

Erasmus+ project „The Children of Sheherazade“

Greece – Interview with Pupils

School:

ELIX (organization of non formal education support for refugee and migrant children)

Storytelling organization:

Centre for the study and Dissemination of Myths and Folktales-Mythos

Facilitator (Storyteller): Maria Vrachionidou

1. At the beginning of this school year you began listening to stories maybe for the first time in your life. What do you think about this?

1: I have heard stories previously but it was never like this, it wasn't systematically. This happened to me for the first time and I adored it! It was so nice!

2: That's true, this happened for the first time in my life.
I like stories very much, but not all of them, I have some preferences.

2. How did you like it to listen to stories weekly (or on a regular basis)?

1: Oh this was excellent! I like it so much! I would like to listen to stories at the (primary) school too, but there nobody tells us stories anymore, they just teach us various subjects ... They tell stories just at the kindergardens, sometimes, and that's it ... Why can't we listen to more stories now at schools as well?

2: Yes, I like very much to listen to stories weekly or some days regularly.

3. Do you have a favourite story among the ones you heard? And if so could you explain why?

1: (He grasps his classier and browses all the drawings of the stories he had listened to ... It's amazing that he remembers all the plots, even these of the stories he had heard at the very beginning of the year. He starts to comment on every story. Then he stops and counts them: "What?", he says, "so few stories have I heard? [he was absent at some meetings] What a pity! I suppose I have missed a lot! But actually I thought I had heard more..." Then he answers the question:) My favorite story is the last one, this that you've just told me, "the blind sailor". Not because it's the one that I remember better (I remember the others, too) but because it impressed me how generous the hero was! He didn't even punish the villain and his bad wife ... If I was at his place I would have put them to jail for 25 years! But this man is really generous and can forgive ...!

2: (She browses her drawings to remember the stories, too. She wasn't able to remember all of them, though. Then she answers) I choose the "Makromallousa" (= the Greek variant of Rapunzel) as my favorite! I remember the story and I liked that the heroine had long hair like I do!

4. In fairy tales trees can feel, animals can talk, people go to the moon or the sun. They travel to different worlds. Do you think this is true?

1: It is not true, I know that, but I wish it was! How wonderful the world would be if it was like in the tales! Everything would be possible then! I could bring snow from a distant northern country here and I could play snowball in the middle of summer!

2: It is not true, but I like that all these things happen at least in stories ...

5. Do you think we can become friends with someone from one of the stories?

1: I would like to become friends with the prince.
But I would like him to be a young boy, like me.

2: No, because unfortunately they are not real ...

**6. Is there a hero or a heroine in a story whom you like a lot?
And if so why?**

1: The "blind sailor"! Because he was goodhearted, strong, brave and he didn't lose his faith, he never gave up, no matter the obstacles he faced ...

2: I cannot choose one right now.

**7. What do you think about listening to stories?
Is it fun? Or is it important and if why do you think so?**

1: Stories relax me ...
And, on the other hand, stories make me think about their heroes and how they act.

2: Most of the times, stories are fun.