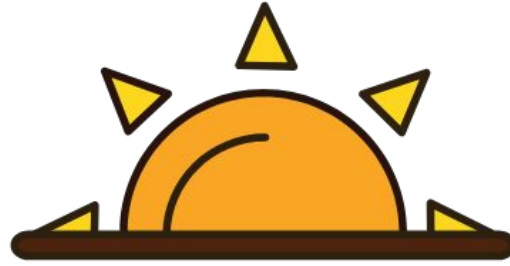


HELLO! NICE TO MEET YOU!
OLÁ! BOM DIA! PRAZER EM CONHECÊ-LOS!





WE ARE 3 TEACHERS & SIX 12-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS FROM THE SAME GROUP OF SCHOOLS.

NOW, LET'S INTRODUCE OURSELVES



ITALY, TUSCANY (OUR REGION), IN THE PROVINCE OF PISA,





TERRITORY
Pisa

Feedback



PISA IS A BEAUTIFUL TOWN . IT'S NEAR A MOUNTAIN CHAIN CALLED MONTE PISANO AND NOT FAR FROM THE SEA. YOU CAN WALK THROUGH THE CITY CENTER AND SEE MEDIEVAL TOWERS, RENAISSANCE PALACES AND ROMANESQUE CHURCHES. THE MOST FAMOUS SQUARE IS CALLED **PIAZZA DEI MIRACOLI**, WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE LEANING TOWER.



PIAZZA DEI MIRACOLI WITH ITS CATHEDRAL AND THE LEANING TOWER.

THE ARNO RIVER DIVIDES THE TOWN INTO TWO PARTS.

PIAZZA DEI CAVALIERI, A BIG SQUARE WHERE THE OLD UNIVERSITY IS.



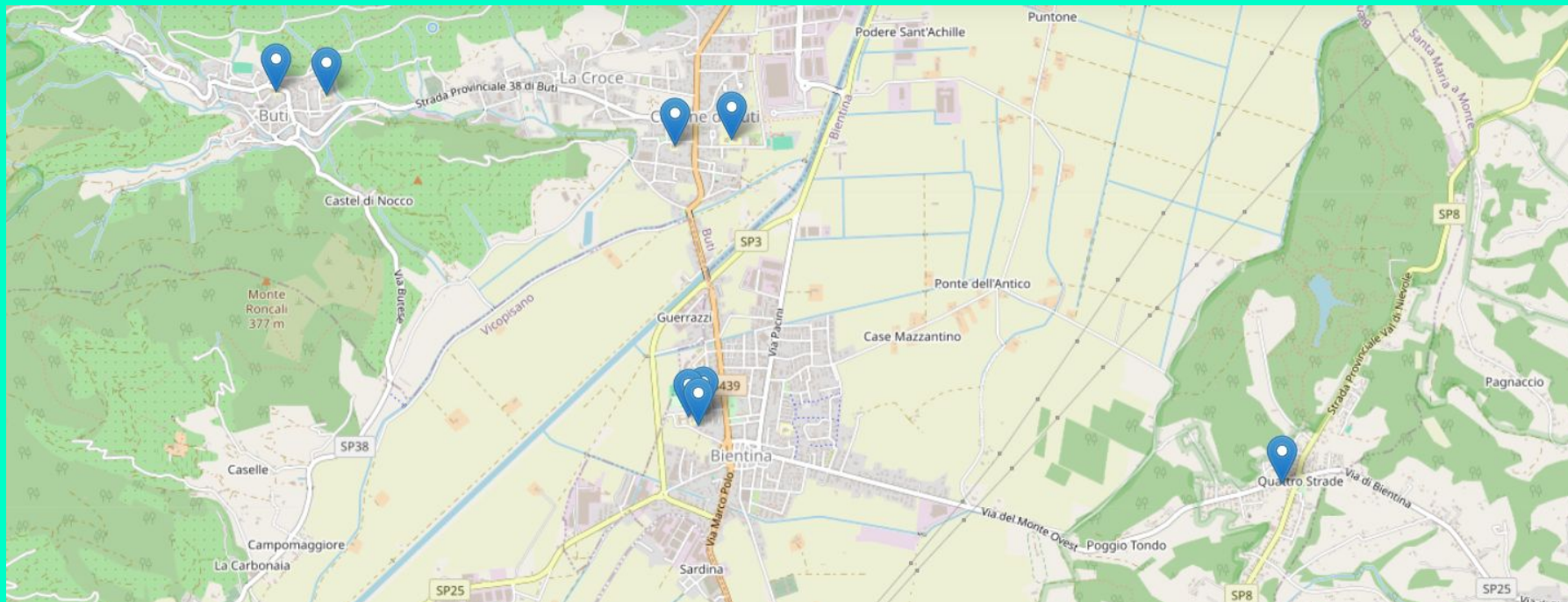
PISA IS ALSO A GREAT PLACE TO ENJOY NATURE AND THE BEACH. THERE'S A BIG PARK NEARBY CALLED SAN ROSSORE MIGLIARINO MASSACIUCCOLI AND THE BEACH IS ONLY 12 KILOMETERS AWAY (YOU CAN BIKE THERE ON A CYCLE PATH).



OUR GROUP OF SCHOOLS

10 SCHOOLS IN 4 SMALL TOWNS AND HAMLETS IN THE PROVINCE OF PISA

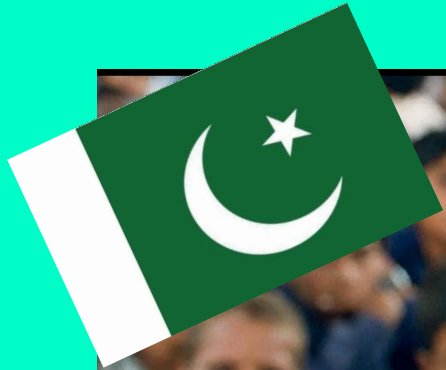
- BIENTINA, QUATTRO STRADE, BUTI AND CASCINE DI BUTI -



WHAT ABOUT THE NAME OF OUR SCHOOL GROUP ?

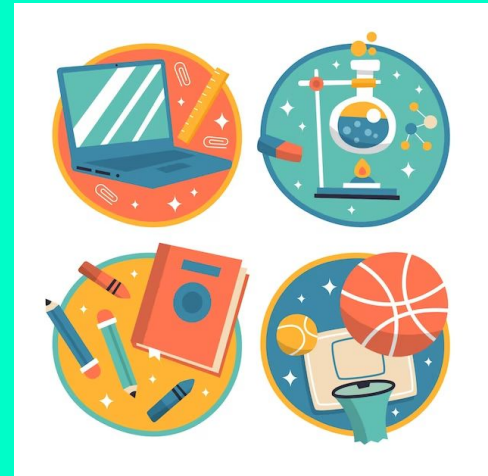
IQBAL MASIH WAS A PAKISTANI BOY WHO WORKED IN A CARPET FACTORY.

HE FOUGHT AGAINST CHILD LABOUR.



AT MIDDLE SCHOOL, OUR SCHOOL SUBJECTS ARE:

- ITALIAN (6 HOURS PER WEEK)
- HISTORY (2 HRS)
- GEOGRAPHY (2 HRS)
- MATHEMATICS (4 HRS)
- SCIENCE (2 HRS)
- TECHNOLOGY (2 HRS)
- ENGLISH (3 HRS)
- FRENCH (2 HRS)
- ART (2 HRS)
- MUSIC (2 HRS)
- P.E. (2 HRS)
- CATHOLIC RELIGION OR
ALTERNATIVE SUBJECT (1 HR)



WE ALL LIVE AND GO TO SCHOOL IN BIENTINA,
A SMALL TOWN IN THE ARNO RIVER VALLEY, NEAR THE PISAN MOUNTAINS



IN THE OLD PART OF OUR TOWN, YOU'LL SEE ANCIENT TOWERS AND THE MASTIO (WHICH IS THE PUBLIC LIBRARY)



THE MAIN SQUARE IS LOVELY: THE TOWN HALL, A NICE FOUNTAIN AND THE CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA ASSUNTA



CADUTI DA PIAVOLA PARK: A PLAYGROUND, AN OPEN-AIR THEATRE AND A SNACK BAR



YOU CAN ... SEE A PERFORMANCE TO THE THEATRE (TEATRO DELLE SFIDE)

... GO TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FIND A BOOK YOU LIKE. IT IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE MEDIEVAL CIVIC TOWER



YOU CAN VISIT THE CHRISTIAN ART MUSEUM AND A MUSEUM ABOUT THE ETRUSCANS
(AN ANCIENT PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN CENTRAL ITALY).



CLOSE TO BIENTINA ... THE TANALI NATURE RESERVE. THERE, YOU FIND PLANTS AND ANIMALS (BIRDS, AMPHIBIANS, REPTILES AND INSECTS), TRAILS FOR HIKING AND YOU CAN GO BIRDWATCHING



FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS IN BIENTINA

IN THE SAINT VALENTINE'S PALIO, THE TOWN'S 9
DISTRICTS COMPETE IN A HORSE RACE TO WIN A BANNER



THE BIENTINA CARNIVAL FEATURES COLORFUL MASKS, FLOATS, PARADES AND MUSIC





HERE ARE SOME PICTURES SHOWING THE CARNIVAL. STUDENTS FROM BIENTINA DREW THEM.

THE PEACE FESTIVAL... PROMOTING PEACE AND UNITY

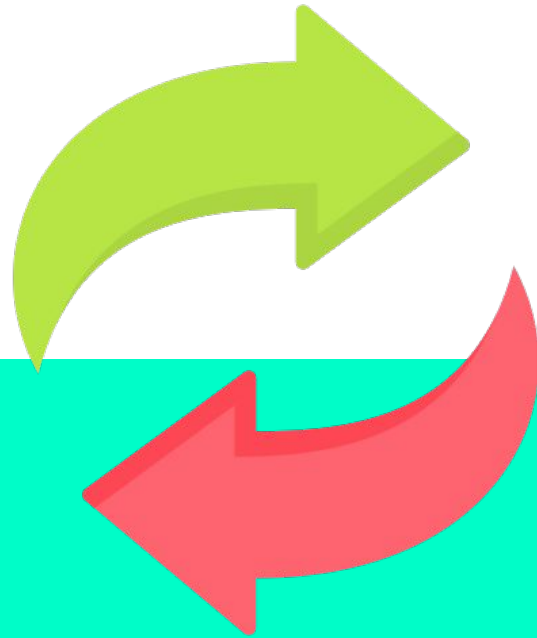


TRADITIONAL DISHES OF BIENTINA AND OF THE PROVINCE OF PISA

- ANGUILLE (EELS) WITH TOMATO SAUCE, WHITE WINE, FLOUR AND PEPPER
- TORTA CO' BISCHERI: A TART WITH CHOCOLATE, RICE, PINE NUTS AND CANDIED FRUIT
- CASTAGNACCIO: A CHESTNUT CAKE WITH CHESTNUT FLOUR, PINE NUTS AND RAISINS



BIENTINA MIDDLE SCHOOL





OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL IS IN A GREEN MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPE
AND SHARES A BUILDING WITH BIENTINA PRIMARY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN



OUR SCHOOL HAS TWO FLOORS. IN FRONT OF IT, THERE'S A SMALL YARD WITH BENCHES AND BOXES/PLANTERS WITH AROMATIC HERBS.



ON ONE WALL, THERE IS A PIECE OF STREET ART CALLED 'SAPER VOLARE' (LEARN TO FLY). IT MEANS 'THE MORE YOU LEARN, THE MORE YOU CAN DO.'



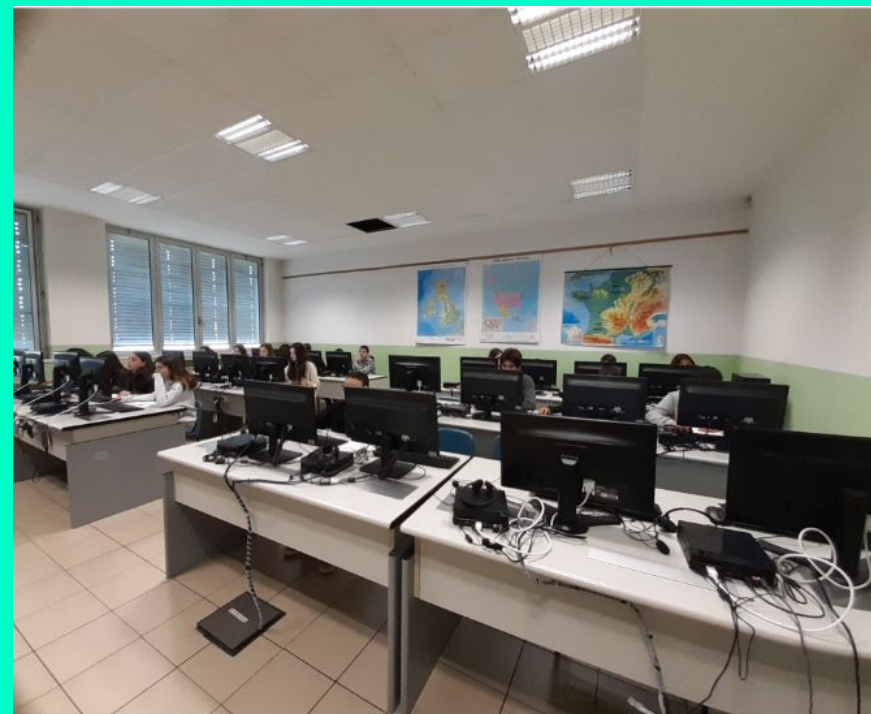
THE ENTRANCE HALL AND
RECEPTION DESK

OUR BACKYARD. WE GO THERE FOR A BREAK WHEN IT'S
SUNNY AND WARM





EVERY CLASSROOM IS EQUIPPED WITH A TOUCH SCREEN



COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE LAB. WE GO THERE TO TAKE OUR
ENGLISH EXAMS OR NATIONAL TESTS

SINCE LAST YEAR, STUDENTS SWITCH ROOMS
DEPENDING ON THE SUBJECT.

THE DOORS HAVE SIGNS AND PICTURES TO
SHOW WHAT'S TAUGHT INSIDE. THIS HELPS
ALSO STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT USE WORDS

SCIENZE 	MUSICA 	GEOGRAFIA 	EDUCAZIONE FISICA 	LINGUA 
STORIA 	ITALIANO 	MATEMATICA 	RELIGIONE 	EDUCAZIONE ARTISTICA 





OUR THEMED CLASSROOMS WERE INTRODUCED LAST YEAR, SO WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THAT.

SOME TEACHERS ARE WORKING TO EQUIP THEM WITH THE MATERIALS, POSTERS AND CARDBOARD DISPLAYS



AS OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL ISN'T BIG, WE HAVE A MULTIPURPOSE ROOM AND A HALL WITH OCTAGONAL TABLES FOR SMALL GROUP WORK OR ONE-ON-ONE WORK, QUIET STUDY, REST OR TEACHER-PARENT MEETINGS

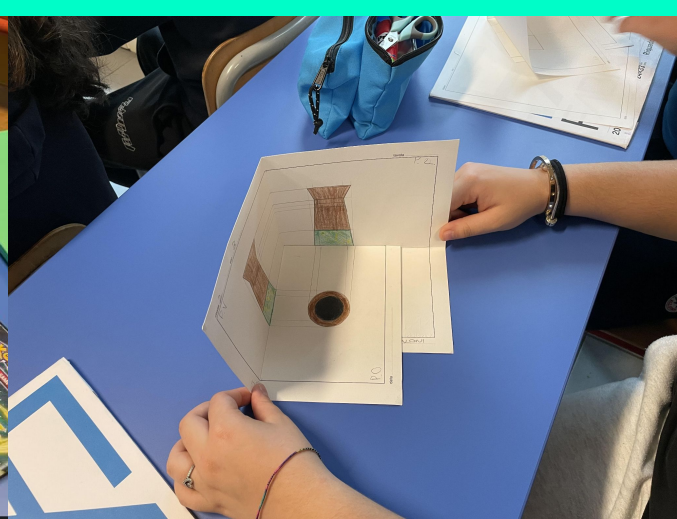


IN THE ART ROOM, THERE ARE GROUPS OF TABLES, STORAGE CABINETS FOR ART SUPPLIES AND STUDENT DRAWINGS HANGING ON THE WALLS

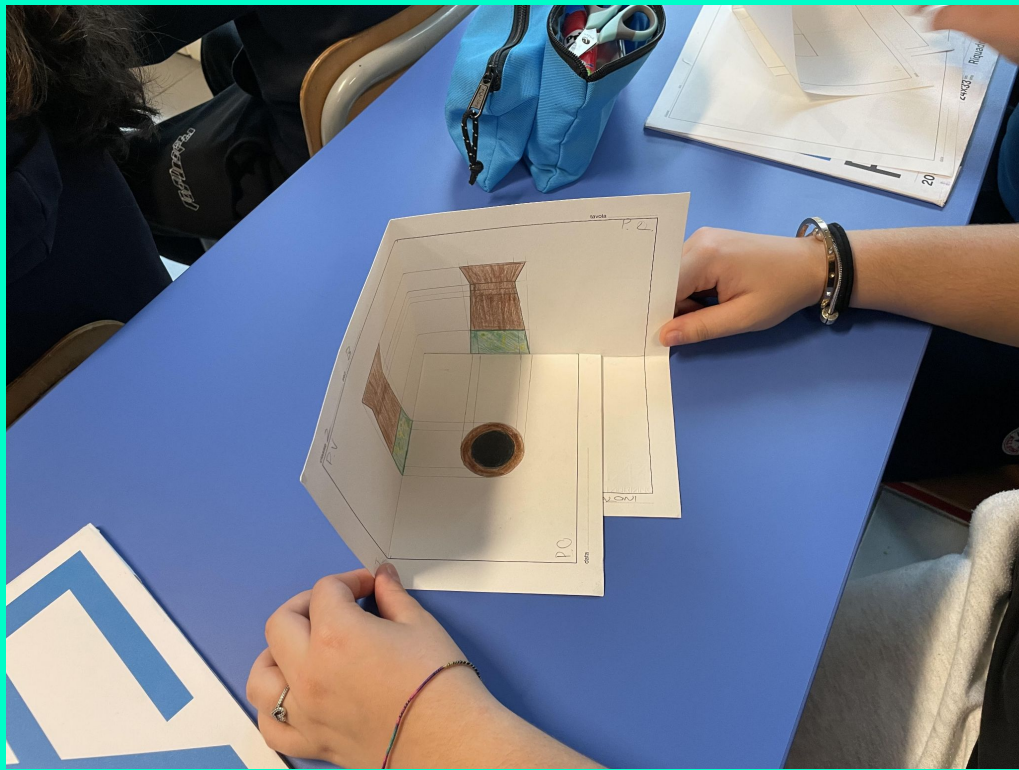




TECHNICAL DRAWING ACTIVITIES



IN TECHNOLOGY CLASS



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THE SCHOOL LIBRARY



A SMALL LIBRARY WITH EASY-TO-READ BOOKS

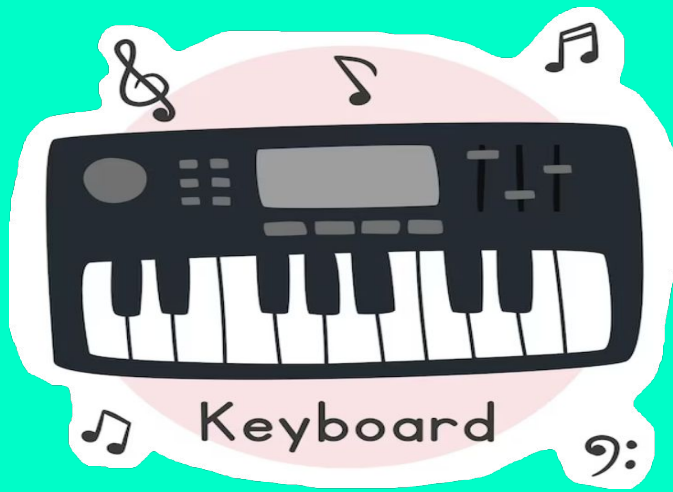


FOR P.E., WE CROSS THE STREET AND GO TO THE PUBLIC GYM OR TO THE OUTDOOR SPORTS FIELD

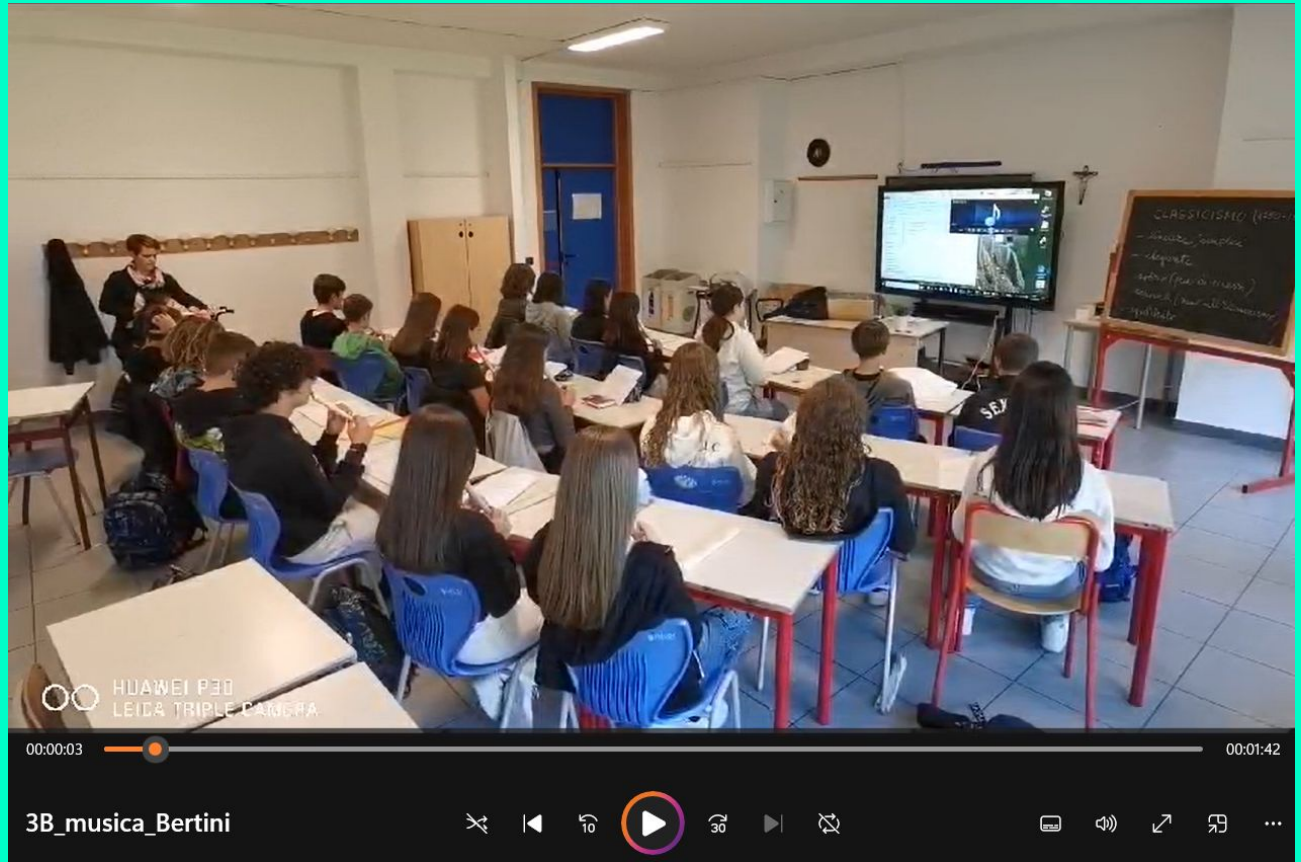
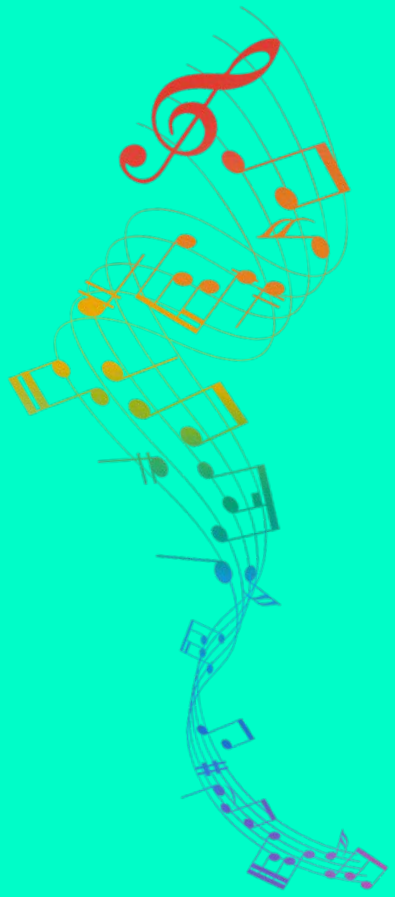




PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES



IN MUSIC CLASS, WE MAINLY PLAY THE FLUTE, BUT SOME KIDS ALSO PLAY THE KEYBOARD



MUSIC CLASS

WE CAN ALSO ATTEND SOME OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS IN THE AFTERNOON, SUCH AS STORYTELLING, ROLE-PLAYING, THEATER SKILLS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING



EVERY YEAR, 8TH GRADERS TAKE PART IN A CONTEST WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EX-DEPORTEES IN NAZI CAMPS: THEY WRITE ESSAYS OR DRAW PICTURES ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST, WHEN JEWS WERE DEPORTED TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. WINNERS VISIT CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

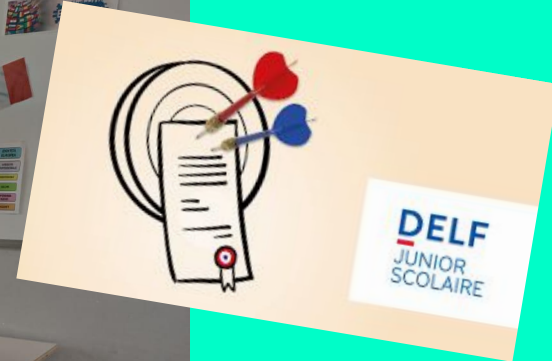
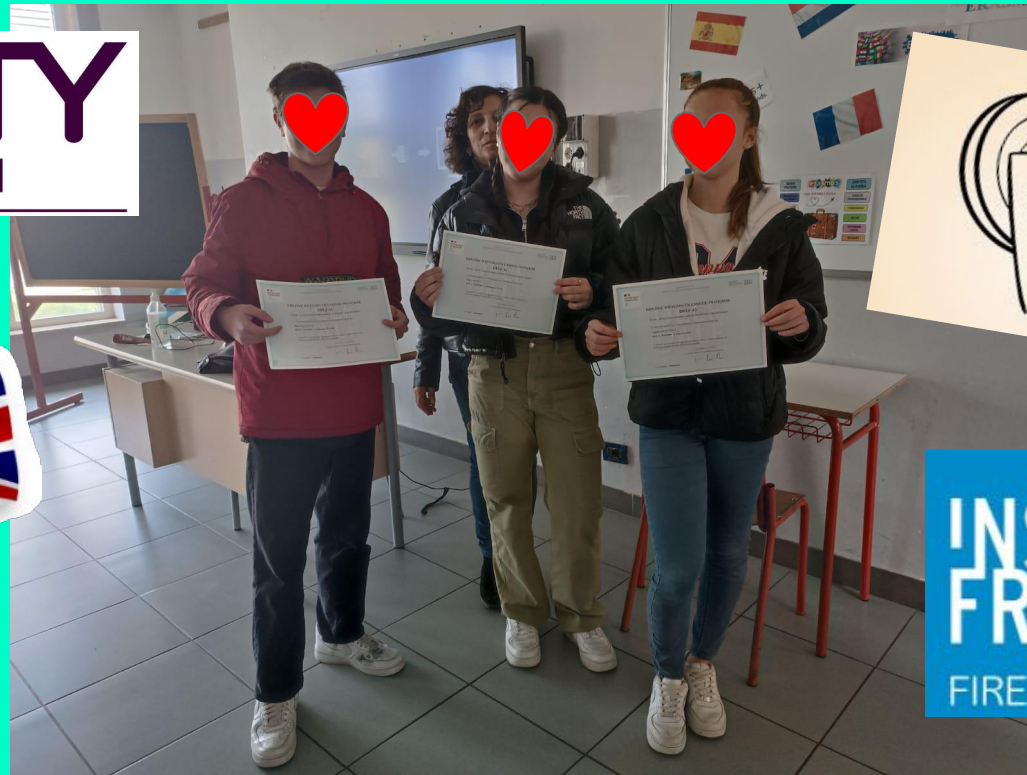


VISIT TO MAUTHAUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP, AUSTRIA



A HAMMER HITTING A SWING: A MEMORIAL TO THE CHILD VICTIMS AT MAUTHAUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP

TRINITY
COLLEGE LONDON



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FIRENZE

IN THE AFTERNOON, STUDENTS WHO LIKE LANGUAGES CAN TAKE EXTRA CLASSES TO GET LANGUAGE CERTIFICATES
IN ENGLISH (TRINITY) AND FRENCH (DELTA)



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A NATIVE FRENCH TEACHER COMES IN ONLINE TO TEACH US FOR A FEW HOURS EACH YEAR.

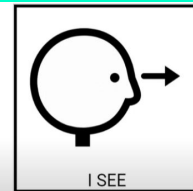
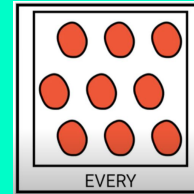
WE DO FUN ACTIVITIES AND PRACTICE SPEAKING FRENCH!

STUDENTS WHO NEED EXTRA HELP GET SUPPORT FROM SPECIAL TEACHERS WHO MAKE ACTIVITIES JUST FOR THEM.

THIS WAY, STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CAN PARTICIPATE IN CLASS ACTIVITIES AND MAKE FRIENDS.



ONE FUN ACTIVITY WAS A MUSIC PROJECT WHERE THE LYRICS OF "MY HEART WILL GO ON" WERE TRANSLATED INTO PICTURES, SO THAT STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE WITH WORDS COULD UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THAT ENGLISH SONG





WE'RE IMPROVING OUR LEARNING SPACES AND MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES. OUR GOAL IS TO ENABLE THEM TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEIR FRIENDS IN REGULAR CLASSES.



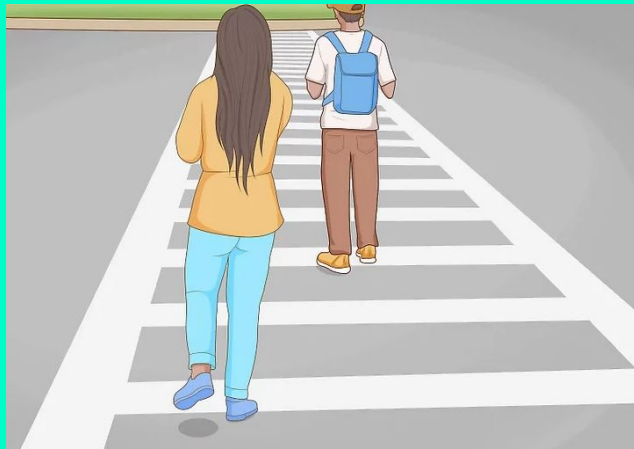
AN INCLUSIVE COOKING WORKSHOP

A SCHOOL GIRL AND HER
CLASSMATES WORK
TOGETHER, USING
PICTOGRAMS TO
COMMUNICATE AND LEARN
NEW THINGS





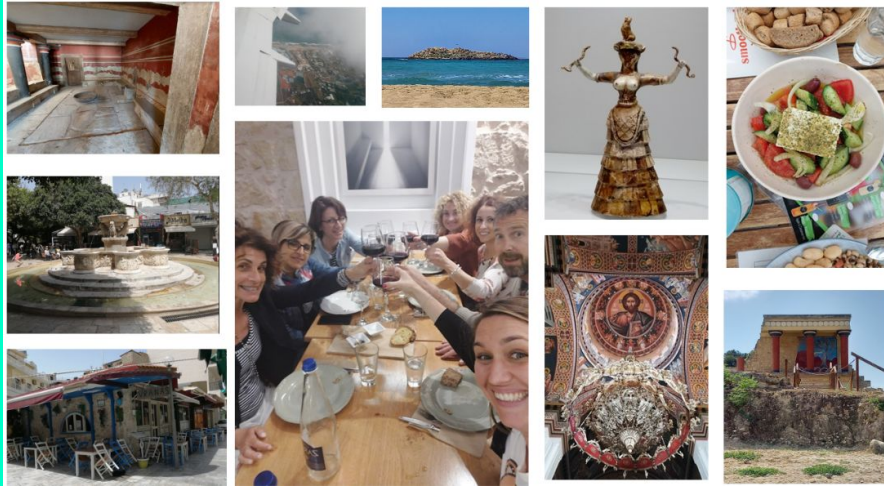
THIS YEAR, WE'RE TRYING OUT MUSIC THERAPY AND ACTIVITIES TO HELP KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT. THEY WILL LEARN HOW TO CROSS THE STREET SAFELY, USE MONEY AND GO SHOPPING





OUR SCHOOL IS WORKING TO EXPAND ITS LIBRARY COLLECTION AND ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO READ MORE

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OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, OUR SCHOOL HAS JOINED IN THE **ERASMUS+ PROJECT**.

AS A RESULT, SOME OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE TRAVELED TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, AND WE'VE WELCOMED FOREIGN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
TO OUR SCHOOL

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SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR TRIPS TO CRETE AND SLOVENIA

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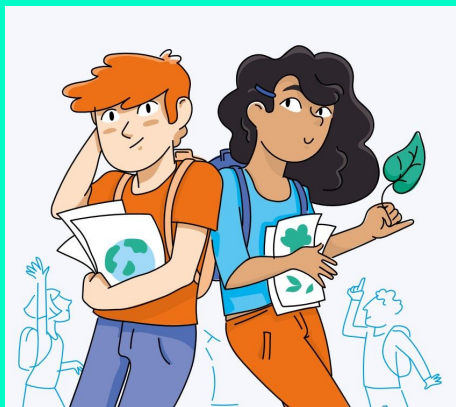
HERE WE ARE IN ITALY WITH OUR GREEK GUESTS



LIKE LAST YEAR, TWO STUDENT TEACHERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS ARE COMING TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL TO SEE HOW OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM WORKS AND HOW WE DO THINGS



THIS YEAR, OUR SCHOOL WILL COOPERATE WITH YOUR SCHOOL ON A **PEER MENTORSHIP** PROGRAM:
A SYSTEM WHERE STUDENTS HELP EACH OTHER OUT, WITH ONE STUDENT ACTING AS A MENTOR TO
ANOTHER.



THIS YEAR, WE'RE COOPERATING WITH YOUR SCHOOL AND WITH A SPANISH SCHOOL ON AN
ECO-PROJECT CALLED **ECODELEGATES**. OUR STUDENTS WILL MEET ONLINE WITH YOU AND THE
SPANISH KIDS TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS ABOUT BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR SCHOOL TRIPS, WORKSHOPS, AND PROJECTS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

- ORIENTEERING ACTIVITY AT CASCINE DI BUTI PARK
- A TRIP TO VIEW THE JAPANESE ARTIST HOKUSAI'S EXHIBITION
- A TRIP TO LARDERELLO (GEOTHERMAL ENERGY & NATURAL PHENOMENA)
- TO THE LOCAL THEATRE (WE WILL ATTEND TWO PLAYS ON GARIBALDI AND ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN)
- VISIT TO A MINING PARK
- TRIP TO UMBRIA (REGION IN CENTRAL ITALY)
- VISIT TO LOCAL HEALTH CENTER FOR SEX EDUCATION
- TO MONTEFALCONE NATURE RESERVE: TO EXPLORE BIODIVERSITY (THE VARIETY OF LIFE FORMS, SUCH AS PLANTS AND ANIMALS)
- A TRIP TO THE GARBAGE RECYCLING CENTER
- WORKSHOPS WITH POLICE (ON HOW TO USE THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA SAFELY)
- WORKSHOP WITH A PSYCHOLOGIST ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
- VISITS TO HIGH SCHOOLS AND OTHER EVENTS TO HELP STUDENTS CHOOSE A HIGH SCHOOL
- EXTRA CLASSES FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE OR WHO NEED TO CATCH UP
- FINAL EXAM PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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