

# PLAY

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Welcome to our project.

Once upon a time in Belgium

Partners: Liminka (Fin)

Partners: Tartu (Est)

Partners: Santarem (Port.)

Partners: Kortrijk (Bel.)



Four schools have the same idea when it comes to learning. It goes better if you do it playfully.

By learning while playing, you use the intrinsic motivation of the students more.

In this first newsletter we report on our first meeting in Belgium. The different schools introduce themselves, and we are already looking forward to the meeting in Finland. Read along about the adventure that is called playful learning.



# ONCE UPON A TIME...IN BELGIUM

November 2019

In November the different partners met in Kortrijk, Belgium.

The school in Kortrijk is a Don Bosco school. Don Bosco was a priest who lived in Italy in the nineteenth century. Playing was very important in his schools. So important that it forms a pillar of the school identity.

We learned from each other. Hanna-Mari has experience with storyline. She taught us what it is and how you can use it in language lessons, among other things.

Kadri from Tartu (Estonia) taught us how to use drama in regular lessons.



Manuela is very adept at using eTwinning. Since we use this platform in the project, she taught us how to work with it. In the meantime, all students and teachers are registered on the platform.

Joris and Ignace did their best to show a piece of Belgium in a playful way. In Bruges we discovered that augmented reality is not as easy to use as we thought.

In Brussels we visited the future classroom. We were introduced to various things that we can use in the classroom, such as a Makey Makey or a robot. The way in which the classrooms are arranged was inspiring for many. Of course we also got to know each other better. That creates a bond and trust.

The students in Stevens class are still talking about the visit in their class. They now know that Estonian and Finnish are very similar. They know the schools and countries a little better. A number of students are already longing to join the project and to see each other again in Finland.

# LIMINKA: PARTNER IN FINLAND



## Liminka Municipality

- Located 250 km south of the Arctic circle, by the Bothnian Bay
- 10 000 inhabitants
- Oulu is main city in the area
- Liminka is world-known bird migration area



For more information:  
<https://visitliminka.fi/en/>

## Liminka Comprehensive School

- The biggest of three schools in Liminka
- More than 1000 pupils in grades 1-9
- A new, modern school building with flexible classrooms
- Team teaching as one of the working methods



Free lunch for everybody!



# TARTU RAATUSE SCHOOL



We are sporty.



We are theatrical.



We are musical.



We are artists.



We are all about learning!



# AGRUPAMENTO DE ESCOLAS ALEXANDRE HERCULANO, SANTAREM



Alexandre Herculano Schools Group (Agrupamento de Escolas Alexandre Herculano) was founded in the school year 2001/2002.

The main school, which is Alexandre Herculano School, is 32 years old but in the school year 2001/2002 it was gathered with some other primary schools to establish a group of schools, remaining Alexandre Herculano School as the headquarters of this Group. This is an organizational unit with its own board of headmasters and a self management that comprises a total of 11 schools spread over a large geographical area (urban and rural). In Alexandre Herculano Group work around 160 teachers and 50 educational staff and in total there are around 1350 students.



In Alexandre Herculano's school, the main school, there are several educational resources to benefit students and a diversified educational offer, which includes arts, technology and sports. In terms of sports students can choose to enroll in different activities such as horse riding, swimming, football and basketball just to name a few. They can also enroll voluntarily in different clubs such as eTwinning/Erasmus, Robotics, Environment and Theatre. Apart from these offers they can also find help for studying among a diverse offer of specific studying classes tutored by teachers.





Apart from the above mentioned, the school is also involved in a bilingual teaching programme involving several classes (kids learn some subjects in English) and also offers the possibility for students to learn music with the collaboration of a Music school from the city of Santarém.

Alexandre Herculano Schools Group has extensive experience in welcoming and working with students from different nationalities and ethnicities, different cultures and social extracts and youth with special educational needs (multiple disabilities), promoting integration and equal opportunities among peers. As a school we are also looking on new educational strategies that will motivate a higher involvement of students, teachers and families.



# DON BOSCOLLEGE KORTRIJK



The Don Bosco college is a Salesian school.

This means we are into the pedagogic of Don Bosco. We want to educate young people in a warm atmosphere. Hereby we give them freedom, but we expect responsibility back.

Teachers are very close to the students so that we interact with each other very communicatively and in dialogue.

Don Bosco has 930 students. It offers general education that prepares for higher education such as university.

