

Becoming European citizens.

Our Open Sesame Erasmus+ project, the mobility to Germany, our future activities

From 24th to the September the students Gabriel Carlone 2B se, Alfredo Barbaro 4A eno , Anna Villa 3C ss, Margherita Bellini 3A acc and Bocca Daniele 3A eno participated with the teachers Lucia Colombo and Barbara Bianchi to the mobility in Germany, Heidelberg, as guests of St. Raphael-Schulen, which is partner of our Institute in the Open Sesame Erasmus + project.

The Open Sesame is a project that includes five different schools, from five EU countries: Italy, Spain, Latvia, France and Germany with the aim of creating extra-curricular clubs that enhance the protagonism of students, for example, art, music, debate and geochaching.

We were all hosted by German students and their families. During the mobility we carried out various activities related to the clubs active in the different schools of the project: we played Geochaching in the center of Heidelberg, created a banner during the activities of the art club representing all the participating nations, some historical monuments from each country and writings; we played and sang songs in every national language in the music club and, during the debate club sessions, we practiced some motions proposed by the German partners. We also played sports in the morning, we spent an afternoon playing bowling in the city center and an we also climbed at local adventure park. Each club session was important to learn how the different nations perform the activities, deepen different techniques from the most experienced and brainstorm new ideas and projects.

Our hosts were very helpful and welcoming, and made us understand how things work in Germany, especially in Heidelberg, a beautiful university city rich in history, nestled on the banks of the Neckar River.

We found that in every country the school curriculum is structured differently. The German one, in particular, does not present a distinction in grades as in Italy, but the classes follow one another until the end of the course of education, which ends when the students turn 18, that is, in our fourth year of high school. The breaks are a moment of true relax for students who can play and buy food at the school cafeteria.

This mobility gave us a huge cultural and linguistic baggage, the desire to start with determination our clubs and national and international activities, and the desire to create new friendships to give way also to individual exchange experiences.

Erasmus is a unique opportunity that we highly recommend to everyone!

If you are interested in discovering more or joining the active clubs in our school, you are all invited to the Erasmus Day that will be held on Thursday, October 13 in our school (Baluardo Massimo D'Azeglio 3, Novara) from 14.45. It will be an opportunity to get to know the members and activities of the Italian team. We are looking forward to seeing you!