

Teachers and students of „Vladimir Nazor“ Primary school Ploče, the **participants of Comenius - multilateral school partnership project, are spending the third week of March in ZŠ T.G. Masaryka in Krmelin, near Ostrava, in Czech Republic.** After hosting all partners in Croatia, we have visited Turkey and Poland so far, and this will be our 4th project meeting.

One of the topics for this meeting is recycling. Representatives of Turkish, Polish, Slovak, Czech and Croatian teams will exchange their experience in environmental activities.

Our students enthusiastically take place in regular activities of gathering paper and corks, as well as in art workshops where they make souvenirs from driftwood and pebbles. Besides that, the local NGO „Radost“ engaged in supporting people with mental disabilities, accepted us as partners in their weaving activities. *The carpet weaving workshop and the loom were founded by the EU (from Social Fond within strengthening economic activity for families with dependent member).*

Students bring clothes and garments which are not needed in their homes any more to the NGO. Decorative covers, bags and carpets are woven from these garments on the loom. Members of „Radost“ and our students volunteering there, enjoy preparing and arranging textile ribbons and taking part in the magic of converting something useless into nice handy household items on a simple wooden loom.

We are proud of students' involvement in local community life through creative work aiming to help dependant members, based on joint efforts to save our planet. We are taking decorative products from our NGO as presents to all our partners.

Solidarity, generosity, commitment, trusting our own resources and strength of community woven in their texture, are the same values we promote with our joint project. Arancini, bajamini, local herbs, some jam and honey will also be a part of the gift baskets we are preparing for our partner schools, as well as promotional materials about Dubrovnik Neretva county, the Neretva river valley, Baćina lakes, and Makarska Rivijera, for which we are grateful to Ms Vučković, Deputy Prefect of Dubrovnik Neretva Cuntly and the employees of tourist offices in our area.

Take the textile you don't need to the Radost NGO, buy their products, strengthen the power of our community with your own generosity!