

# REPORT FROM 3<sup>rd</sup> PROJECT MEETING IN BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC

## MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

It was possible to **hold another project meeting in March 2022 in Brno, Czech Republic** after 5 months from the previous project meeting in Slovenia in October 2021 due to a long period of restrictions by Covid-19 disease.



The Spanish team arrived already on Saturday 12 March, followed by teams from Slovenia and France on Sunday and a team from Poland early Monday morning. Partners from Scotland were unable to

participate due to Covid-19 restrictions. **All the teams were picked up and welcomed by the project coordinator Zdeňka Schormová and the individual families with whom the students stayed during the week. The topic of the project meeting was to learn how a travel agency works, what the job of a tour guide contains and how to guide tourists in and out of the city.**

On Monday morning we all met at the school at 7.45. The students visited the first lesson with their hosts. At 9 a.m. **the tour of the school started in the different national teams, prepared by the students of our school in 3-person teams in English and Spanish.** The English and Spanish



versions had been prepared and rehearsed with teachers several weeks beforehand. Each team started the tour in a different part of the school so that we could move independently. **We showed the guests all three pavilions, the garden, the playground and the swimming pool (although it is currently being repaired).** The tour lasted one hour and then everyone gathered in the staff



room where **the headmaster and the two deputies welcomed us all and wished us every success in our project.** For the next lesson teachers and students visited the classrooms and observed the lessons.

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At 11 o'clock a lecture started in the music room about how the travel agency works, what it does and how to run it. The lecture was given in English by the director of the travel agency for school groups, Školní

**zájezdy Mrs. Kateřina Ramík Kutrová**, who is highly experienced and has been working for the travel agency for many years. We learned a lot of useful information. From 12 o'clock, after a short break, there was **another lecture about the work of a tour guide**. We learned what a tour guide does before the tour, what he takes care of during the tour, what he has to know and be able to arrange, how he communicates with clients and how he solves various problems. We got a lot of very useful information. Some things didn't even occur to us.



At 1.00 p.m. we took our guests to the school canteen for lunch, **the cooks cooked typical Czech dishes all week long**. We explained to our foreign friends how the canteen works, because in some countries they don't have canteens and at 2 o'clock everyone went home to rest.

The programme continued at 5 o'clock with **getting-to-know-you games in the school garden**, prepared by teacher Zukal. **The students competed in international teams and had to make up their minds by pantomime, drawing, imitation, etc.** This was followed by a familiarisation **evening with music and various goodies prepared for our guests**. We played games, danced and sang until 9 p.m. The teachers had a meeting to get acquainted and plan future project meetings. We all had a good time, got to know each other, other classmates came



(the entrance fee was to bring some treats) and we spoke all kinds of languages - even with our hands and feet. We had a great time.

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