitant, which is 72 m² per head.

Ankara is a very old city with various Hittite, Phrygian, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman archaeological sites. The historical center of town is a rocky hill rising 150 m (500 ft) over the left bank of the Ankara Çayı, a tributary of the Sakarya River, the classical Sangarius. The hill remains crowned by the ruins of the old citadel. Although few of its outworks have survived, there are well-preserved examples of Roman and Ottoman architecture throughout the city, the most remarkable being the 20 bc Temple of Augustus and Rome that boasts the Monumentum Ancyranum, the inscription recording the Res Gestae Divi Augusti



Atatürk's Memorial



Ankara Castle



Kocatepe mosque

Sports day and closing ceremony



Blowing the Olympic Torch



Farewell dinner

Today when we got to school activities. They have played other sports. While they activities, the teachers we settled the coming project.

After this, we have met conference room and ed the medals of the our National Anthems the Olympics was taking been blown up, therefore put out as an ending of our long lasting friendship.



the students were ready for the sports an orientation game and some were performing these joined in the workshop, where activities to be done for the

the students at the school's they have been award-games. Later on, we sung as the closing ceremony of place. The Olympic torch has the Olympic flame has been meetings but as a symbol of our



Teams

Sightseeing in Turkey

KAPADOKYA TRIP

On Saturday we visited Kapadokya ,a historical region.The region is famous for its interesting rock formations, known as "fairy chimneys", they have been formed as the result of the erosion of this tufa layer, sculpted by wind and flood water.On the way, we had a break on "Salt Lake". We had our lunch in a cave restaurant



ANITKABIR – ATATURK MAUSOLEUM

We visited Atatürk Mausoleum and held wreath-laying ceremony .The Turkish Headmaster wrote on the official anitkabir memorial book. We had lunch in typical restaurant and visited Ankara castle.



BEYPAZARI TOUR

We visited Beypazari. Beypazari today is a small town in a rural district famous for its carrots, (producing nearly 60% of Turkey's carrots), silverwork (Telkari), and a high quality natural mineral water. The crystal mineral trona, a kind of natural soda used in glass-making is extracted in Beypazari



A peaceful bridge



Through the Olympics