

An Erasmus Experience Two weeks in Dublin

Clil: una sfida per la scuola italiana (KA1)

20/11/2021 - 4/12/2021

Saturday, November 20th
The departure

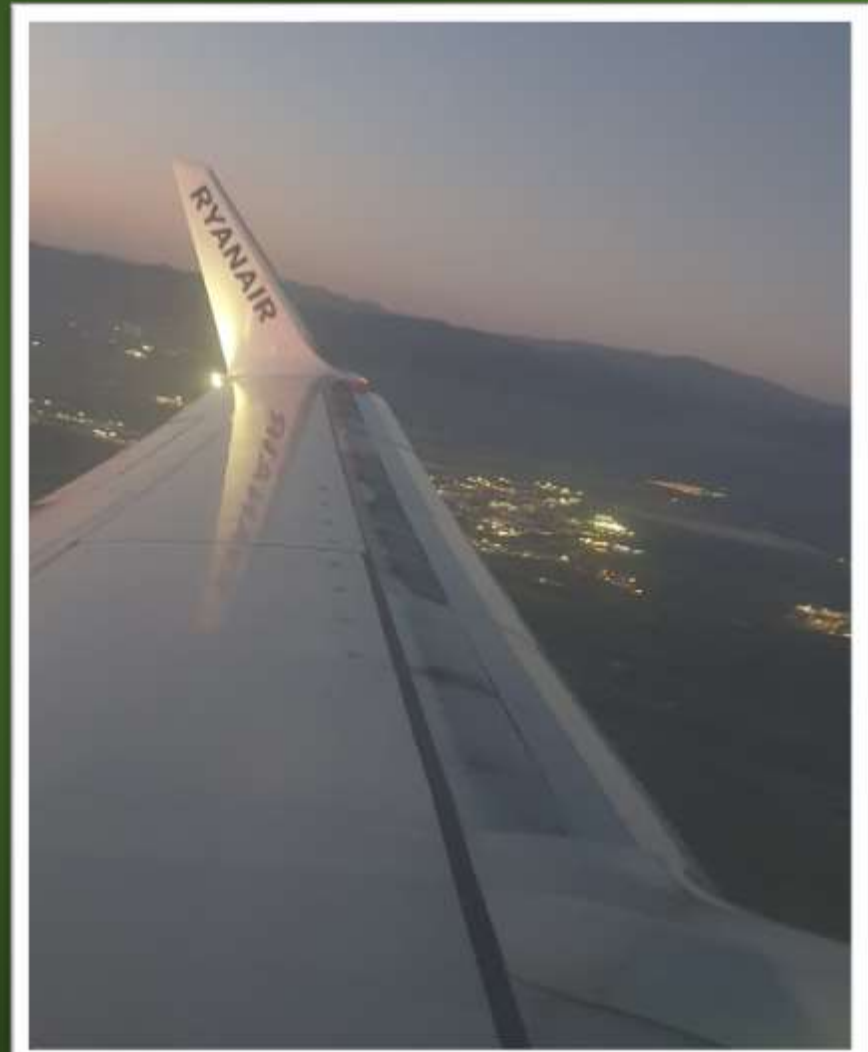


- We were three travellers, participants in the Erasmus Project KA1: Paola, Alessandro and I

Leaving with the moon



Paola and I
left at 6,45
and saw the
sunrise
from the
airplane!



At home

- In the afternoon we arrived home and met Anne, our host
- She is a former teacher and while having a very welcoming hot tea, we had a chat about herself and her teaching...
- ...It was love at first sight... she's awesome!!



In the
neighborhood



- We stayed in Roselawn View, in a nice village on the outskirts of Dublin called Blanchardstown village, about 40 minutes by bus from the school.



First evening

On the first evening we met the other members of the family: Hugh, Anne's very nice husband, and Princess, the lovely family doggie.

We also met the other guests:

Emrullah, a young turkish man and Ciccí and Antonio, our colleagues from Cagliari who led us for a tour around the neighborhood and cooked a delicious italian dinner for all of us.





At school

- Twin English Centre is very close to the city center in a beautiful Georgian building.
- On our first Monday we had the placement speaking test and, after some practical advices, we were assigned to our classes.
- I attended a B2 plus course with Alessandro.

The timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mornings 09.10 - 10.50	Placement Test Evaluation of Speaking Skills Induction / Orientation	Building linguistic, strategic and pragmatic competences	Building linguistic, strategic and pragmatic competences	Building linguistic, strategic and pragmatic competences	Review & progress test. Consolidation of language and further skills practice
Coffee Break					
11.10 - 13.10	Introduction to class project. Building linguistic, strategic and pragmatic competences	Building linguistic, strategic and pragmatic competences	Building linguistic, strategic and pragmatic competences	Building linguistic, strategic and pragmatic competences	Presentation of project, critique and reflection. Focused feedback on learner outcomes
Lunch					
Afternoons 14-16			Fluency Development	Fluency Development	

Course objectives

To develop and consolidate language skills by enhancing competency in English usage in a multi-national environment

To enhance communication in English between teachers and students

To enhance competence in communicating and sharing of Knowledge/ experiences in English at conferences and training courses

To enhance teachers' competence in reading and understanding professional articles and journals published in English

To promote awareness of Irish History and culture



Rachel



Ben, teacher in the morning class



Brian, teacher in the afternoon class



Mary



Owen, teacher for one day



Mick

The staff

My morning classmates



Alex- Chile



Djogo - Brazil



M. Antonietta e
M. Teresa - Italy



Alberto- Brazil



Bruna- Brazil



Serpil- Turkey



Gema - Argentina

My afternoon classmates



Elia - Italy
Giuliano - Switzerland



Denís - Turkey
Gíoele - Italy



M. Teresa - Italy
Paola - Italy
Alessandro - Italy

Elísabet - Spain

WARM UP

LOOK AT THIS IMAGE!

1. WHAT IS HAPPENING?
2. DO YOU LIKE IT?
3. WHAT IS YOUR EYE DRAWN TO?

WHAT MAKES IT

CONSIDER:

EMPATHY
EMOTION
CONNECTION

SHOULD THE PUNISHMENT FIT THE CRIME?

REFORM OR PUNISHMENT?

A person who has been punished is not thereby simply less inclined to behave in a given way; at best, he learns how to avoid punishment.

— E. V. Rieu —

TEXT VOCABULARY

ICONIC
WELL-COMPOSED
POWERFUL
MEANINGFUL
GRITTY
RAW
PLAYFUL
HUMOROUS
EVOCATIVE
EXOTIC
OBSERVANT
NONSENSICAL

- 1 WHY SHOULDN'T STREET PHOTOGRAPHERS PLAN MUCH?
- 2 WHAT SHOULD BE THE AIM OF A STREET PHOTOGRAPH ACCORDING TO ELLIOTT ERWITT AND THE WRITER?
- 3 WHAT DO YOU THINK ELLIOTT ERWITT MEANS BY VISUAL GARBAGE?
- 4 WHAT ATTRIBUTES DOES THE WRITER THINK ARE MOST IMPORTANT IN A STREET PHOTOGRAPHER?

HALDEN PRISON HAS BEEN COMPARED TO THE FINEST HOTEL

LESSONS ELLIOTT ERWITT HAS TAUGHT ME ABOUT STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

ERWITT, PHOTOGRAPHER

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OLD WORLD LANGUAGE FAMILIES

The topics of my lessons

During the lessons we talked about several topics, focusing on idioms and vocabulary. The most interesting were crime and punishment, influencer and social media, medical problems and injuries, photography, languages and celtic, Dublin.

The topics of my lessons



For the Erasmus teachers, Ben gave two lectures about using technology in the classroom, talking about Project Based Learning and Digital Storytelling.

We also worked on phonetics, pronunciation and grammar aspects like simple and continuous verbs tenses, relative clauses and verb patterns.



Walking around Dublin

Dublin Castle



Samuel Beckett Bridge



Penny Halfpenny Bridge



National Museum of Ireland



Botanic Gardens



Visiting Museums

At IMMA, in the building of the former Royal Hospital Kildmainham, we could see a very interesting exhibition of contemporary works about protest and conflict.

Irish Museum of Modern Art



Remarcable for its French painters' collection and Francis Bacon's studio reconstruction.

National Gallery



In this gallery we admired many Irish paintings and also some masterpieces of world art like artworks by Caravaggio, Vermeer, Picasso, Monet among the others.



Hugh Lane

Chester Beatty Library



This little museum houses a superb collection of ancient manuscripts and books from all over the world.



We went to Trinity College Library, with its Book of Kells, a precious illuminated medieval manuscript. Then we visited the first public library in Ireland, Marsh's Library, opened in 1707 and preserved intact with the books in the original oak bookshelves and three wired cages against thieves of books. The library keeps the first librarian's classification system.

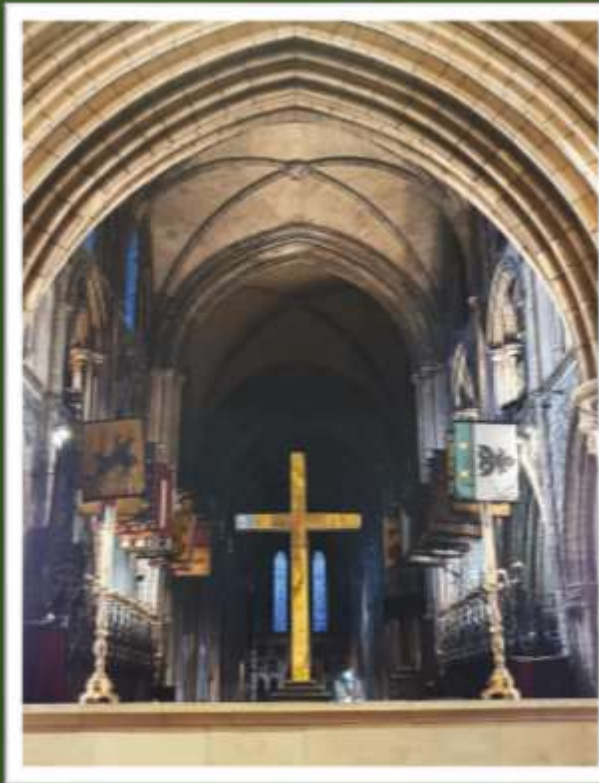
Libraries

St. Patrick and Christ Church Cathedrals

The two medieval cathedrals in Dublin.

The first one, the biggest church in Ireland, is the national cathedral of the Protestant Church of Ireland, built around 450.

The other one is the cathedral of the Irish Anglican Church and was built in 1186.





Christmas in Dublin

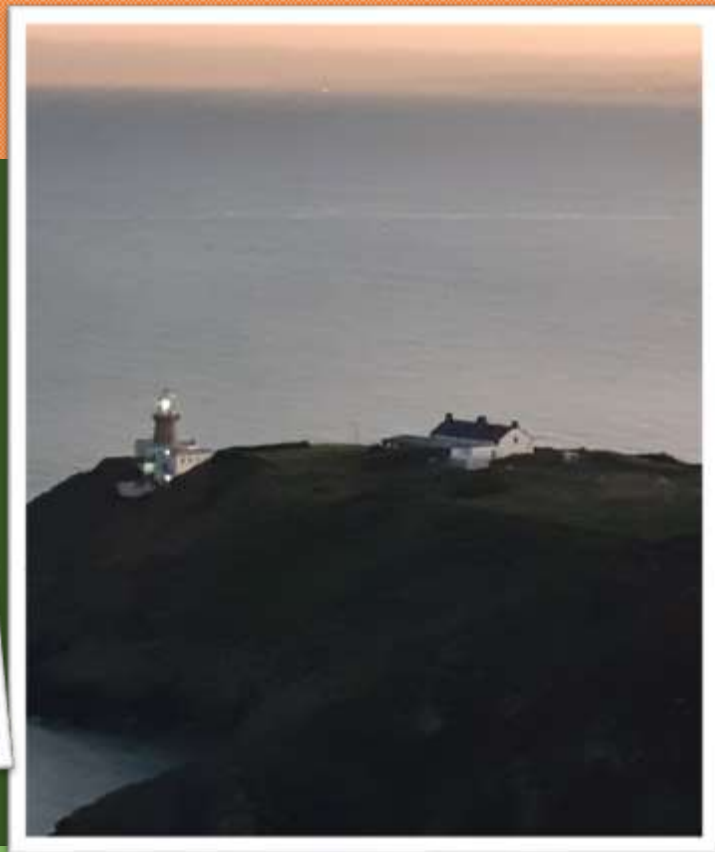
• Every place in Dublin was illuminated with the glittering Christmas' decorative lights and you could breathe a pleasant and warm festive Christmas atmosphere.

In the vicinity of Dublin: Malahide



On the first Sunday, we went to Malahide, to visit the beautiful castle with its gardens of 250 acres, coloured orange by the Autumn, and the nice and lively seaside village.

In the vicinity of Dublin: Howth



We went to Howth one afternoon after school. We were a little bit sorry because we thought that it could be too late to visit this characteristic fishing village close to Dublin, but we soon realised that it was the decisive moment to enjoy an amazing sunset on the panoramic view of the bay.

My achievements

- Thanks to this very fulfilling experience I could:
 - Improve my English language skills;
 - Think over the importance of using new technology in the classroom and
 - Discover new tools for using technology in the classroom (like Spark Adobe and Nearpod);
 - Relate to people from different and far away places;
 - Live in a house with local people experiencing a little bit of Irish daily life;
 - Learn a little bit more about Irish history and culture.

