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ERASMUS+ 2nd TRANSNATIONAL MEETING

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"The Gentle Teaching Experience. Diverse needs diversity"

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Minutes from the 2nd transnational Meeting. Our Second Gentle Experience.

1/05/18

- Collect partners from the airport and transfer to the hotel.
- Welcome meal and discuss times for pickups throughout the week.

2/05/18

- Travel to Ysgol Maes y Coed
- Welcome refreshments with the Head Teacher – Helen Glover & all partner schools.
- Tour of the school – meeting pupils and teachers and tour of the facilities at Maes y Coed. Tour of the Heritage Project exhibition in the school hall.
- Welcome lunch with all partners
- Transnational meeting – Title of the second meeting – The 2nd Experience of Gentle Teaching in Neath.
- Discussions around the possibility of Skype calling with Sarah Dunn from Bradstow Special School - to discuss the concept of Gentle Teaching and how it is applied in Bradstow School. Cath to link with Sarah to see if this is possible.
- Discussions and clarification around future dates set for Germany in January 2019 and Italy in May 2019.
- Sandra asked for all partners to add documents to the Google Drive link she has previously sent – this information can be linked to E twinning as set up by Wales and added to the website as set up by Italy.
- Elke described how Gentle teaching principles have been applied at Fritz- Felsenstein – Haus.
- The pupils choose 1 principle and the whole school works on that principle for 2 months. Activities are based on the 1 principle – a flyer is written to send home to families about the principle. Classes will create a role play on the principle and act out the role play to the school. For example a role play on being kind will include pupil's being unkind to each other and then showing the correct way to be kind to each other. Once the 2 months are finished. There is a celebration assembly and certificates are given to the pupils. Classes collect a token to attach to the Gentle teaching principle poster to show they have completed the principle. Wales like this idea and will adopt a similar approach here in Maes y Coed.
- Further discussions were held about the mobility tool and interim report – all partners to complete the interim report by the end of June.

- Partners returned to the hotel for free time before evening meal.
- Evening meal at Belle Vue Bistro with partner schools and staff from Maes y Coed.

3/05/18

- Travel to Ysgol Maes y Coed.
- Refreshments and welcome.
- Transnational meeting - Presentation of Gentle teaching so far in Wales, Germany, Spain and Italy.
- Mike talked about the work we have recently completed with the Heritage Project which focused on the pillar of Community. Pupils have looked at where they belong in the local and wider community. People who help us in and around school and also the wider community. Pupils have also focused on the History of the local community.
- Mike also talked about work we do every day around respect, caring and kindness. Mike also demonstrated some mindfulness practice he has recently been working on with his class.
- Following this transnational meeting we have decided to follow the model of collecting tokens for each principle of Gentle Teaching and will run this throughout the school.
- Antonia spoke about Gentle teaching at the Italian Institute.
- The school adopts an inclusive approach to teaching with all students included with their mainstream peers. This approach fosters an atmosphere of respect and caring for all pupils.
- The peer to peer approach is adopted throughout the school again encouraging and promoting respect and the principle of community for all. Peers support each other regardless of needs. The overall aim of the school is one where no one is left behind and the aim is to bring out the best of everyone.
- The students themselves help to create a happy and respectful environment and value working alongside their peers with a range of needs.
- Lunch with all partners at Ysgol Maes y Coed.
- Travel to Rhosilli Beach after lunch – cultural visit to a Local National Trust Beach – Walk along the cliff top to view the Worms Head Beach.
- Return to hotel – free evening for partner schools.

4/05/18

- Partners visit to Ysgol Hendre Felin to look at Wellbeing and establish further links for collaborative working
- Transnational meeting
- Things to do –
 - 1) CD of Gentle song will be finished by October – Italian students will perform the song in Wales.
 - 2) Each partner school to make links with local universities to disseminate Gentle Teaching principles on a wider scale.
 - 3) Look at producing manuals of the principles – a guide for how to be .. gentle / caring / kind etc.
 - 4) Upload all documents produced to the Google drive
 - 5) Join eTwinning and add information to the Twin space. In English.
 - 6) All partner schools to complete the Interim report on the Mobility tool.
 - 7) Create a portfolio of Gentle Teaching in each school.
 - 8) Create role plays of the Gentle Teaching principles
 - 9) Contact Bradstow Special School to arrange a Skype call for October meeting.

10) Partner schools to look at the Pillars of Gentle Teaching and create an art project around the pillars. – each school to think about the wording of the pillars and decide upon appropriate wording for the setting.

- Evaluation of second transnational meeting.
- Giving of certificates with Head Teacher and students.
- Farewell from school
- Traditional Welsh lunch at Lliw Valley Café & reservoir. Lunch of Cawl & Caws, Welsh Cakes and Bara Brith.
- Return to Hotel and Swansea for Cultural gift shopping
- Farewell meal at The Griffin Pub and restaurant.

5/05/18

- All partner schools returned to the Airport - see everybody back in Wales in October with students!!