

Wow, che una fantastica esperienza!!

We had a fantastic experience on our Learning, Teaching and Training visit to Vasto in Italy as part of our two year Erasmus project, 'Sharing European Values using Film and Cinema'. In February two teachers, Ms Elaine Walker and Mr Dougie Stevenson, along with four students, Eilidh Raeburn, Erin Muir, Aynsley Calder and Megan Kerr had the opportunity to travel to Italy to meet up with our European partners and to share the work that we have been doing over the last few months.



The Erasmus group, students and teachers from Italy, Scotland, Turkey, Portugal and Lithuania.

The theme for the visit was the plight of refugees across Scotland and the 4 girls worked hard before we travelled doing research and then preparing a short movie on this topic. While visiting the school in Italy we had the opportunity to not only see all the films each partner school had produced but also to watch the award winning Italian film, 'Fuocoammare' which translates to 'Fire at Sea'. The film takes a close look at the plight of refugees and economic migrants trying to make the perilous journey across the Mediterranean Sea to reach Europe.

One of the highlights of the visit was an excellent workshop on film production which was delivered by a former student and award winning cinematographer. Our students were certainly gaining new skills.

Of course there was time for sightseeing and socialising, for making new friends, having new experiences and for practising and extending our language skills.



Visiting Pompeii, Mount Vesuvius shrouded in cloud in the background.

We visited Pompeii and Naples, the Sangri River War Cemetery, the Punta Aderci nature reserve and the Trabocchi coast.



The group visiting the Sangri River War Cemetery where more than 1500 British troops were laid to rest.

We had an action packed week, worked hard on our project, had a fun and exciting experience and made some very good friends.



We were sad to say goodbye but are looking forward to the next time we meet up.

Grazie mille Italia