

Help with the Clicks

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The International CLICK family (six project countries: Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania and Spain) using Computer Science, Languages, Inter-culture, Citizenship and Knowledge as the basis for building their way to successful performance at school and society, engaged a large number of students, parents, educators, local authorities and teachers into activities, which are normally not included in school curriculum, for creating a **European charity campaign**. One of the goals of the project Creative European school: C.L.I.C.K. number 2015-1-LT01-KA219-013406 is aimed to develop the whole child instead of giving him/her only academic education and help to succeed self - realization in social and personal life in a multicultural society which is leading to better understanding of EU values. On the basis of this project an issue **Help with the Clicks** welcomes its readers and highlights the charity campaigns



carried out in all the project countries. The readers will find out about good will, tolerance, love and respect, wonderful emotions and the ways to make our world a better place.



Every year Mazeikiai Ventos progymnasium organizes charity events which are involving more and more participants. The community members are eager to help those in need by donating toys, books, food, money etc. The aim of the events is to focus the attention of the community at large on social problems with a view to creating a sense of individual and communal responsibility and educate young people that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and valued members of society.

This year charity events began in November. A team of the Erasmus+ project Creative European School : C.L.I.C.K. interviewed a lot of people who participated in a numerous charity events. Firstly, the school community responded to the initiative “For a Safe Lithuania” and its invitation to reduce social exclusion and joined the charity action Christmas of Books with a slogan **Let’s donate books that change lives!** About 300 books were donated not only to our school library but also to families who cannot afford to buy books for children. Amelija Nicyte asked a librarian Birute Steponaviciene who hosted the event to answer several questions.

Amelija: How is the campaign going on and are pupils willingly donating books?

The librarian: We have got the most wonderful students. Even though the campaign has come to the middle the pupils have already donated 195 books. Moreover, the teachers and pupils' parents have got involved in the action too. I would like to admit that all the students eagerly and with love donate books which makes me really proud of them. Especially the youngest ones they come along with their friends to show the books they have gifted.

Amelija: How do you intend to use these books?

The librarian: The idea was to build a huge book Christmas tree. But I had to refuse this idea as students are constantly borrowing the donated books. We have more than 900 readers and new books especially recommended by pupils themselves are in a great request. Later, the books will be found on the shelves in the library but some of them will reach the families who cannot afford to buy books for kids.

Amelija: Are such campaigns necessary and what would you like to say to all the participants?

The librarian: After all, the rich is the one who has something to give - you become wealthy twice: while reading and caring for others and spreading your love and friendship. It's the best thing which might have happened to me. I feel happy seeing so many kind and loving hearts. Million thanks to all of them.





A wonderful Christmas Event Christmas Fairy was organized a week before Christmas. Pupils of the fifth form were "bakers and bartenders" and the cafes they opened that day, were selling delicious tarts, cakes, cookies, pies and cupcakes. The sweet items were sold for 10 eurocents a piece but the final amount of money exceeded 50 Euros. Pupils bought some cat and dog food, toys for animals and visited an animal shelter. The visit was unforgettable as everybody was happy to help those in need.

Other students organized a charity event providing their peers and teachers with public services for free. You could visit a hairdresser's, a tattoo salon, have your nails painted or have your makeup done. There were knitting courses and fortune teller's corner as well as a photo studio for vintage photography. Everybody was busy and happy even students' parents didn't miss an opportunity to visit this funny event. Our project journalists asked the guest about this year's charity event.



Gertruda Pociute asks her classmate *Raminta* **if she has donated something this year.**

Raminta: Yes, of course, my family donated toys and some gear.

Gertruda: **What was the reaction of people who received the support and help from you?**

Raminta: The people were very happy, sincere and really

appreciated it.

Goda herself took part in the campaign and also asked other participants about the event.

Goda: **Is donating necessary? Is it worth doing?**

Akvile and Ksaverija: It is worth doing, if a person does not have money or what to eat, he/she needs to get a support.

School headmistress: As a lot of people are doing it, it means it is necessary, however, I am not sure if it is worth doing.

School nurse: In my opinion, donating is necessary. It is hard for lonely old people who are in need to help, also sick children need to have an appropriate equipment which our government cannot buy. Therefore, we need to donate with intentions like this.

Inga: Donate and do good deeds are vitally important.

Goda: **Do you donate?**

Akvile and Ksaverija: Yes, we donate. Our parents do the same. Once we brought some toys to children's care centre.

School headmistress: No, I do not donate.

School nurse: I donate, when there is a show on TV or promotions to donate.

Inga: Yes, I donate.

Goda: **Should donating and being a generous person become a must during the festive season?**

Akvile and Ksaverija: No, of course not. We should donate any time.



School headmistress: I am always trying to be good, though, I do not donate. If you are a good person you know who needs your help and how you can help them. I do not support one-time donations, when you donate just to show that you have donated, to purify your soul, to make yourself feel better. We continuously need to be kind and devote our lives to others, not donate occasionally.

School nurse: No, of course not. In my opinion, donations should be carried out throughout the year not only before festivals.

Amelija and Armantas are asking their parents:

1. **Why are charity events so important for us?**
2. **Who needs charity the most?**
3. **What are the best ways to help needy and poor people?**
4. **Do you take part in charity events?**

Amelia's and Armantas's moms answer:

Inga and Indre: Charity events give hope and opportunity to change something in the poor people's lives. Single mums or dads, poor families, orphans and homeless people need charity the most. We can donate money, clothes, food, books or offer various services.



The primary class students brought a pile of their beloved toys. They would like to give their teddies, cars, dolls and puzzles together with the best wishes to poor families that cannot afford to buy new toys and games. Domantas Dirzininkas is asking the primary school students about this campaign:

Domantas: **Why have you decided to give away your toys?**

Mante: I would like all children to have toys.

Skaiva: Maybe children got bored with their toys and would like to have new ones...

Vanesa: I love giving presents.

Akvile and Vanesa had too many toys and didn't play with them. Mantas added that they were on the shelves and no one had been using them for a very long time.

Domantas: **What's your opinion: How do children feel when they get new toys?**

Skaiva, Ugne and Akvile: they feel happy because they have new toys to play.

Vanesa: I think they will like my toys.

Mantas: To my mind, they will be full of joy and excitement.

Domantas: **How do you feel donating such wonderful toys? Any regrets?**

Skaiva: I feel good, no regrets, as I haven't been playing with them anymore.

Akvile and Mantas: Happy, we are feeling happy, proud of ourselves and would eagerly donate next time. Mantas with a smile: I feel I have done a great job. :)

It was a wonderful event. The more we give, the happier we feel. This campaign has increased the participants' self-confidence. It also gives a sense of pride and identity. What is more when you are doing good for others and the community it provides a natural sense of accomplishment.



If you haven't participated in any charity events - join us next year.



Presentation of actions that Arsakeio School has done during the school year 2016-2017



In December our school's students and some graduates performed a concert which took place in the main square of Patras to celebrate Christmas time and raise money for charities. In order to raise more money and give them to charities the first class of high school ran a Christmas bazaar in our school. After the actions, students distributed the money and some other goods that all students had raised to charities and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Patras :



- "ConstantopouliosOikos" which is a foundation which looks after and nurses elderly people.
- The Smile of the Child (Chamogelotoupaidiou) where students of the third class of high school gave goods.

- The students of the first class of high school offered some food, that the students had rose, to the church and received a letter from the priest who thanked us for our offer.
- The students of the second class of high school gave some goods to an organization called "TAILOVE MADE" which gave them to a charity called « Cheri, Cheri» (Hand, Hand) .
- The nest of the child (I folia toupaidiou) is a foundation which helps children which have no family to raise them.
- The ark of love (Kivotos tis agapis) is a foundation which helps and hosts unable children from all Greece.
- The Shining Star (Foteinoasteri) is a non-governmental organization which helps



families with children under 16 that are in need.

- Merimna (Merimna) is a Therapeutic Educational Center which helps children with Downsyndrome.

Arsakeio School of Patras



**AIL Promote and support re-
search.**

**Improve patients and their
families' quality of life and
provide direct assistance to
patients in their struggle
against blood diseases.**

**Raise awareness of blood
disease issues.**

**They also provide home
healthcare assistance.**



Pupil: What does "AIL"

mean?

Lady: Italian Association



**Pupil: When was it
born?**

**Lady: In the 90's be-
cause Palermo needed
a structure for this type
of volunteering.**



Pupil: Which activity will be carry on with the raised funds?

Lady: Tools and medicines to help directly the patients and their families at home. drive.



Pupil: which concrete actions can the school undertake to increase the sensibility among the young people?

Lady: Doctors come to school to explain the importance of the AIL to the pupils.

Pupil: Can the volunteering at school raise awareness among the young people?

Lady: Yes because more and more young people are involved every year in this fundraising drive.



In the world, every sixty seconds, ten children are born who will suffer from one of the more than six thousand rare genetic diseases that, to date, we know exist.

TELETHON

MISSION FOUNDATION

Fostering research that leads to cures for rare genetic diseases.



1. Do you know exactly about what Telethon is about?

2. Do you know what is a rare genetic disease?

3. In your opinion is it important that the research takes care of rare genetic diseases?

4. What kind of research does Telethon?

5. In your opinion is it important that Telethon's event carries out every year?

6. Is it important that everybody gives a contribution for the Telethon foundation?



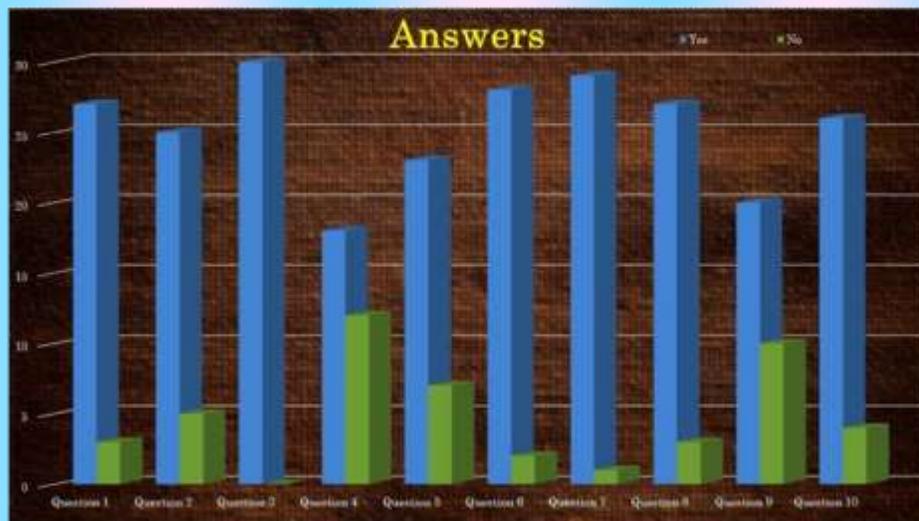
7. Is it important that schools collaborate with Telethon and his fundraiser?



8. During the past years did you ever participate to this event?

9. And what about this year? Did you take part to this event selling something?

10. Have your children ever contributed to this project?



Food Bank Volunteers

The Food Banks collect and distribute thousands of tons of products and support the portuguese institutions throughout the year. These institutions distribute made meals and food baskets to people that are really in need. This movement helps more than 390.000 people.

Every year the Food Bank makes two campaigns of food collection in commercial areas through volunteers.

Our school participates in all of the campaigns with volunteer students that do the collection and organize of the food in the warehouse.



Christmas charity

In December, Christmas time, all the classes coordinated by the class director organize Christmas Baskets for the students/families in need.

The class can choose someone among those who need more, but is the class director that decides if the student or students can't afford to buy the essential products.

With this promotion of the charity spirit, it is possible to give some families a better Christmas.



Long Distance Childrenshetter Program

For 3 years, one of our school's classes decided to do, with ONG HELPO the long distance childrenshetter program

The class with which we made the childrenshetter belongs to a school in Nampula, Mozambique. The class made some activities to collect money. This allowed the children from Nampula to get some essential products like soap and other hygiene products, one monthly basket with sugar, oil, flour and other food products.

In this community, the HELPO also made some improvements in the school, like building a new rooftop.



Every school year the geography students of the 9th grade developed one activity to collect money for some Charity Institutions. These year the students chosed to help ADDHU, SOS Aldeias de Crianças and Unicef.



COLOURS FOR LIFE

According to Nelson Mandela “education is the most powerful weapon to change the world”. Color for life is the title of one of the most important charity even that has been carried out by our school. Students from Greguerías were guided by the teacher of art, José angel Gonzalez. They painted some pictures during art lessons in order to raise money to donate to elderly and Alzheimer's associations of Montemayor and Fernán Nuñez (the two villages where our students' from).

Once the paintings were painted, they were exposed for a week in the City Council of each of the mentioned towns. During that week, students' relatives, friends and people committed to the cause, bought their paintings to which they were assigned an exit price of € 20. The money collected was given to the associations AFADEFER (Fernán Núñez) and AFAPAMONTE (Montemayor) during a day of coexistence in which our students were able to spend a few hours with our elders, to know the center and their daily activities and functions.

Next, the teacher from whom the initiative emerged will comment on his impressions:

- How did the initiative come about?
- It arose for several reasons, the first one to work on a different project in which the students enjoyed the subject of art, the second one, to show them that the world of art is useful for many things and not only to decorate, in this case for a good cause, totally necessary aid given nowadays.
- What was the students' response?
- The response was very positive from the very beginning.
- What was the methodology that you carried out with them?
- In learning process based on projects. He was given absolute freedom in the creation and process. It is true that within that freedom, as a teacher, it helped them to solve the doubts that arose, but the essence of the work is entirely theirs.
- How did you feel?
- Satisfied, it made me feel that the work of art of teacher came directly to the soul, given the results obtained and the commitment they put. Our students gave a lesson that many would have to learn.
- Likewise, students' impressions were spectacular.
- Elena, what did you think about the charity event when the teacher made the proposal?
- I thought it was a great idea, although I had not painted a picture before, but I totally trusted our teacher.
- What was the most interesting thing of this experience?
- During the class we had a lot of fun and it was also a very satisfying experience when we went to give the money to the associations
- What was the most difficult thing?
- Having the picture in time.
- How did you feel?

- Satisfied, my family went to see the exhibition of pictures to the City Hall. In addition, I felt very good to have had the opportunity to collaborate with older people's associations.
- Would you repeat the experience?
- Yes, because it was a very beautiful experience in every way. In addition to having a good time we were learning and collaborating for a good cause.

It is necessary to say that all the teachers of the center became involved in the development of the activity and collaborated in the purchase of the pictures. Teamwork paid off and the experience was unbeatable.



BY OFFERING, YOU WILL BE RICHER!

Volunteering campaign organized in Secondary School Constantin Parfene, Vaslui, Romania, 1st to 21th December 2016

“Guided by the advice *Offering makes you richer* we, the students from the 8th form, through our kindness, we tried to bring happiness into the hearts of our schoolmates in need. School supplies, sweets and clothes, possessions maybe insignificant for us, but which our classmates with poor financial means can't have, brought light into their lives. And this made us feel good because we felt it was nicer to give than to receive from others. We let our souls flooded with charity and we embraced our classmates with compassion. Our souls, wrapped in a shroud of love, intoned the aria of selflessness and empathy. The ones who listened to this symphony were healed.”

Miriam-Mălina Matcașu, 8thA form



“From the very moment I heard the story of each child, I wanted to help them, because I knew how they felt. As a child I was sick, and this gave me difficulty in adapting to the school demands. I had prepared a small gift and I tried to make them happy even for one day! I cherish this memory in

my heart.”

Ștefan Ichim, 8thA form



“When we gave the Christmas gifts to the children, I felt happiness in my soul because I knew that would make them happy. The smiles on their faces meant gratitude and their innocence meant the necessity of love and generosity from others. I enjoyed I could make them smile again in spite of all the problems they have, because I could offer a small gift to remind them they aren't alone and they have all our support”.

Denisa Cobzaru, 8th A form

“Before the winter holiday, I found out about the charity campaign for the children in need organized within the project. The thought that I could have been myself into those children's position, made me join the campaign. All of us got organized, saved some money to buy each child something: a toy, sweets, books, small things. When I offered the gifts, the happiness on their faces made me feel great. It included a sense of joy mixed with a touch of sadness and compassion thinking about their situation.

The gifts offered didn't have much material value, but I think it was a small gesture that made those children almost cry. Then, I realized that it isn't important the value of the gift but the gesture of giving that really matters. I was very pleased because I managed to make a child happy for a moment.”



Mircea Andrei Mocanu, 8thA form



follow this example.”

“Within the project *European Creative School: C.L.I.C.K.* we organized donations for some children with a precarious situation from our school. I decided to give some sweets and toys as a Christmas present, because I wanted to make their holiday happier and more beautiful. I was also motivated because, especially around the holidays, we should do some charity, to show our love for our fellows and our wish to help them. These children deserve a better life and I think that, through this activity, we managed to make them happier.”

Ștefania Chiriac, 8th A form

“A few weeks ago I had a wonderful experience in which I had the opportunity to help two special girls. Together with some children from the 2nd form we went to give presents to Ana-Maria Bejan, a home-schooled student due to her health problems. Ana-Maria is a 10-year-old fighter. In her eyes I saw love, hope, strength and happiness. I was fortunate to meet her and spend some time together. When we arrived, she was laughing, fascinated by the small characters that were playing on the TV screen. Initially, I was afraid that she would be scared of us, that she wouldn't speak to me and my colleagues, but it wasn't the case. She smiled, she hugged us and showed that she knew how to read, with a little more difficulty, that's true. She showed us the received games and the Christmas tree that she had decorated together with her family. All this time I saw a thing: she always smiled, every second. She smiled when she received the gifts, when we talked with her, when I hugged her, but, in the end, she became sad. She wanted us to stay more, but the time didn't allow us. This experience taught me a lesson: to value more what I have, to love my family and people in general.”

Larisa Herghelegiu, 8th A form



Students from 8th A form

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