



## **"Diversity for special needs education"**

### **Newsletter –"Our activities, our pride!"**

**Within the project** "DIVERSITY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION", the project partners developed, according to the work agenda, several educational and cultural-artistic activities, but also work meetings, debates and conferences, all of these with the purpose to bring us closer to one another, to get to know each other and together to reach the project's objectives. We introduce you to the following!

### **November 2013**

**"Our National Day" -National holiday in Romania - a mini project in which every institution sent materials representing their National Day to all partner schools, together with the traditions and history involved in the respective activity. "My County" – traditional recipes, dances, songs, costumes, the flag and National Anthem of each county/region were collected by each institution and sent to all partners.** On this occasion, the students of the "I.L.Caragiale" School visited Curtea de Argeș Monastery and the great architectural jewel of the Princely Cathedral, in view of acknowledge the culture and the history of both their county and country, making these aspects known also to their colleagues from Burdur.



## December 2013- Present for Christmas day



**Within the project** "DIVERSITY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION", on Thursday, December, 19th, 2013, at the "I.L.Caragiale" School Pitești took place a new activity, "The Christmas Present".

Christmas Celebration means for the Christian people the Birth of Christ, a reason for joy and hope. Each year, we relive the emotions of His birth, the moment of proclamation by the angels and we open our hearts and minds so that we can hear once again the magical story.

The students of the primary classes started caroling in each of the classes in order to proclaim the birth of Christ, presenting also an old Romanian tradition -Plugușorul.



The students of the secondary school could attend the Christmas Evening organized by the VII-th A, in the school's gym. Together, they adorned the Christmas tree and they went caroling. The tradition of adorning the Christmas Tree and the house is a custom borrowed starting with the half of the past millennium from German tribes, the tree



symbolizing through its triangle shape the Holy Trinity, and the Tree's adornments symbolize the knowledge and the richness, similar to the sacred tree from the Eden Garden, in which could be found the apples-the fruit of knowledge. The tree, adorned in ancient times with fruit, flowers, gilded nuts, small candles and ribbons, symbolized the tree of life, the fertilizer tree of good omen. The symbol of the tree can be found in many popular art pieces.

The students of the gymnasium classes participated at the Competition Miss Christmas and Mister Christmas. The organizers prepared three interesting tasks for this competition, but also presents for the winners. The jury formed of teachers and students had the mission of designate the winners.

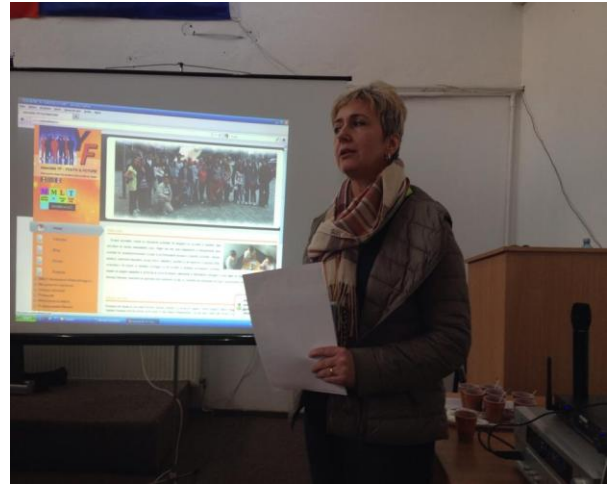
**APRIL 2014- School Open Day -integrated national programme "Friendship-To know more, to be better" activity, in which students in public schools were invited to special Centres for joining activities with young people with disabilities.**

At the "I.L.Caragiale" School-Pitesti, within the Comenius Regio "Diversity for special needs education" project, the activity started with collecting donations from children and their parents, then followed demonstrative activities and workshops in which were involved also students with SEN, watching an artistic programme and a round table, which included basic discussions regarding the activities developed during this partnership, modalities of integration of children with SEN .



## **Arges County Council –**

**Organizing public debates regarding the Development of Special Needs Education and inclusion of all young with disabilities in each project partners' region, with the teachers, other specialists (doctors, psychologists, therapists, social workers), representatives of the County School Inspectorate, public decision-makers, representatives of civil society, media representatives.**



**"The world through my window"/ or "Photo voice" - all schools took photos from their class windows to share with partner schools and with local normal schools.**







**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 – The International Holiday of SEN people. Each partner institution celebrated this day in its own way – sending pupils to work with each other. Dissemination in schools, making newsletter.**

In the entire world was highlighted the International Day of People with Disabilities. On this occasion, the students of the "I.L.Caragiale" School in Pitești organized many activities, with the purpose to raise awareness of the public opinion regarding the problem of children with SEN, but also their socialization with youth from the mass schools. Mr. Vlad Alin, school inspector, declared the following:

"We are glad for the fact that we could organize this event and in the same time we experienced an open attitude from the parents of children learning in our school".



"Through the development of these activities, we wanted to highlight the freedom that each of us has to enjoy, no matter the suffering inside", mentioned Mrs. Simona Mosoia, psychopedagogue.

Another moment dedicated to the International Day of

persons with disabilities was the fact that many classes prepared artistic moments: songs, poetry, dances.



It was organized a round table meeting with the theme "Fighting the SEN student discrimination, celebration of diversity" with the participation of teachers and parents and representatives of other NGOs from Arges.