

5th Cross student exchange

Topic: Digitalisation and new technologies against climate change

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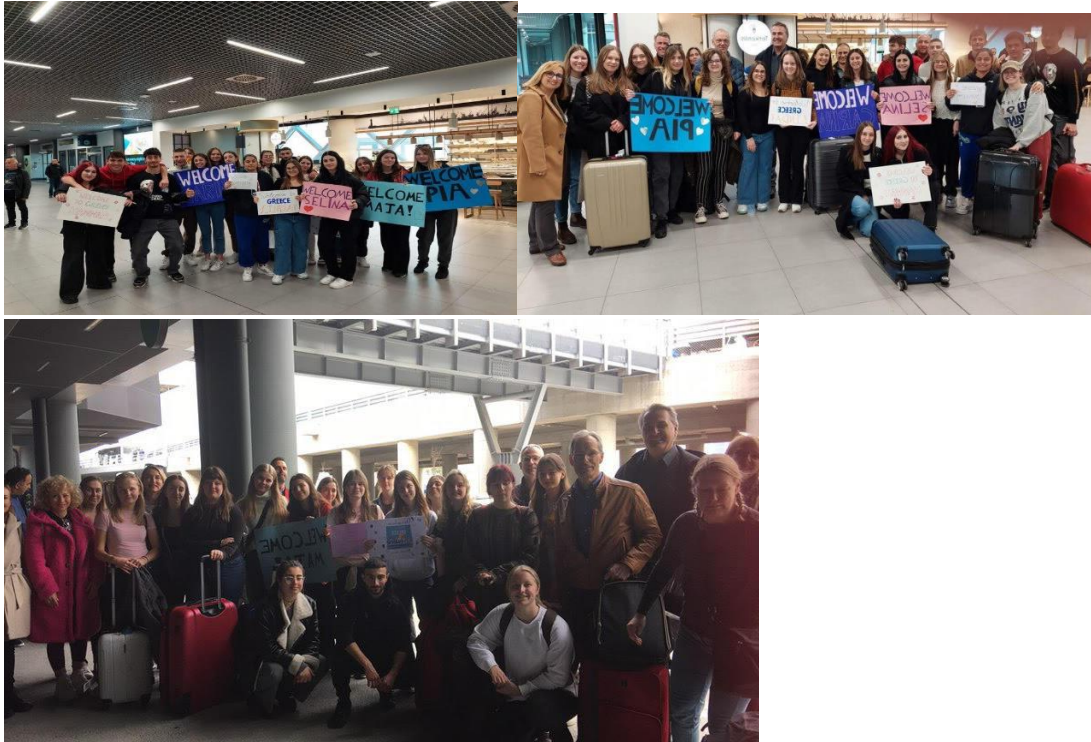
Hosting school: Aristotelio College (Greece)

Sending schools: Stiftsgymnasium St. Paul (Austria) & Gymnasieskolan Spyken (Sweden)

The Agenda

Sunday 5th of March, 2023

Sunday was the arrival day of Stiftsgymnasium St. Paul (Austria) and Gymnasieskolan Spyken (Sweden). The Greek families welcomed the Austrian and Swedish students at the airport of Thessaloniki. The joy in their eyes and the impatience to see their friends again was very great, while the atmosphere was very homely since it was not the first time they met. The teachers were transferred to the hotel while the students spent time with their host families.



Monday 6th of March, 2023

They were given a tour around the kindergarten and primary school which reminded many of the Greek students of their own younger years. Afterwards the students presented their work on important topics around Think Smart Act Green. After the presentations, they witnessed a beautiful tour of the city with the hop on hop off bus. The view was incredible especially from the highest part of the city, the Kastrá which the students also returned to in the afternoon. I hope our Austrian and Swedish visitors came to love the city as much as we do. Later on, a group of the students visited local spots such as Ladadika, Aristotelous Square, Navarinou Square, etc.



Tuesday 7th of March, 2023

Students and teachers gathered in the premises of Aristotelio College and worked in pairs so as to create posters, games, word clouds and quizzes relating to Climate Change and technology.



Afterwards, we visited the Greek destroyer ship, *Velos*. Created in 1942 and taking part in various naval operations, it is now open to the public, functioning as a museum. Fascinated by this extraordinary landmark, we headed to a new destination.



Located near Thessaloniki's promenade the Europe Direct Information Center plays an integral part to the city's European character, as it provides its citizens with information about the work and opportunities of the European Union. There, we examined new ways technology can be used in order to recycle and reuse materials by reshaping them into other objects.



Wednesday 8th of March, 2023

Field trip day! Excitement and laughs filled the air! We all gathered in front of the National Theatre of Northern Greece, near the White Tower and embarked on a beautiful road trip to Vergina. There, we visited the Royal Macedonian Tombs, the final resting place of the father of Alexander the Great, King Philip II of Macedon and a UNESCO World Heritage site.



From darkness to light, we continued this historical path to the astonishing new museum of Aigis.





Having savored the ancient history of the area, it was time that we quench our physical hunger as well! Thus, we hopped on the bus and started to ascend the mountain to our destination, the picturesque village of Old Panteleimonas. There, after tasting all the traditional delicacies we wandered around the village and ended up at the square, dancing around the plane tree. Undoubtedly, one of the most fascinating moments of the trip along with the mesmerizing sunset view that escorted us on our way down.

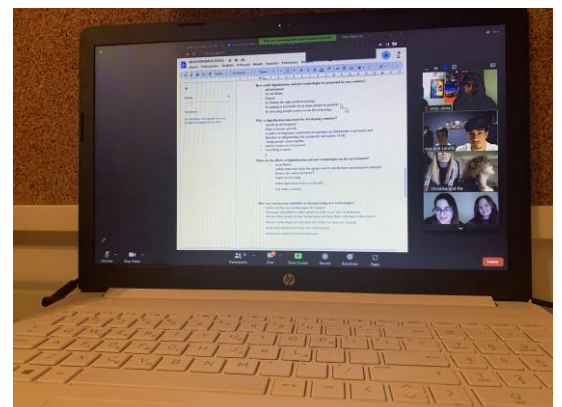


Thursday 9th of March, 2023

Our day started at the school with presentations from Mr. Tziolas and some students about National Europe Day where we talked about the history behind the foundation of EU. After the presentations were over we visited Gerovasiliou winery where we learned about the production of wine and we also took a guided tour inside the winery and after the tour some of us even went to buy some wine to take back to our families. Before visiting the winery, though, we had some extra time and we went to Alykes Aggeloxoriou where we saw piles of sea salt.



On Thursday evening the students had an online MUN meeting, that was organized by Aristotelio College, where they had some interesting remarks and discussed about the topic 'Digitalization and new technologies against climate change', as well as the situation in their countries.

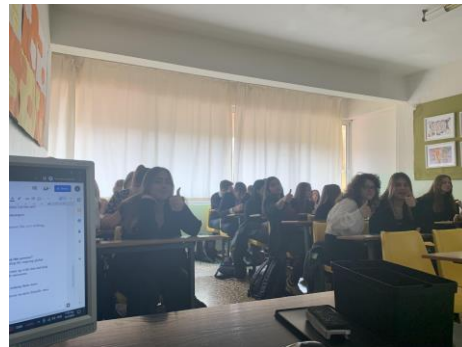


Later in the afternoon we all met up and went for bowling and later we all went for traditional Greek gyros which everyone loved. After that some of us went for a little walk in Toumpa and then we all returned home after a full day.



Friday 10th of March 2023

On Friday morning all of the students went to the school and participated in ArcMUN 2023. First, they took part in some ice-breaking activities and games. Then, in their committee, Erasmus, they exchanged opinions about the topic ‘Digitalization and new technologies against climate change’ and they agreed on some solutions, suitable for their countries. The students also made a formal resolution paper including all of the information they gathered.



Saturday 11th of March 12, 2023

Saturday was the departure day of the participants. The meeting point was the airport of Thessaloniki where the students said goodbye to their friends for the last time. The atmosphere that prevailed at that moment was very sad since very strong bonds had been created between the children and also the teachers. The guests left with all the experiences they lived in Greece and all the knowledge they gained.

