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### Trail of extinct and active volcanoes, earthquakes across Europe

From March 13th to 17th, 26 students and 11 teachers from the partner schools came to Gran Canaria for the short-term training and student exchange.

On Monday, all visitors were welcomed by our school's students of the Care of Dependant People course. They organized some traditional games and dances for our visitors to discover. After that, all visitors were welcomed at La Azotea by our headmaster Mr. Gregorio Rivero Morales. There they could see a wonderful view of the surrounding landscape including La Isleta neighbourhood, El Confital beach and Las Coloradas mountain. Our school hosted a photo exhibition of insects donated by the internationally recognized Turkish photographer Mr. Akin Açar, and some underwater photographs of the Spanish coordinator Mr. Alfredo Ubierna.

After a visit to the school, students joined in a multinational team to make a presentation about Geology, Chemistry and Geography of the volcanoes.

Meanwhile teachers were in the coordinators' meeting. All coordinators agreed about the date of the meeting in Poland from 25-9-17 to 29-09-2017. Ms. Magdalena Szewczyk told us the convenience of booking the hotel rooms in advance. The product will consist of a one-minute video about the impact of tourism on the volcanoes ecosystem, benefits and disadvantages. The meeting in France will be held from 13-11-17 to 17-11-2017. And the product will be a performance about mythology related to volcanoes.

Finally, we decided that the transnational meeting in Turkey will be held from 7-9<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

After the meeting, teachers and students attended a lecture about volcanoes by the INVOLCAN (Instituto Vulcanológico de Canarias) expert Mr. Pedro A. Hernández.

The water sports activities scheduled for the afternoon had to be cancelled due to rough sea condition. Then we hiked to El Confital mountain around the school, enjoying the view of the city from the top. Landscape explanation was provided by our Geography teacher Mr. Rubén Naranjo Rodríguez.



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On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, we had an official reception given by the President of the Gran Canaria Island Council Mr. Antonio Morales Méndez who exchanged some presents with all the countries' coordinators. Then we walked to the old quartier to visit the Cathedral and city hall. There we had some time to relax before the visit to *Casa de Colón* museum. The rooms of the museum are mainly devoted to the New World and the role played by the Canary Islands in the Discovery of America.

Afterwards, we moved to Bañaderos to have lunch at the pedagogic restaurant of the Bañaderos high school of cooking. Afterwards, we finished the activities having some relax time at El Puertillo beach and rockpool.

On Wednesday, we took a route through the center of the island starting at Caldera de Bandama, then we visited the botanical garden in Tafira. Our next destination was Cruz de Tejada with its impressive view of the great volcanic crater. After a short trip by bus we reached the top of the island, Pico de las Nieves (1956 m.). After having a picnic at Llanos de la Pez we moved to the volcanic cone called Montañón Negro and the nearby caldera Pinos de Galdar. Our last point of interest was the village of Teror with his church made of two kind of volcanic rocks one of them yellow and the other one blue.

On Thursday, the route was by the northern side of the island, with its first stop at El Atlante sculpture, made of volcanic rock by Tony Gallardo, after whom our school was called. The surrounding Cliff shows the geological history of the island with its successive eruptions. After a short trip we arrived to the archeological museum of *Cueva Pintada* where visitors could see the houses and painted cave excavated into the volcanic tuff stone by the inhabitants of the island before the Europeans colonisers arrived. The lunch and relax time on the beach was in the small fishing village of Agaete. On its outskirts, the archeological site Necrópolis del Maizep is, with nearly 700 tombs in huge burial mounds of volcanic rocks.

On Friday, the aquatic sports activities at Las Canteras beach had to be cancelled again due to a jellyfish plague. Then we took the southern route starting at the picturesque resort and fishing village of Mogán with its canals and bridges of its seawater inlet. The second



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stop was at the Maspalomas sand dunes and its wonderful landscape. After lunch and relax time on the beach we took the way back to Las Palmas.

The French team was taken to the airport as they had to leave that afternoon.

At night a farewell dinner at school was offered and Mr. Gregorio Rivero Morales awarded the Volcanic Landscapes Photo Contest prizes to the three winners.

On Saturday, Turkish, Italian and Polish teams left, and the Portuguese did so on Sunday.

The Spanish Coordinator, Alfredo Ubierna León