



The fourth project meeting which took place in Spain

"Comenius" project continues! Following this international project, RVĢ current team- 2 teachers (Regina Kampāne and Vita Ramiņa) and 2 the 11th form students (Vasily Pontrjagins and Aivars Petrauskis) went to the Spanish town Tolox.

Our meeting topic was "Crafts, folk traditions and modern architecture". Before the trip, students searched for photos of Latvian ceramics, amber processing, textiles, folk costumes and contemporary sculpture. Vasily and Aivars prepared a narration for each photo, as well as created a film about folk songs and dances.

May 5, left Riga for Tolox. Our flight was through Helsinki to Malaga. We arrived at Malaga airport at about 24:00. From Malaga to Tolox is about 40 miles, but, as the way goes in the mountains, at Tolox we were only at 1:30.

The next day we met other participants from 7 countries, saw the school in Tolox. There are about 200 students (3 – 16 years olds).

At first each national delegation presented its homework. We certainly felt like we were the most successful.

We became closer friends with the Estonian school as they are our neighbours with similar traditions.

During our visit we participated in two trips: to Malaga and Granada. In Granada we really liked the castle Alhambra, a palace and fortress complex built in the middle of 14th century by the Moorish rulers of Granada emir. The castle was built for the last Muslim emir in Spain and his court. Students also had the opportunity to sunbathe and swim at the beach in Malaga. The weather was wonderful- mostly +30 degrees, sunny. Around midday it is very hot, so from 14:00 to 18:00 Spanish people have siesta (everything is closed).

We tasted popular Spanish seafood and, of course, fruits.

Also we were very impressed by the small mountain town Tolox, clean with narrow streets, white houses and lots of flowers. All the flowers and plants we have at home Spaniards have on the streets, and oranges, lemons, mandarins. All around the city, as the eyes can see, there are olive trees.

Several days we worked in groups at school. Our working together resulted in calendar for the year 2015 which marks all the national holidays and commemorations.

On the last day Spanish students held a farewell concert. They danced Spanish folk dance, d we also were invited to participate and we learned one of the Spanish dances. Parents sang

flamenco songs. The event ended with a farewell supper. In the school yard a huge wok pan was installed in which something like a pilaf was made.

During these 5 days in Spain we became good friends with all the participants -the Spaniards and the Poles, the Turks, Norwegians, Romanians, Greeks, and of course, the Estonians.

Next trip will be in the fall to Greece. Warmly recommend to all students who understand and speak English or any other language take part in "Comenius" project, as it is both fascinating and educational.

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