

# Crossing Borders



**The Book**

In autumn 2021 four schools from four countries embarked on a journey together throughout the entire school year with the help of eTwinning. United in Diversity.

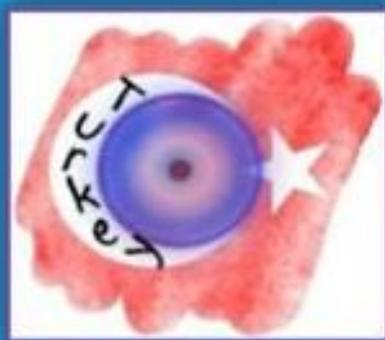
Romania

Italy

Ukraine

Turkey





So different  
yet so alike  
Crossing  
Borders



Due to this project the students from four different towns and cities started to learn more about three other wonderful places and regions they have not heard before.

**Marghita - a small town in the north-west of Romania**

**Taranto - a city in southern Italy**

**Kropyvnytskyi - a city in central Ukraine**

**Sivas - a city in central Turkey**

## Four schools have joined the project

1. **“Octavian Goga” National College from Marghita, Romania**
2. **Istituto C.G. Viola from Taranto, Italy**
3. **School 34 from Kropyvnytskyi, Ukraine**
4. **Hamza Yerlikaya Secondary School from Sivas, Turkey**

First, we introduced ourselves. Students presented their countries.

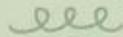


## where is Romania located on the map

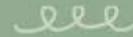
Romania is a state located in southeastern Central Europe, on the lower Danube, north of the Balkan Peninsula and on the northwestern shore of the Black Sea. On its territory is located almost the entire surface of the Danube Delta and the southern and central part of the Carpathian Mountains. It borders Bulgaria to the south, Serbia to the southwest, Hungary to the northwest, Ukraine to the north and east, and the Republic of Moldova to the east, and the Black Sea coast to the southeast.



# Italy

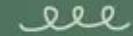


## Information



- the capital is the wonderful Rome
- the city of international fashion is Milan (Lombardia)
- Italy is surrounded by bright and clean seas

## What to do



- Visiting the Colosseum in Rome
- Visiting the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Visiting the Egyptian Museum in Turin

## Ukraine



- Ukraine is a sovereign state; its independence was proclaimed in 1991. Ukraine is situated in the east of Europe. The territory of Ukraine is 603 700 square kilometres. Ukraine borders on Russia, Belarus, Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Hungary, and Romania. It's washed by the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov and has very important ports. Ukraine has the Carpathians and the Crimean Mountains. The Carpathians is the natural mountainous boundary of Ukraine.



Hallo I in Class 2 in a  
 South Turkey I want like the  
 students you are some important  
 places of Turkey.

1- The Ministry of Education

Today I will tell you about the  
 Ministry of Education in Turkey.  
 It is the main authority in charge  
 of all the schools in Turkey.

2- The Ministry of Health

The Ministry of Health is  
 responsible for the health of  
 the citizens. It is the main  
 authority in charge of all the  
 hospitals and health centers in  
 Turkey.

3- The Ministry of Culture

The Ministry of Culture is  
 responsible for the cultural  
 heritage of Turkey. It is the  
 main authority in charge of  
 all the museums and historical  
 sites in Turkey.



I'm studying at Hasan Saliha Secondary School.  
 It's a very nice school. There are many  
 teachers and students. We have a  
 library and a sports field. I like  
 my school very much. I want to  
 study hard and become a doctor.  
 My father and mother are very  
 happy. I love my country and  
 my people.



Turkey is a peninsula surrounded by seas on three sides.  
 Most of its territory is in Anatolia and the rest is in  
 Europe. Our country, which consists of seven regions,  
 eighty-one cities has many neighboring countries. Our  
 capital is Ankara. Also the tomb of Atatürk, the founder  
 of our country, is located in Ankara. There are 3 seas  
 that are the coasts of Turkey. We also have our  
 inner sea; the sea of Marmara.

Turkey, which is a rich country with its underground  
 mines and fertile lands, is like a bridge between  
 other countries with its geographical location.

## My Country Turkey

Hello, Turkey as the continuation of the Ottoman Empire. The Republic of Turkey language is Turkish. Turkey is a contiguous transcontinental country, Asia with Europe. Turkish is a Turkic language spoken in Turkey, with about 75 million people. Turkey has eight neighboring countries. Turkey is bordered by eight countries: Bulgaria to the northwest; Greece to the west; Georgia to the northeast; Armenia, Iran and the Azerbaijani exclave of Nakhchivan to the east; and Iraq and Syria to the southeast. Turkey's nickname is the land of four seasons. From the temperate climate of the Black Sea Turkey's weather systems are geographically diverse. The coastal areas bordering the Black Sea have a temperate Ocean climate. The coastal areas of Turkey bordering the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea have a temperate Mediterranean climate. The coastal areas bordering the Sea of Marmara, which connects the Aegean Sea and the Black Sea.

Then we were excited to find out about new places and other schools. Marghita -Romania



# “Octavian Goga” National College Romania



# Istituto C.G. Viola Taranto Italy



Our Italian friends taught us how to use Padlet by sending us a Padlet presentation of their country, region, school and students participating in this project.

# School 34 Kropyvnytskyi, Ukraine



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# Hamza Yerlikaya Secondary School from Sivas, Turkey



We even created an eTwinning corner in our school



At Christmas we wished each other a Merry Christmas by means of singing Traditional Christmas carols and exchanging emails.



It was rather exciting to get an email from a student who lives in another country. Children really enjoyed this activity.





Students were really excited to read the emails/letters they received from their eTwinning friends.



In February our students exchanged St. Valentine's Cards and worked on projects about famous writers or poets who wrote about love.

We even sang some famous Italian songs about love. We had great fun singing in Italian!

This way our learners found out about the Romanian National Poet called Mihai Eminescu or about the Ukrainian poet and writer Taras Shevchenko.

Happy  
Valentine's Day from Romania!

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
You make the world better,  
By just being you.

My soul is always with you.



A famous poet who wrote about love is  
Mickita Stanescu. The poem is entitled "How good you are"

How good you are, what a wonder I am!  
Two different songs, hitting, mixing,  
two colors that have never been seen before,  
one very low turned to the ground,  
one very high, almost broken  
in the fierce, incomparable struggle  
of the wonder that you are,  
of the chance that they are.

ROSES ARE RED,  
VIOLETS ARE BLUE,  
WE ARE HAPPY  
TO COLLABORATE  
WITH YOU!

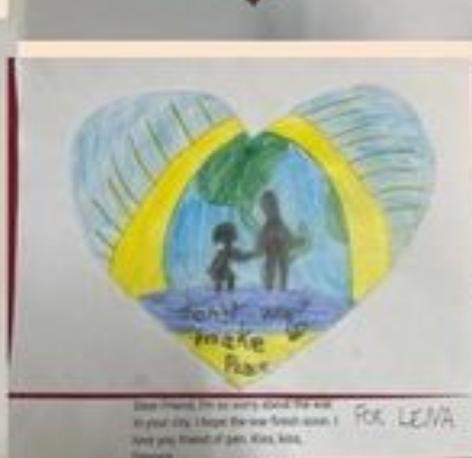
WISHING YOU ALL, "OUR  
FRIENDS FROM ITALY, TURKEY,  
AND UKRAINE A WONDERFUL  
DAY!"

"WHERE THERE IS LOVE  
THERE IS LIFE" - MAHATMA  
GANDHI

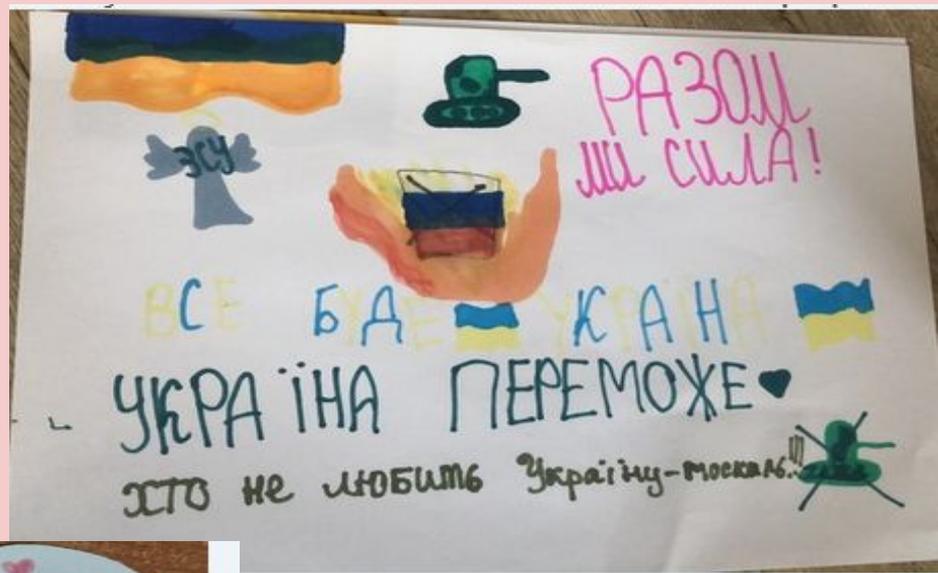
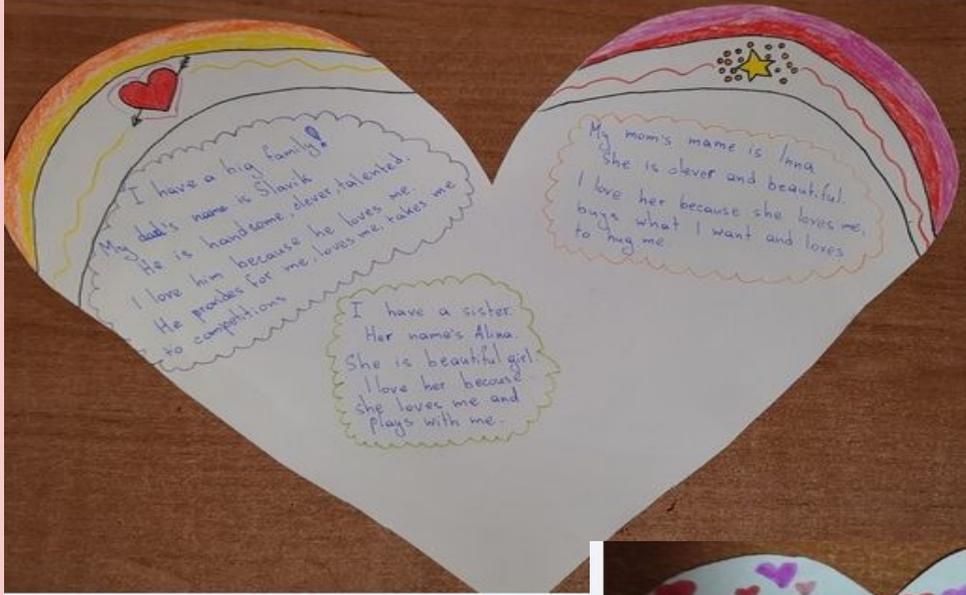
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Happy  
Valentines  
Day!





The Ukrainian teacher sent and then posted her students' works on the topic of love in February. Little were we aware that this unfair war was to start soon in their country. Here are a few cards written by the Ukrainian children just a few days before the war broke out and changed the way they lived completely. We are all praying for their safety!



We sent them support messages to encourage them.



I'm sorry for your country, be brave!  
Together we will succeed, God is on your side  
We will help you as much as we can  
We look forward to peace and quiet between countries

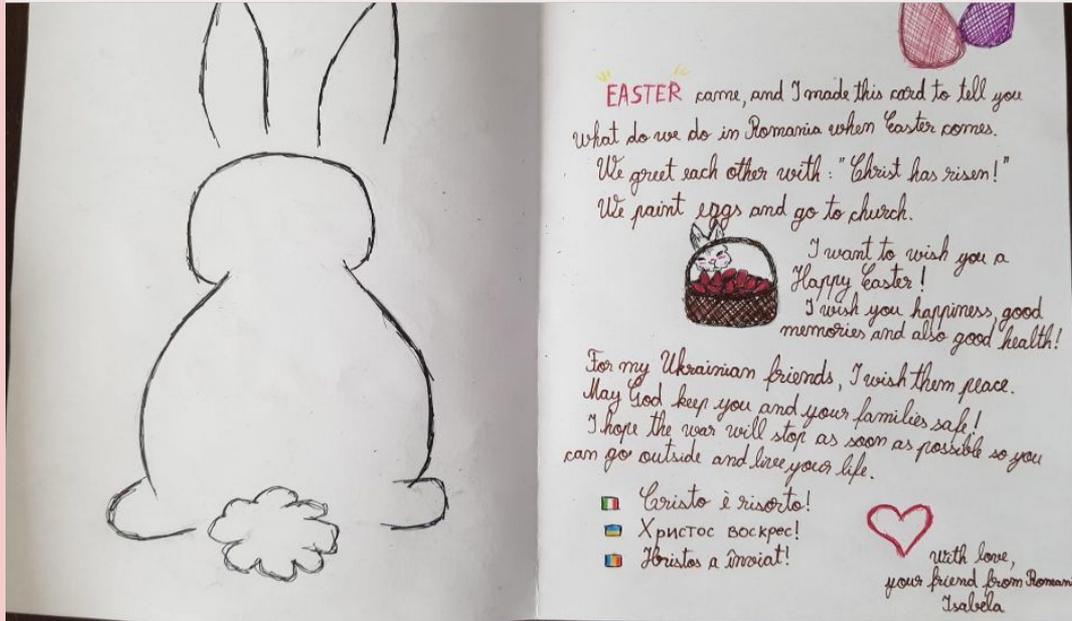


With love,  
the students from  
Romania



Sadly, without our Ukrainian friends we had an online meeting. Students from the three remaining countries sang a song dedicated to their mothers in their own language. It was touching because on the 8th of March we celebrate Women's Day and Mother's Day.

The Italian teachers involved all the students with a lovely warmer on Wordwall. Next we exchanged Easter cards and learned about the traditions each country follows at Easter. The Turkish students shared with us the traditions they have related to Ramadan.



Our online meeting seen from Turkey.





*In addition, peace, happiness and compassion are at the forefront in the hearts of Muslims in this blessed month.*

Our planet needs our help! Our Italian friends suggested the Pedibus. What a brilliant idea!

## The pedibus

The pedibus consists of a virtual path to reduce industrial pollution. In the pedibus there are various stages where a group leader stops and collects all the children to make an ecological path to go all to school without polluting. The pedibus would reduce industrial pollution by removing most of the smog present in the air and would also reduce the use of petrol.



And recycling to stop pollution.



We all want to  
keep our  
planet clean!



Time to say goodbye. Thank you to all of you, teachers and students.



Dear friends,

I would like to say that this project was a fun experience.

I met all of you, and discovered some things about you from letters. Reading those letters was the best part of this project. Making friends this way is so easy and fun, and I would like to write you more, but, unfortunately this project is coming to an end. It was a pleasure to participate in this project and I hope, somehow, to meet some of you in real life.

 Summer is already here so go out and have fun. I hope everyone will have the best Summer ever!

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With love,  
Isabela G.

