

Comenius-Project 2011-2013

First exchange in Verbania/Italy from 26th of september to 1st of october 2011

Eight pupils from Finland and ten from Germany accompanied by respectively two teachers participated with their Italian hosts in our first exchange in Verbania.

Organised and led by the Italian students the Finnish and German pupils got some instruction in Italian language and culture for getting known each other. In a guided school tour the foreign students got an insight into the Italian school system.

Working on our subject „Our common and different roots“ all the students had brainstorming about the project. Coordinated by teachers they discussed how to find common roots. They also planned how they can work on in their home country until the next exchange.

During a few excursions in the area of Verbania the students were not only acquainted with interesting Italian sights but also – according to our subject - with our common and different roots. While a trip to Ascona and to Monte Verità showed some connections in the early twenty century an excursion to Val Formazza and a guided visit of an ancient house of the Walsers put on view the relationship since Middle Ages. A lecture on the „Stonecutters“ – a very common profession especially in the 19th century – given by an Italian teacher illustrated especially italian roots but also the living conditions of the upper and lower classes before and at the beginning of the industrialization in Europe.

In additional there were some special activities e.g. folk dances in the afternoon or going to Milan. Thus pupils could both practice their knowledge of language and communicate about their interests, hobbies a.s.o.