

**8<sup>th</sup> Gymnasium of Kalamaria**  
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## **Comenius Multilateral Partnerships**

**“Intercultural dialogue as a mean to develop creativity & innovation”**

**Summary of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in Hellas-Thessaloniki**

**18 – 23 June, 2011**

**Our school** belongs to the lower secondary education with approximately two hundred students at the age of thirteen to fifteen. The staff twenty-five teachers includes the headmaster and the secretaries. School facilities a computer room, an arts and crafts laboratory and a school auditorium a basket ball, a volley ball court and t a library.

Our school organizes cultural, enviromental and athletic events.

We also arrange excursions, sightseeing programmes and in the end of the school year students organize a painting and an arts and crafts exhibition.

The third class students organize a farewell festival nith humorous performances and a lot of dancing, singing and eating delicious Hellenic food.

**Our country – Hellas** is in southeastern Europe, situated on the southern end of the Balkan Peninsula. Greece has a vast number of islands including Crete, the Dodecanese, the Cyclades, and the Ionian Islands among others. Eighty percent of Greece consists of mountains, of which Mount Olympus is the highest.

Modern Greece traces its roots to the civilization of ancient Greece, generally considered the cradle of Western civilization. As such, it is the birthplace of democracy, Western philosophy, the birthplace of Olympic Games, Western literature and historiography, political science, major scientific and mathematical principles, and Western drama, including both tragedy and comedy. This legacy is partly reflected in the 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites located in Greece. The modern Greek state was established in 1830, following a victorious uprising against Ottoman rule.

**Our City Thessaloniki** was founded around 315 BC by the King Cassander of Macedonia, on or near the site of the ancient town of Thermae and 26 other local villages. He named it after his wife Thessaloniki, sister of Alexander the Great.

Thessaloniki or Salonica is the second-largest city in Greece and the capital of the region of Macedonia. Its honorific title is Symprotévousa, literally "co-capital", a reference to its historical status as the Symvasilévousa or "co-reigning" city of the Byzantine Empire, alongside Constantinople.

Thessaloniki is Greece's second major economic, industrial, commercial and political centre, and a major transportation hub for the rest of southeastern Europe; its commercial port is also of great importance for Greece and its southeast European hinterland. The city hosts an annual International Trade Fair, the International Thessaloniki Film Festival, and the largest bi-annual meeting of the Greek diaspora.

Thessaloniki is home to numerous notable Byzantine monuments, including the Paleochristian and Byzantine monuments , a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as well as several Ottoman and Jewish structures.

**Our region Kalamaria** is a municipality of the Thessaloniki Urban Area located about 7 km southeast of downtown Thessaloniki. It is the second largest municipality of the Thessaloniki Urban Area as well as one of the largest in whole Greece.

Kalamaria has an ancient history. First settlers were Greek refugees who came in 1920 from Caucasus and Georgia but its Population was made up primarily of refugees from Asia Minor's destruction in 1922 and the Exchange of Populations after the Lausanne Treaty in 1923.

Karabournaki, situated on the peninsula of Kalamaria, has been archaeologically excavated, researched and discovered the existence of a prehistorical settlement.

The **name Kalamaria** probably emanated from the meaning of the two words 'Kala' which means good, and 'meria' which means 'side'. This opinion is strengthened from reports that Kalamaria is described as the place with the richest vegetation, fertile fields and an abundance of fruits, vineyards and flowers. Another version suggests that the name is taken from 'Scala' – meria (side)". "Scala" was a Byzantine naval station, that existed in the region of Micro Emvolou and it protected the entry to the Thermaikos gulf from raids by Arabian pirates, up to the 10th century. Nowadays, Kalamaria aware of the contemporary challenges draws new horizons of actions in the arena of informative systems.

**18-06-2011 Saturday** Arrival in Thessaloniki. The students met their host families and their teachers went to "Macedonia Pallas" hotel. In the evening all partners attended **traditional festivities** in Kalamaria and then we all had the welcome dinner.

**19-06-2011 Sunday** We all had a day out, as it was Sunday. We first had the opportunity to visit Ancient Stagira Aristotle's birthplace, than we went to Ouranoupolis and had **a cruise to Mount Athos** and finally we visited Drenia **the small islands** ("Gaidouronissia" in other words) where we all swam and had lunch at a lovely taverna there. Late in the afternoon we had some free time in Ouranoupoli and we also visited the tower there and some traditional markets. Early in the evening on our way back to Thessaloniki we visited **Aristotele's thematic park**, having a number of different objects based on experiments in Physics he himself carried out. At night we all had dinner in Skra square in Kalamaria, Thessaloniki.

**20-06-2011 Monday** Opening of the **11<sup>th</sup> meeting** and exchange of gifts. We all visited the Comenius **project exhibition**, and then the **Mayor of Kalamaria** had a reception for us at the Municipality. We discussed about our project, we exchanged gifts and we had a coffee break offered by the Mayor.

After lunch we visited the **Prefecture of central Macedonia**, where we were given a short lecture and we then exchanged some gifts.

We then visited the **Archeological and Byzantine museums** of Thessaloniki.

In the afternoon the students participated in an Interactive workshop in school. And their teachers were free to go shopping or have a cup of coffee. In the evening we all **celebrated the last day at school** from our 3rd class students.









**21-06-2011 Tuesday** We visited **Vergina**, Aiges the 1st capital of Ancient Macedonia in the reign of Philip the second (Alexander's the Great father) and the area of **Platamon- the Olympus Mountain**. Teachers and students learnt a lot about the history of Macedonia.

We swam in **ST'Panteleimonas place** and had lunch.. We also visited Litochoro. During the above visits we gave a **“test” to all students** so as to see who had learnt more about our history. The winner got a gift.!

When we came back to Thessaloniki we had dinner at a very nice tavern, called **“IMVROS”** where Greek teachers played music and sang!

**22-06-2011 Wednesday** Each partner **presented the project material** at school. After that we had a guided bus tour in Thessaloniki, the **White tower** and the **Byzantine walls at Acropolis**. We had lunch near the Byzantine walls and later we visited the **church of St Demetrius** who's the protector of the city of Thessaloniki, and other historical places. Finally we had the Farewell dinner in Aretsu, **“REMEZZO”** near the marina, in Kalamaria with a lot of....dancing.







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