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# ISTITUTO COMPRENSIVO STATALE "C. ALBERTO DALLA CHIESA"

# *Our guide for the future*

*Young citizien of Europe - our future*
*The path of knowing, growing and understanding*

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# Preface

I'm proud to be involved in Erasmus project an historical moment in which the episodes of violence, intolerance and racism are repeated. Continuosly all over the world. The project wants, infact, to leave a message of peace to those who have ears and heart to listen and want to throw a message of friendship through sharing traditions and costums in single towns, through the knowledge of people who belong to different cultures. It wants to send message of hope to young teenagers that are brought up in Europe that can offer them lots of jobs and studying opportunities and possibilities if they want to grab them. We hope that this meeting will be remembered for ever like moment of study and of formation but ever a moment of joy and that it doesn't remain “an unicum” butt only an incipit, a delicious appetizer for other, knew brillant experiences.

Head Master
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# SAN GIOVANNI LA PUNTA, ITALIA

**San Giovanni la Punta** (Sicilian: **San Giuvanni la Punta**) is a comune (municipality) in the Province of Catania in the Italian region of Sicily, located about 160 kilometers (99 mt) southeast of Palermo and about 8 kilometers (5 mt) northeast of Catania. Ithas a population of about 22.185 inhabitants.

Originally, the town was called San Giovanni De Nemore (from the Latin nemus, which means forest); because of following a volcanic eruption that stopped in front of a shrine of St. John the Evangelist, the country was renamed in the current way. The village belonged to the town of Catania for a long time. In 1646, it was under the rule of the Massa family, dukes of AciCastello, until the abolition of feudal rights. In 1693, a strong earthquake destroyed the country, which at that time numbered only 1200 inhabitants. In 1817, it became autonomous and in 1831, there was an aggregate fraction of Trappeto.

The most important monuments are the cathedral of San Giovanni la Punta, built during 1380, destroyed by an earthquake in 1693 and rebuilt in 1732 and the Sanctuary of Madonna Ravanusa. One day a young girl, while he was saying his prayers, he fainted and seemed dead. Her friends prayed for a long time, so that the Madonna, which has since then been venerated as the Ravanusa, brought her back to life.

Religious and cultural events

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist, the patron saint of the city, which takes place on December 27 and the third week of July, the day of the Liturgical Festivities. The festival starts in the morning, in Piazza Lucia Mangano, when the fercolo of the saint is ledto the central altar of the cathedral. In the evening, after the Holy Mass, the fercolo, accompanied by the traditional fireworks, makes its exit in the square, in front of the citizens. The balconies are filled with lights and flags.

The town is proud of its celebrities Award Turi Ferro, which takes place in August, within the review of music and entertainment summer puntese. The award, whose first edition was held in 2005, soon became famous throughout Sicily and beyond. Receive the prize actors, actors, directors and famous singers in Italy and around the world, as Michele Placido, Leo Gullotta and Maria Grazia Cucinotta.

Blessed Gabriele Allegra, a Catholic missionary priest in the East. He translated the entire Bible into Chinese. Turi Ferro a film actor, Giovanni Verga, the Sicilian writer, who spend his summer's holiday in San Giovanni la Punta;

Carmen Consoli, songwriter and record producer

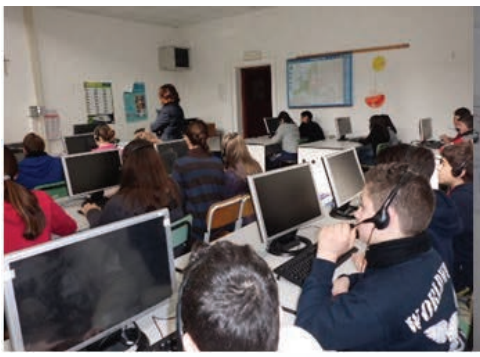
Rossella Fiamingo, world-fencing champion

Luca Presti, the skating world champion in line

Mariella Lo Giudice, theater and film actor.

# PRIMARY AND SECONDARY "C. A. DALLA CHIESA"

Carlo Alberto dalla Chiesa isa schoolsituated in Trappeto.There are three buildings: middle school, elementary school, and kindergarten. It has 900 students, aged 3 to 14 and 90 teachers. Students learn English since they attend kindergarden and English and French in middle school.they use the language laboratory to learn. This year the school received the Cambridge certificate for the students exams result. School offers students many activities in the morning and, if they want, there are different extra curriculum in the afternoon. There is a gym, a science laboratory, a conference room, computer room and so on.



Students play different sports, they can choice volleyball, basket and rugby. They take part in competitions at local, region and national level. In 2010 the volleyball team won the national competition.

A lot of students sing and play in the school choir and orchestra; they take part in different competitions with an important performance at the end of the year.

School is involved in important projects such as legality, solidarity and human rights. Every year students and parents participate realizing objects and collecting money to help social institutions like UNICEF and African Missions.

## LEARNING BY ACTION

## The third project meeting, S.Giovanni La Punta, Catania

The project took place from 18 May to 23 May 2015 in S. G. La Punta (Catania). The host school was I.C. Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa. We hosted teachers and headmasters from the six countries involved in the project: Poland, Bulgaria, Finland, Romania, Croatia and Turkey. The Italian students' families hosted 18 foreign students.

On the first day of the meeting there was an opening ceremony, the school orchestra and the choir performed Sicilian songs and a folk group danced wearing typical old costumes. Some pupils of kindergarden and primary school performed "We are the world".

The Finnish and the Romanian teams performed in songs and both teachers and students played instruments. During the break there was an exbition of the most typical Sicilian food, students and teachers tasted it.

All the six host countries set the table with their local food.

"Crispelle" with alici, cheese and ricotta

Polish food

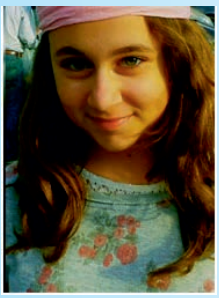
Teachers conducted lessons for all participants: English (Gordana Croatia), Chemistry(Kasha, Poland) Physic (Matti Ranta Korpi, Finland) Science (Abmet Kabadayi, Turkish), Host teachers conducted Italian lessons, French lesson and the P.E. teacher organized a volleyball match.

The second day we went around Catania. We saw the most important places, like “u Liotru”, the symbol of Catania the food market… We visited “the cathedral”, the theatre Massimo Bellini the Park… Both teachers and students were excited and fascinated. At lunch, they tasted typical food called “Tavola Calda”. Our topic was “food” so we organized a visit in one of the biggest school specialized in it called “Alberghiero”. There, we had the opportunity to see how to prepare and cook food.
They show how to prepare “arancini”, pasta alla Norma; participant were so involved andinterested.In the afternoon we went to Acicastello and Acitrezza.

The third day we went to Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe. We got the top by jeep and we could see a wonderful view from there. They were so impressed.

The last day we went to Taormina, where all had a lot of fun, after visiting the town we took a bath in Giardini, one of the beautiful beaches in Catania. At night, we had a party on the beach, after dinner we danced all together.

# PUPIL'S IMPRESSION

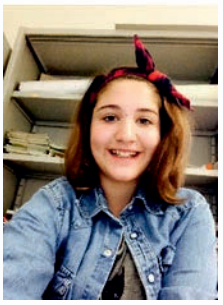


**Martina:** Meeting guys from differentcountries gave me the opportunity to know other cultural.

Hosting young people was a beautiful experience

**Emanuela:** Participating in Erasmus was one of the best experience I have ever done. Spending time with guys gave me the opportunity to make new friends and my English improved.

**Giulia:** When I was in Romania I enjoyed a lot.It was a Wonderful experience that Iwould like to do again. Erasmus was a way to learn other traditions and cultures in the world.



**Gaia: I** was in Romania; it was the best travel that I have Done because I learnt about their tradition. I miss all Rumanian guys.

**Alessio:** Travelling in Poland, spending our time with people from different culture and hosting one of gave us the opportunity to improve our English skills learning and understanding different cultures.

**Beatrice:** we travelled in Poland. It was an incredible experience, the guys were very friendly. Our host families were lovely.

'Erasmus is a long train ride through the diversity…linguistic, cultural; folk ... a train ends its journey at a station called Union. The Erasmus hands meet over the walls; is an embrace that wins the diversity; is an explosion of joy that overcomes the deafening silence of solitude and discrimination; It has the courage to say "hello" in spite of everything…is the heat of ' hospitality from the cold detachment of the" no"…The journey continues; travelers meet...
Distances collapse and we are no longer alone…

## Culture heritage

According to tradition, Catania was founded by Evarco in 730 BC., and probably its original name was Etna. In historical terms, it is correct to affirm that the city was colonized in the 8th century by Greek. In the 5th century BC, Gelon, tyrant of Syracuse, conquered Catania. In ad 263, the city was conquered by the Romans who called it Catania. Roman dominium lasted for around 700 years, during which time the city grew and became important for the Empire.

## Monuments

U Liotru: In the middle of Piazza Duomo there is the Elephant Fountain, simbousl of the city. the locals call the Elephan "u lioutru". According to an old tradition, the world "liotru" comes from the name of Heliodorus, a magician from the Byzantine era, who had the same powers as Circe: he could transform people into animals.

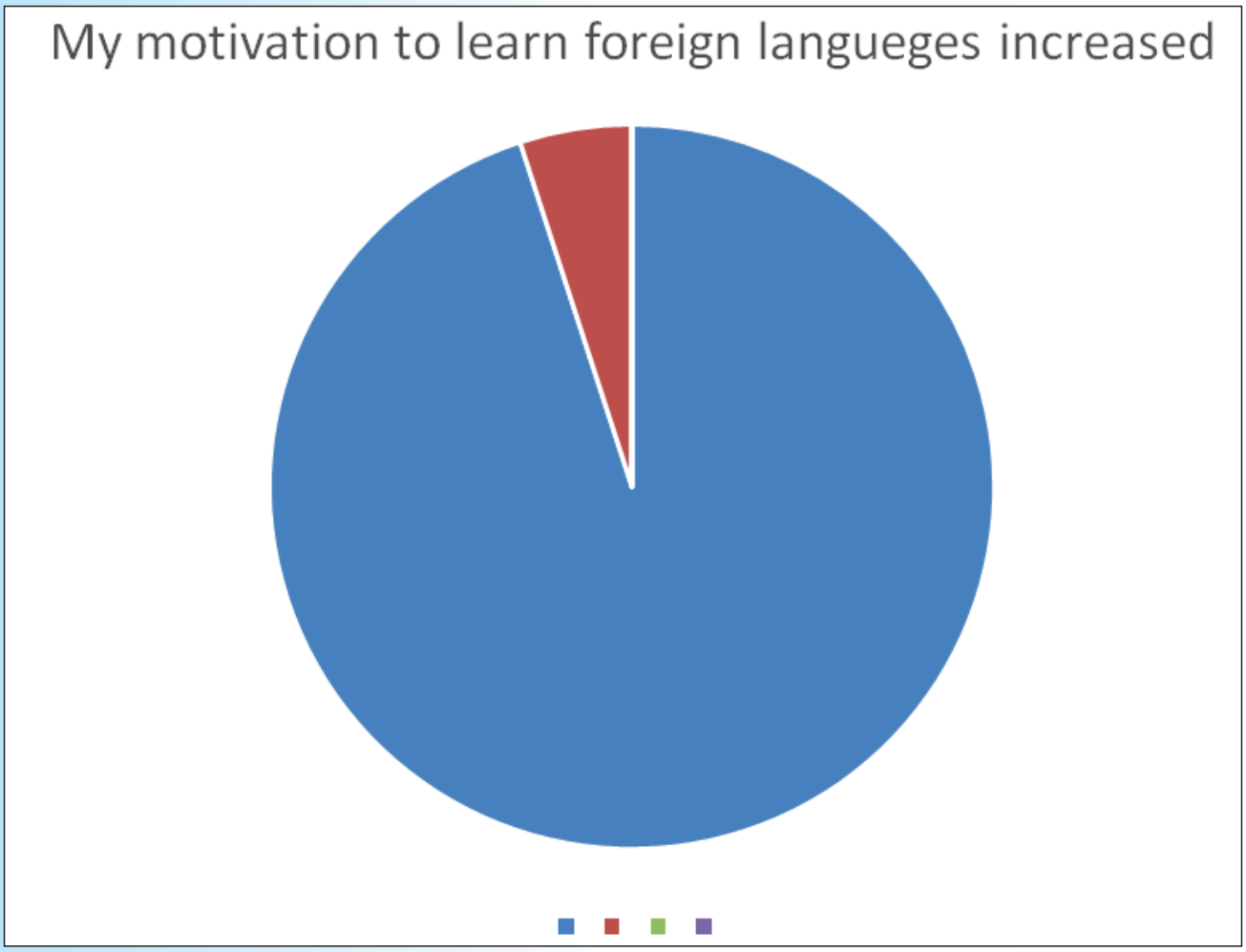
Piazza Duomo: The cathedral square is the heart of monumental Catania. The church stood on the side of the “Terme Achillee” spa, which covers an underground area that corresponds to present-day Piazza Duomo and City Hall. Of the Norman building, only the apses and the high part of the transept with to lateral towers.

## Etna

Etna is Europe's biggest and most important volcano. The volcano's first eruptions date back half a million years and it towers above Sicily's eastern seaboard, the three seas that surround the island and even Calabria.

## Italian survey results

It was the first time for our school to be involved in Erasmus project. It was one of the most great and important experience we have never done.
In our project, we want to help pupils grow up and actively develop in their own culture as well as citizen of Europe. About 100 students were involved in various activities and 18 took part in the project meetings. Students and parents too were so satisfied and that taking part in the project was very useful for them. In addition, the motivation to learn foreign languages increased. Hosting guys from a different country was an incredible experience, they made friends and most of them are in touch and are going to organize to meet again.
We gave all students, parents and teacher evaluation questionnaire.
All were satisfied!



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