

Reflect on the Past to Create a Better Future – Our eTwinning Project

We are Bianca & Catrina, two students in class 9.5. We would like to discuss with you, an eTwinning project we participated in this year. I, Bianca agreed to join because you don't get this opportunity everyday and it sounded like a challenge which I like. I made loads of friends during this project, and even became closer to other friends. I Catrina, joined the project because I thought that it could be a fun activity at school with our friends. I like the fact that it brings a lot of people from different countries together

We worked on this project as part of our PSCD lessons with Ms. M. Cini. We did some of the work in class but we also worked on it at home. Our class worked mostly on the project with students and their teacher Ms. Maria La Porta from the school I.I.S. Alessandro Volta in Nicosia, Sicily, along with other European schools.

The name of the project is *Reflect on the Past to Create a Better Future*. We understood how important it is to learn from the past so that we can improve the present and the future. Let us tell you more about our project. These are some of the topics and activities we did:

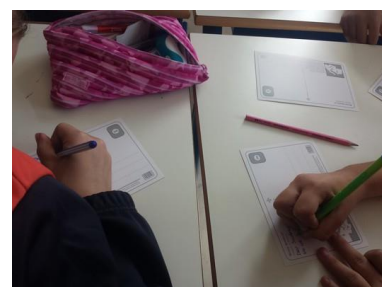
Our Project Mascots

Our project Mascots were doves: doves bring peace. We named our handmade dove Vallette, whilst Italy's mascot was called Hope. These mascots kept us courageous and hopeful throughout the project, even in difficult moments.



Communication over the years:

We started the project by sending posters to each other as we looked at different ways of communication. On TwinSpace we voted for the means of communication we prefer. We had to choose between a) Letters, cards, postcards and stamps or b) Email, skype and chat. B won with 16 votes to 5. I, Catrina prefer the old fashioned way, but Bianca prefers the second choice, as letters can get lost in the post whilst new ways even send you notifications! It's faster to chat.



We discussed how communication has evolved on the TwinSpace forum, some of our Italian friends said that they love the old ways because they are more romantic, but chatting and emails make communication faster today.

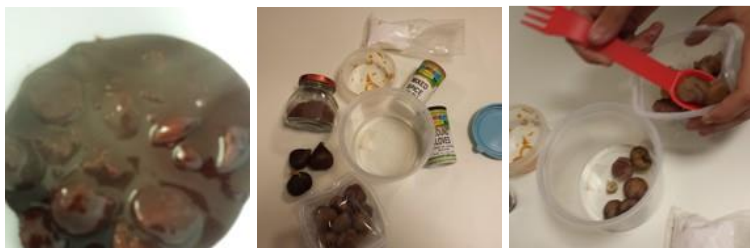
Letters to Juliet: lessons about love!

We watched a clip from the film Letters to Juliet which is about a young writer named Sophie who travels to Verona and discovers a letter written by an older woman. She helps her look for her old love until they eventually find him. We think that love has changed from what it was in the past

because of new technology, we started expressing our Love by texting or calling. It was better in the old days because you would meet someone, fall in love and stay together and have a family.

Healthy Christmas Recipes

For Christmas we looked for traditional recipes. In our school we found the Imbuljuta recipe. In class we discussed what we could do to make it healthier such as decrease the level of sugar in it. Italians shared a delicious, sweet and moist Ricotta Cake with a lovely scent of orange and lemon.



Stereotypes

We asked each other what we think about the different nationalities, for example that when we think about Italy, spaghetti and pizza come to mind. We also interviewed a young Maltese woman who is a band conductor. We learnt that we cannot label people by what their country produces and everyone can do the job they'd like to, irrelevant of gender.

Internet Safety

During the project and lessons we learnt a lot about being good digital citizens, we learnt about our digital footprint, our online safety and respecting others online. We in Malta, created posters that we shared whilst in Italy they organised talks.



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Febbraio
ore 11.00
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I.I.S. "A. Volta"
di Nicosia

Corona Virus

Unfortunately, we had to stop going to school and had to do our work from home. We worked using mostly the TwinSpace and Microsoft tools.

Our teachers decided to show us a clip from the Italian film called *La Vita e Bella* to show us how difficult situations can be overcome. We used the Friendship Cards from <http://www.friendshipcards.org/> to understand the different feelings of the protagonists in the film and to understand one's feelings during the covid-19 lockdown. We didn't like what happened to this family, who were separated. Guido missed his wife a lot, but we like how Guido risked his life to protect protected his family. Through a game he made his son, work hard and be courageous.



Protecting the Environment



We watched videos about how nature was better with us inside our homes. We discussed what we can do to help the environment, especially now that we have to use masks. We wrote a letter with our eTwinning friends where we said what we would like to do. We also shared our own photos. I Catrina think

that we could always make simple reusable masks. They are very easy to make. You only need a piece of cloth and 2 pieces of elastic bands. They are washable but you need to disinfect them with hot water. Bianca and I created these posters so people could make their own masks and use them



Our eTwinning friends said that we shouldn't be selfish and throw away our masks where we please, that we should buy masks that can be recycled and that we should learn from what happened in the past and protect our planet. They said that we should protect Mother Earth and leave it better than it was before.

Hobbies

During Covid-19, some of us had to stop doing our hobbies unfortunately. Some of us continued with their hobbies away from people, like myself Bianca, I practiced skateboarding. I Catrina enjoyed baking, I made scones and cake for my father. We shared our hobbies with our friends

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Safe Hobbies

Write your name in the top part. Upload a photo of your hobby or something you enjoyed doing during Covid-19, which is safe. (Make sure no one appears in the photo) Write what it is and why you enjoyed it


Thea Tedesco

I love football, I train football, football a big part of my life. I really miss it and I really miss training it and also I miss my teammates. Football is the safest place because I can open up with teammates and also I can get all my anger out with football.




Bianca Bonello

In quarantine the most thing I did was going skateboarding outside and practising some new tricks. Some of the tricks were harder than others, but I never gave up. I am still going out practicing every day learning and revising myself, trying not to hurt myself badly. This is the most thing I did in quarantine lately apart from sleeping.




Luca

What was a safe hobby during the quarantine?? Sleeping, for me it was sleeping the safest way to face this horrible time of our life




Alessia

I am really sad for what happened during these last few months and staying at home for so long period has had a bad effect on my mood. To enjoy my days at home and be useful for others I created some handmade masks to fight epidemics, I donated them to people in need in my town




Annalisa

It is so great that this black period of our life is ending.. at least we hope so. I was very nervous during the quarantine so I needed something could help me to think something different. I began to grow small plants at home hoping to plant them outside in a field. Is ia a safe hobby that gives you the hope of some changes




Martina

I suffered a lot for this quarantine because I love to be in the open air with my friends, I love cycling and playing volleyball. So this long sto prevented me to do this things. So what could I do in a safe way? I thought that it could be really enjoyable to create accessories like pearlline bracelets




Jacqueline

My long staying at home was interesting because I appreciated all the love my parents have to me. So I felt beloved and safe with them everyday with me. I usually have guitar lesson with a very friendly teacher but as I couldn't go I preferred to listen to music everyday it relaxed me and made me feel good as we had very bad news from the world




Filippa

I am fond of cooking and during this covid-19 stop I made a lot of delicious dishes but I desired to learn how to make arancini that is a speciality in Sicily. My mum one day taught how to make them. I hope one day I could prepare some for you




Ilaria

Hi everybody!! I'm Ilaria.. I have a lot of hobbies but during this quarantine that I had no contacts with my classmates my favourite pastime is chatting on online platforms with them




Catrina Gatt

I love cooking and during quarantine, I made scones for the reason that my father loves travelling to England so I made a little snack for tea time. I also made a cake.



Sharol

I have no particular passions, but during this lockdown period I tried to find something specialI like crochet it relaxes me so I started to make stuffed animals like this one



Debora

I love drawing fashionable clothes, I enjoy it very much. After Covid-19 pandemics I tried to improve and I have to say that I can become a famous stylist. Have a look to my productions

