



IV Meeting

The Social Capital School

Barcelona, Spain

Activities at local level: Rome, Di Donato





Let's Talk English in Class - English speaking parents into the classes

Teaching classes carried out by parents, within the SCS Project

2012-13 at the Di Donato primary school.

The project springs from the desire of bringing English more into the lives of the school children, to make its sound familiar to them, through talks, songs, games, and any other ludic activity.

Di Donato is a school with a high percentage of foreign children, many of which English speaking; parents of these children, all voluntarily, will go to the classes 1 hour a week, for the whole length of the school year, and work/play/converse with the children in English. Each parent will work with the same class all year and no one will work in the class of his/her own children. Such an activity will not substitute the English teacher, who shall carry on autonomously with school work, but modes and contents shall be decided in coordination with the teacher. This project shall also allow children to feel how "English" is actually a "multicultural world", as they shall experience Australian, American, British, Philippino English.

From the earth to the belly: vegetable gardening at school and in a square

Lessons on plants, nutrition and sustainability carried out voluntarily by parents, within the SCS Project

Last year we worked hard with children at school and had a final very nice vegetable garden in boxes. This year we're working on projecting and realizing a vegetable garden in a square near the school. The project is done by Associazione Genitori together with the School, the Casa dell'Architettura that hosts the garden, The University and all the citizenship..

Children,
teachers,
parents,
citizens,
all working
together
and learning
to grow
vegetables!





The Social Capital School: The school I would like

Labs carried out by parents, within the SCS Project

Lab Results class IIIE School Manin, Rome, TOP TEN School I would like:

1. One month exchange of role between teacher and students
2. Many free outdoor camps-visits
3. Funny lessons
4. Sport competitions
5. Mother tongue teachers
6. A library and a greenhouse
7. Teachers nice and equal with all students
8. Beautiful and well furnished gyms
9. More free time
10. Theater acting as a subject





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Lab in a class of School Di Donato (8 years old):

Before the lab we organized 3 meetings: one with parents, one with grandparents, one with young adults of different origins, in which the children were making interviews about the schools of the adults in their countries and at their time.

- 1) a school with 100 floors: 50 classrooms to study e 50 classrooms to fun and to satisfy desires;
- 2) More trips;
- 3) Swimming pool in classrooms / school
- 4) more music
- 5) more technology;
- 6) school with playing room
- 7) more sport and martial Arts
- 8) more POP music
- 9) a school to learn to fun
- 10) more colored school





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1st lab Results - National Conference, Ancona, Italian Ministry of Education:

- A more cosy and smiley school
- A school that keeps on learning whilst teaching
- Full of pillows on which to sleep, music to entertain us during lessons and more space for our thoughts
- I would like this school all pink and without boys





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- Free WiFi in school and outside the schoolhouse
- I like the school when it changes
- I would like a school that was always closed
- I would like a school that acknowledged my history/life
- I bring passion
- I am Elisa and I bring China
- I bring to school my pencil case, books and most importantly happiness





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Lab Results Castiglioncello National Conference on education:

I would like a school that:

- helps concretely students to grow
- is an enriching exchange of competences and knowledge
- enhances the potential
- do not leave anyone behind
- teaches / nourishes passion
- is a 'common home' of which everybody takes care
- do not mortify creativity and imagination
- more interactive
- a school that listens
- teaches cooperation and participation





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Training process on the Open School Experience

Meetings carried out by parents

We decided to write down our experience to disseminate. And this idea became the impulse for a self training on how to replicate the open school model.

A group of adults (parents, teachers, social and political workers) decided to meet on scheduled meetings to tell the story and collect positive and negative elements of the experience. The aim is to have a National meeting on this subject.

