



ROLL THE DICE IN OUR SCHOOL

Since the beginning of the school year 2014/2015 Lower Secondary School in Brzeziny joined the partnership project **Roll the Dice**. This project is implemented with the financial support from European Union of Erasmus + program "Strategic partnerships - collaboration of schools."

Roll the Dice is a language project, which is based on the motive of game. Games allow us to develop different skills and values. Playing we acquire new knowledge, we communicate, express emotions and use imagination. The project promotes the game as a useful learning and conciliation tool in people's lives. Another aim of the project is developing language skills in the foreign language as well as providing real situations to practice it at the same time we develop values of acceptance, cooperation and respect. Within two years of collaboration, students will develop their language skills and learn about the culture of the partner countries. The purpose of the program is not only to improve English proficiency among students and teachers but also to build friendly relations between pupils of different countries. Moreover, the students will stimulate their creativity and develop their personality by creating the board games and playing theatre.

Mobilities – unforgettable moments

During the project our students had the opportunity to visit three partner countries and

11-15 May 2015- we had an opportunity to make new friends in **Majorca, Arta.**

21-25 September 2015- we spent a wonderful moments in **Romania, Panciu.**

11-15 April 2016- we had a playful time in **Hungary, Lakitelek.**

In each meeting we shared and played together different traditional games. Students had the opportunity to share experiences and start a friendship that enables them to communicate in English and get closer to other students from other countries with similar needs, problems and interests. First of all, during these meetings we organised and shared our project progress with all partners, but at the same time set a basis for collaborative working as well as meeting other cultures; and therefore, developing acceptance, cooperation, respect values and communication skills in English. Families in each host country were working close together with the schools and participating close together in all the activities. Each host country prepared a presentation of different traditional games in their country. During the mobilities, students cooperated together sharing questions about their own countries and playing together to learn or find out their knowledge about other countries in Europe.

Roll the Dice tasks and activities

One of the tasks within the project was to organize a campaign **No Kid Without a Toy**. The aim of the task was to help families in need from our school during Christmas. The students from Lower Secondary School in Brzeziny always relieve the poverty. The students and teachers decided to send this year help to families in need from school community. Not only students, but also teachers and school staff took part in the collection of various products. After a few weeks both the boxes and the space around them were filled with different products and items, such as food, clothes and necessities. All goods were segregated and packed. A lot of people helped to lead the campaign, among them were: teachers Elżbieta Korczyńska, Katarzyna Garncarz, Agnieszka Kopeć, students: Karolina Jabłońska, Marta Pietrzak, Julia Korczyńska. Just before Christmas the presents were delivered to the families. The people were completely surprised and shocked but grateful. The school community also gave some gifts (toys and board games) to children in need whose families can't afford to buy them presents during Christmas. The meetings with the families pushed people to tears but also were full of hope that we again managed to do a lot of good. The smile on the faces of those people was the best reward for our commitment. Another activity organized within the project framework was to create **board games**. The students with the help of their English teachers designed several games, the purpose of which is to develop not only language skills but also creativity, cooperation and knowledge. **The Discover Poland Game** is designed to help students broaden their knowledge of Polish culture, cities, famous people, geography, history, and cuisine. The game is a kind of a trip across Poland which starts in the mountains and finishes at the Polish seaside. Through games students are able to use the target language to explain the rules and give directions to their partners. The students were also engaged in the task called **“What do you know about my country?”** and prepared a set of questions about Polish traditions, geography and history. One of the tasks within the Roll the Dice project is to **play theatre**. Two groups of students are glad to present the results of their work. Due to the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death our students prepared scenes from Hamlet and Romeo and Juliet. They are modern versions of the plays which were translated in a humorous way by our students. The second group prepared the modern version of Little Red Riding Hood who is looking for the prince on the Internet. The story is a mixture of various fairy tales. The main character, Little Red Riding Hood, is looking for a prince. On her way to Granny she meets various fairy tale characters, such as Witch, Snow White and Seven Dwarves, Prince with Dragon, Frog, Prince Charming, Shouting Princess, and of course Wolf. The problem is that she can't find her own prince.