



ADVENTURE IN DUBLIN

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This week, 115 participants from 13 different European countries will be studying 5 different courses in Dublin...



Sunday

Language Development

Some words or expressions you learned today. Who did you speak English to?
language development takes place through "role-playing games" in which everyone will play a part while the teacher will offer ideas for conversation
European dimension, democratic citizens, professional development.
I talked to my classmates when we were divided into groups.

Cultural Understanding

Did you learn anything about Ireland today?
presentation of the "Contexts4Content" Approach: our study manual are the direct knowledge of the country, its people, its way of life, its culture –
Sunday morning I just took a walk in Dublin city center and then I visited St Stephan Park. It is a very relaxing place. I saw St Patrick Cattedral, just outside because there was the mass. In the afternoon during the presentation the teacher talked to us about some Irish writers like John Banville, Sebastian Barry and the most famous James Joyce. He talked also about a British and Irish television series: Derry girls

European Dimension

Who did you meet today for the first time?
13 European countries are represented + England (Laura) + Ireland hosting us: we do not represent the EU, we are the European people
I met for the first time the teachers who would have attended the various courses organized by English Matters. It was very exciting.

Daily Reflection

Describe a special moment from today.
It was very nice when the people of all nationalities sang a famous song from their country.

very nice the moment when each country sang for the other. this first day I'm a bit worried about how the working groups will be formed: I read my name on the screen together with those of Oscar Margarita (Marga) Caterina Orazio - "thank goodness", I think, "at least two are Italian" !!!



Monday

Language Development

Some words or expressions you learned today. Did you need to use the dictionary or translator?

I learned to take an appointment and expressions like: are you free on Monday?, when are you free, Do you have any free day this week. I learned also to ask information about job and the last book read. Today I didn't need to use the dictionary or translator.

we learned to converse and make an appointment to see each other, we asked ourselves what is the last book you read, what subject do you teach, what city you come from, what makes you happy with your job? So, we're getting to know each other - we need translator during the morning conversation Marga told me the last book she read (I will look for it to read it too) Our teacher Laura makes another group to do treasure hunt for some places in Dublin. After the morning conversations the fear of being divided by my colleagues has already passed and the fun begins: our team is formed in addition to me by Orazio, Mayte, Caterina e Mila

Cultural Understanding

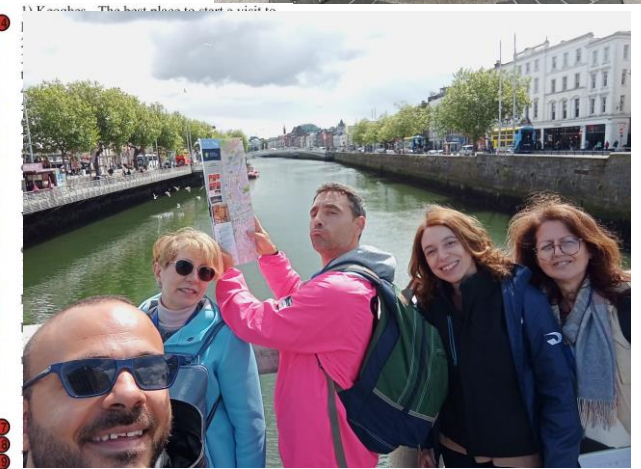
we found out what's in Dublin by hunting for monuments, places, buildings, bridges, statues. For example, the Trinity College Campanile at the DPO (linked to the Irish Revolution for Independence), the Ha 'Penny bridge, the statue of Molly Malone and its history, the wall of fame in temple bar.

By doing the assignment today, I learned the legend of the Trinity College bell tower. I saw the statue of Molly Malone, the protagonist of a famous Irish song; I saw Temple Bar where I listened to some beautiful music; I walked along the River Liffey and over O'Connell Bridge and Ha'Penny Bridge, I visited O'Connell Street where I saw The Spire and the General Post Office (GPO).

Daily Reflection

my photo of the day is the one taken at the GPO: the memorial that reports the speech with which it is proclaimed "the Irish Republic as a sovereign independent state"

This picture was taken on the O'Connell Bridge. The view is very beautiful and reminds me a very fun afternoon.



Tuesday

Language Development

we learned to describe our photos and tell about our treasure hunt in Dublin - we had looking at some photos that our teacher Baksy showed us we learned a lot of words - and the right pronunciation - about Irish traditions and culture: shamrock or clover, symbol of Ireland and Trinity, Tulf: an organic material in bag, a type of land very acid for fire. And other very interesting information

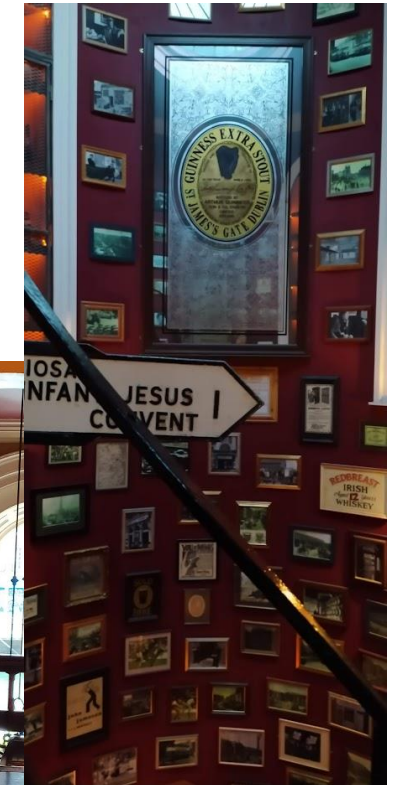
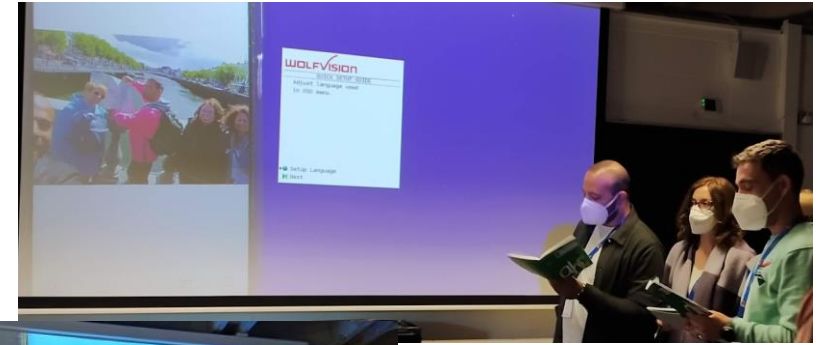
We learned expressions to describe the position of objects in space, for example: in the background, in the middle, in the foreground, in the top left corner, in the top right corner, in the bottom left corner, in the bottom right corner. I went over the adjectives and adverbs as: on behind, under, in front of, next to, near, belong, etc. I spoken with my classmates.

Cultural Understanding

We tasted, and I liked it very much, Irish Pie, fish & chips, Irish stew and Beef & Guinness - I searched for the recipes and will make them at home for my family and friends

Daily Reflection

we visited the archaeological museum - we discovered prehistoric Ireland (bronze and iron ages) - jewels and other religious objects, the manufacture of the Viking age - we saw some remains of bog bodies - the derivation of the word pub is very interesting: public house: this also explains the social significance as a meeting place - the visit to the museum gave me the opportunity to meet the ancient inhabitants of Ireland. very emotional



Wednesday

Language Development

We learned the division of foods into different food groups and I also learned to describe the texture of various foods: Creamy-smooth soft and thick liquid; Crumbly-food; Crunchy-food; Greasy-Contain lots of oil; Gooney-foods; Moist - something that is slightly wet; Mushy - Soft and wet but for food that generally is not supposed to be. I learned also the various cooking of foods such as: barbecue, roast, grill, steam, toast, etc.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkrVnbbom3A>

Cultural Understanding

We had learned myths and legends about Emerald Isle : Leprechauns (they are shoemakers, don't look in your eyes!!! Fairies (like that of Peter Pan) are tiny creatures with wings, Sioga in Irish - and Banshees: you can only hear their laments & sad cry but you may not see them - our teacher Baksy told us all the characters and their stories very well, I also managed to take notes directly in English because she spoke very slowly and clearly with simple words



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Daily Reflection

the photo of the day is the one with Mila and Mayte while we tell the story invented by us of the mythical character of Ni-Erasmus + (daughter of Erasmus +) a fairy who makes the magic of making all European children understand each other - We also have a video while we tell our idea.

It was fun to interview my classmates about the sports and hobbies they play. In the afternoon I visited the Old Library. It is very charming.



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Thursday

Language Development

We learned expressions like: I can't stand tennis, tennis isn't my cup of tea, I'm not a big fan of tennis, I can't bear tennis, I'm not too fond of tennis, I'm crazy about football, I'm fond of football, I'm keen on football. I learned also to use the correct verb, for example do for the individual sport, with hobbies, martial arts and sport in general; play for team sport, board games and activities where people or teams compete against each other; go usually for sport that finished with "ing".

European Dimension

We learned about sport, hobbies and free time activities. The most famous sport in Ireland is the hurling. I didn't know it. The teacher told us about new Olympic sport.

We discovered the existence of two sports that I didn't know at all -

Daily Reflection

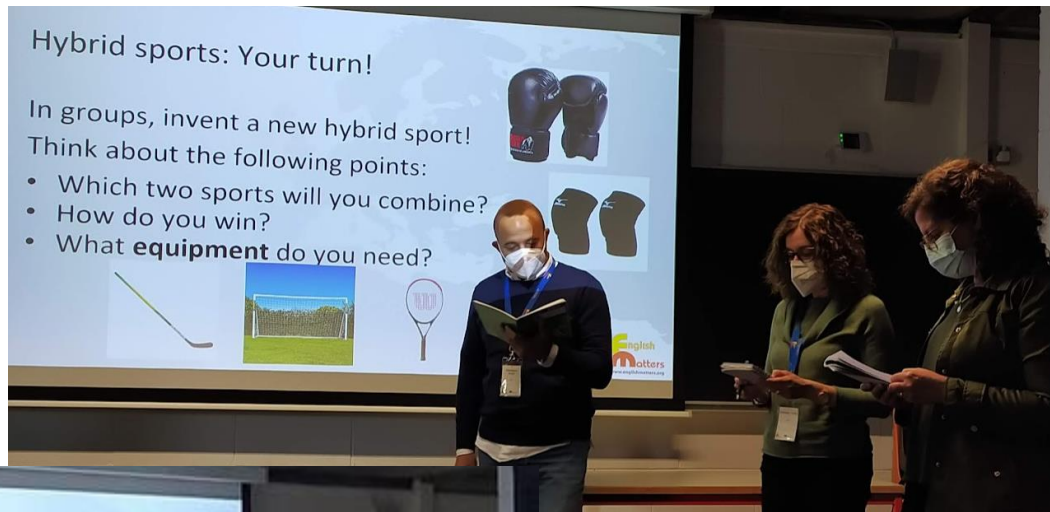
It was a lot of fun to invent a new hybrid sport with my "old friends" Mila and Mayte - It was also interesting to think about what a sport really is compared to a hobby, at first we had some doubts then we all agreed.

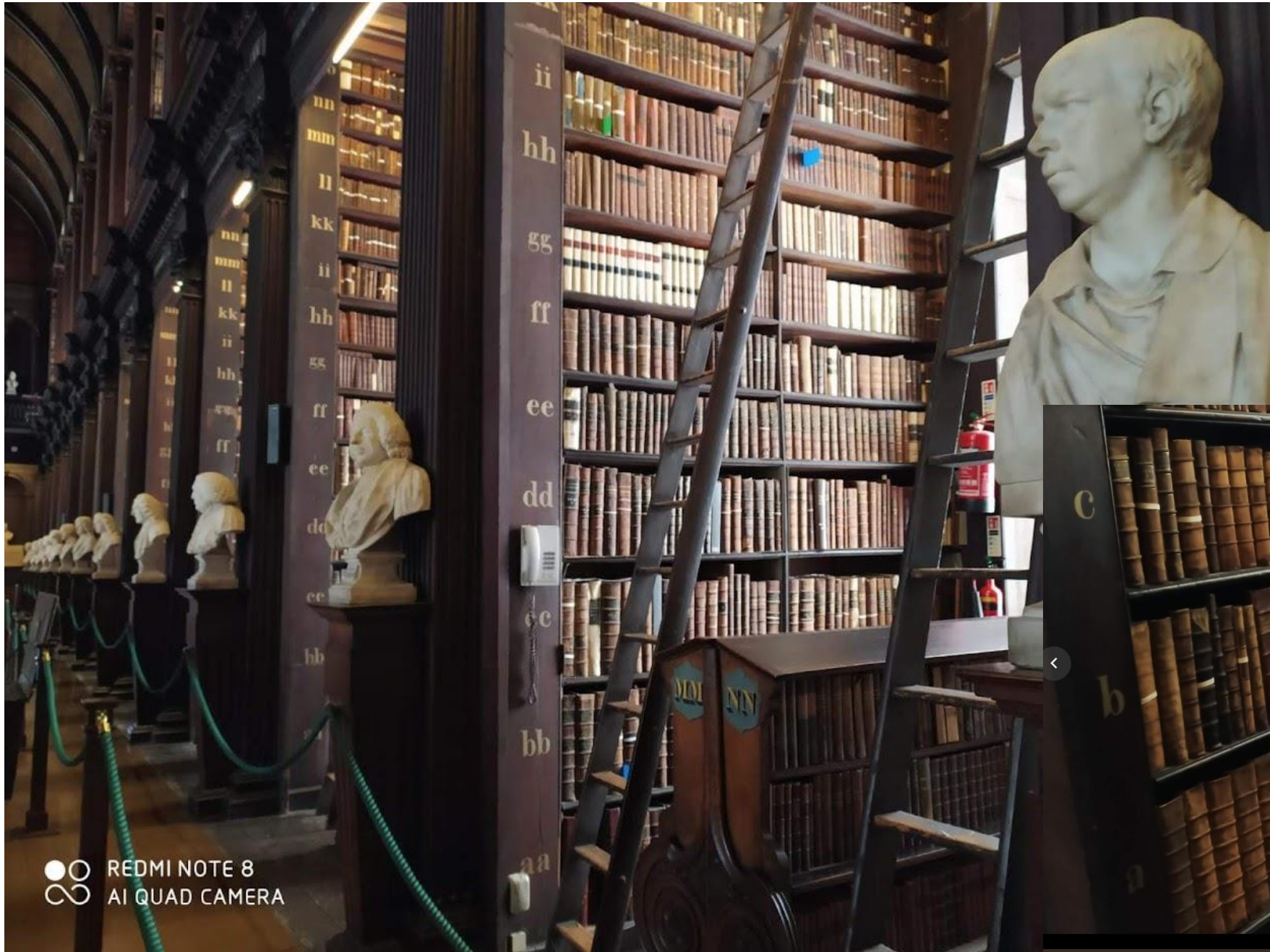
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Hybrid sports: Your turn!

In groups, invent a new hybrid sport!
Think about the following points:

- Which two sports will you combine?
- How do you win?
- What **equipment** do you need?





Friday

**Language
Development**

Today the teacher talk us about Glendalough in Wicklow. It was a village near the site of an ancient monastery. The monastery was founded in the 6th century by the hermit Kevin of Glendalough and destroyed in 1398 by English troops. St Kevin retreated to the narrow Glendalough valley in search of a peaceful place for his life as a hermit. The name Glendalough derives from the Gaelic and means the valley of the two lakes
we have learned Irish place names that go back a long way - many words are not translated into English but have remained in Gaelic

**Cultural
Understanding**

Medieval monastic Ireland: very interesting lesson about the history of St Kevin and Glendalough means the valley of the two lakes

Unfortunately I was unable to visit Glendalough because I had a flight to Italy on Friday afternoon.

**Daily
Reflection**

We are very sorry that we was unable to participate in the tour in the afternoon, I did not participate in the visit to Glendalough's visit



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St Patrick Cathedral



Molly Malone

THE BEST PICTURES OF IRELAND



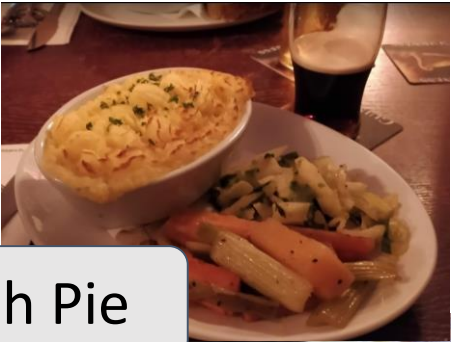
garlic football



Ha' Penny bridge



hurling



Irish Pie



beers & cidro

simbol of Guinness and Republic



FISH AND CHIPS



Book of Kells & the Brian Boru's harp





We have learned many things, but the most important is **THE VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP**



Dublin seen from the highest point of the Guinness factory



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This is not a goodbye BUT a «see you soon»

