Erasmus+ project „The Children of Sheherazade"
Belgium – Questionnaire for Pupils

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1. **You were part of a storytelling project called 'The Children of Sheherazade' that started 3 years ago. At first you were told fairy tales. What do you think about that? What was it like for you?**

1: It was great and fun just to listen to. It made it really easy to visualise.
2: A very cool feeling. I thought only film would be great, but this is also very nice!
3: That was very nice and reassuring. It was nice to have a little break in the middle of the week. A little energy boost in the middle of the week.
4: Very nice. Couldn't understand everything at first, imagined it all, understood more later. It was nice that we lit candles and decorated the room. I learnt how to listen.
5: It was great to learn more stories. And that we were able to paint afterwards. I really enjoyed that. I always closed my eyes and visualised everything in detail.

2a) How did you like listening to stories for 2 years and then making up stories yourself in the last year? Is it good? Is it fun? Is it important - and if so, why?

1: It was a great experience to tell stories myself. It was important because it taught me a lot. Maybe it will help me later in my career.
2: Very cool. You experienced what it's like to be a narrator. You then have ideas for it. It was fun. It was important for me because it calms me down. And that's really nice.
3: Yes, it's a lot of fun. Especially making your own stories at the end. Yes, I think it was important because it brought out the creative part in me. That doesn't usually happen at school, not even in art.
4: It was nice to hear two years of stories. Making up stories myself was a bit embarrassing at the beginning. Later I could tell a bit more. It was fun but sometimes I couldn't remember what I wanted to say. I found that exhausting. It made me stronger.
5: Yes, it was a lot of fun inventing it, too. It was great that we also learnt how to tell stories. We learnt to work better together during the group work.

2b) When you listen to fairy tales, do you hear them or do you watch them like a film?

1: I rather hear them.
2: Like a film in my mind.
3: I see them like in a film.
4: I see it like a film in my head. I close my eyes.
5: It's closer than a film. I close my eyes and see it in front of me.

3. Is there a story or a hero/heroine that you particularly like? And if so, why?

1: No, not really, I like them all.
2: Rumpelstiltskin, because I can imagine that very well. I like all the characters in the story.
3: I liked everything. Especially the long stories. I really like the story 'The devil with the 3 golden hairs'
4: The rooster from the Bremen Town Musicians. He did funny things
5: Rapunzel. I've liked it since I was little. She has beautiful long hair.
   I liked that the prince climbed up her braid and how they were in the tower together.

4. Were there any stories you didn't like?

1: I liked all the stories.
2: No.
3: No.
4: No.
5: No.

5. Could you imagine being friends with someone from a story? If yes, with whom and why?

1: Yes, with the animals from the Bremen Town Musicians, because I like animals.
   My favourite was the cat.
2: With the little bird from 'The old woman in the forest'. I like the little bird because
   it has helped so much and given so much. He only asked for himself once.
3: The owl from 'King Ambanor and the Orphan Girl'. Then I would have diamond apples
4: The boy from 'The Sea Rabbit' could teach me how to hide well. I'd give him a tip too.
5: Rapunzel, she sounds nice.

**6. In fairy tales, animals, trees, everything is alive. There are also other worlds
   that you travel to, e.g. the sun, the moon, the fairy world. Do you think that's true?**

1: No, but it's great that they came up with it.
2: Yes.
3: Yes.
4: No.
5: Yes and no. Much is invented.

**7. Would you recommend that schools include storytelling projects like ours
   in their normal school day?**

1: Yes, because it helps with learning to read and German and because they
   would have fun doing it.
2: Yes, then they'll realise what it's like. I'm sure they'd love to have it.
3: Yes, I would recommend this because it has helped me with my mental problems.
4: Yes, I can imagine that. Almost all children like to listen.
5: In any case. It would be good to learn to tell stories and imagine a lot of things.