2017 IIME REPORT

Country/Region [France]

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Subjects, Activities and Hours of the lessons

Subject	Conception of the lesson	Hours
History & Geography	 Localization of Japan with Googleearth: Time shift (day/night option). Main cities and islands. Countries in the neighboring. Exploration of Tama-City and the Higashi-Atago Junior High School neighboring. Virtual tour with Google Street view. Japanese writing: very short explanation of the functioning of kanjis and romaji. Understanding the Japanese pupils' difficulty to read our latin alphabet. Using of Googletraduction to build short Japanese words. Discovering Tama-City environment. Comparison between the great Tokyo and the Parisian agglomeration. 	8
English	 Conception of cards : Presentation cards New Years cards. Research on paralympic sports and athletes. Reading and understanding Japanese pupils' cards 	10
Music	•Conception of a soundtrack for an upcoming video. The french students sang both in French and Japanese the worldwide known Let it go from the famous disney's Frozen soundtrack (《 <i>Libérée délivrée</i> 》 in French; 《 レット・イット・ゴー≫in Japanese). •Last year's video (key words 《 senonches kanazawa ≫): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zApronF4P4	5

Theme and Message of the mural

Theme	Paralympic games (Tokyo 2020) / Handicap
	Handicap can make us stronger
Message United thoughts to share with the world	





Effects and the Problems

Effects your students have gained

They gained a better understanding of Japan and its culture. They enjoyed sending cards to their Japanese pen-friends and to receive cards from Japan. This project permits more english practice and improvements. English reveals itself essential to exchange between our two cultures.

Points for further improvement

We dedicated two special days for the drawing or 12 hours of work on the mural. Maybe the two days must be more separated to permit some work on the structure or some colors during the art class and to permit some schedule change in case of weather happenings.

This year we had a lot of snow which blocked the school buses for several days. As 3 out of 4 of our pupils comes in buses, it blocked our second mural day for a while.

How has your impression toward your partner's country/region and the world changed?

Changes in the students	Changes in the teachers
Our school is in a rather isolated area. Our pupils do	This project permits different teachers to work
not open themselves easily to the "outside world"	together (essentially Physics & chemistry, English,
and easily mismatch China with Japan. Globally, they	Art and Music but also French). We enjoyed working
were very enthusiastic and asked many questions on	together and it's always delightful to work on
many different subjects (bamboo forest, Tokyo	something which started at the other end of the
tower, Mount Fuji, Japanese school uniform,	world.
Japanese's houses). They discovered the	
paralympic games and the courage of all these	This kind of project permits a different connection
disabled athletes.	between pupils and teacher.
Some of our students have started to learn basic	
kanjis, they enjoyed drawing japanese characters.	
They find this writing quite artistic.	

Flow of the Activity

Content	Month	What you did	Your students attitude/reflection	Subject
MEET Self- introduction	Sept- Feb	-Making pairs (French-Japanese students) -FaceTime meeting -Presentation cards -New years cards	Interested and motivated.	English
SHARE Research on the theme	Sept- Nov	Using of several internet resources: Looking for famous athletes in former paralympic games. What were their handicap, their story. Selection of 4 paralympic sport for the mura	A lot of interest shown. Many students didn't realise that disabled people could do such incredible performances. Amputated people in swimming pools puzzled a lot of our students. They realised that there was something behind the olympic games.	Physics
UNITE United message/ Mural design	Nov- Dec	Sharing the exchanges on the forum. We made two FaceTime exchanges. We plan a third for the aftermaths. The exchange of cards compiling some researches on the theme.	The exchange on the forum gives an unity between the referent teachers AND the students. Pupils were quite impressed seeing each-other through the Face-Time interface. Though some phrases were prepared, some were very shy.	Art English History
CREATE Mural painting	Jan Feb	Two "special days" dedicated to the mural. Rotating groups.	Painting, singing, taking pictures in the park, writing cards A lot of motivation, fun and seriousness.	Mangaka interventi on Music Art

		To come: Creation of a notice to explain the mural for parents	Proudness to see that their work will be exposed or read.	
APPRECIATE Reflection/ Appreciation	Mar− May	and visitor. We'll make a half scale replica of our mural and expose it in our local museum. Contacts with the local newspaper		Art French

Effect and evaluation gained through the collaborative learning

Evaluation: Rank 5 to 1 (5: very effective / 4: effective / 3: so- so / 2: not so effective / 1: not effective at all)

Expected effect	Evalua tion	Scenes / points teachers felt the effects
Understanding your own cultures	4	Internet researches on French (and Japanese) Paralympic athletes. Parallel with our school engagement towards disabled people.
Understanding your partner's cultures	5	In classroom : using google maps or translation to explore Japanese Language
Information literacy (research, share)	3	Internet researches
Communication ability (interactive exchange)	4	Making of cards (powerpoint and handwriting). Preparation of phrases to say during FaceTime moments.
Critical thinking (objective, logical views)	3	Students realized the difficulties and courage the disabled athletes encounter. These issues are somehow difficult to handle for youngsters.
Active learning and action	4	3 out of 4 students were motivated enough to enlarge their work out of school to make the project advancing.
Collaboration (in the class, with partners)	5	The professional mangaka (Jason Dilukeba) who went helping us was very glad of the active collaboration with almost all students.
Expression ability (in words, in pictures)	5	Great artistic work of some students who took the lead on some of the mural's characters.
Appreciation ability (the mural, the whole collaborative learning)	5	Globally the students were very motivated. Some were very efficient and took their responsibility in the mural's drawing.