



Trim Visits... Italy

Rome 12th February 2013

Finally I arrived at 1 p.m. after a long journey!

The children have suffocated me with kisses and hugs!



They explained that they were celebrating the last day of Carnival, and so they showed me their masks and their beautiful clothes. They were all cheerful and happy. I did try the "frappe" a traditional cake to celebrate Mardi Gras.

Now I'm tired and I'm going to rest, but I'm curious as to what I will see tomorrow ...

Love

Trim





Rome, February 13th, 2013

What a day! Classes started at 8:30 am

In the morning I attended a music lesson in class IV D.

Children have played the Ode to joy with diamonica.

After we have built a cube with toothpicks and plasticine.

I did also write on LIM!

At 10:30 we went to attend a conference on bullying in schools.



There were police officers and many children who listened attentively.

Back in class we rested for a break and I played with Romeo Maraméo a white cat of the Colosseum, the mascot of the class.



I played cards and checkers, I enjoyed it a lot.

We studied the food chain during science class.



Finally at 12:30 we had lunch in the school canteen.

I ate pasta, meat and peas and an orange muhkh that good!

You can eat very well in Italy!

See you tomorrow

Kisses, kisses

Trim

Rome, 14th February 2013



On the second day, it was ST. Valentine's day.

I have visited children of the second class C.

They were anxious, but very happy to meet me. Children prepared a big heart on which they wrote: we are very happy to meet you. Dear Trim we love you!

It is lovely, isn't it?

They offered me some typical Carnival sweets like "frappe" and "castagnole".

Then.... Surprise! Children introduced me to Juliet, a pretty kitten.

She gave me a lots of kisses and I blushed with shame.



Later we went to the playground of the school and we took some pictures; then I visited also to botanic garden behind the school with them. There was a big scarecrow ,but I wasn't afraid. When I went away, children were very sad to say me goodbye , me too, above all for my lovely Juliet!

Later I'm in the 5th class. Boys and girls applauded very enthusiastically my arrival-woo -hoo! We were waiting for you! Welcome!



It's a good start, isn't?

I look around and I see a colorful class with lots of poster ,maps and photos hanging on the walls.

The children are having history .They've been studying the ancient Romans, their culture and their games. There are some kids that promise to take me to the center of Rome to visit Colosseum , one of the most famous place in the world. I can't believe it

It's fantastic!

In the afternoon I went to the gym with the class III C .

We played basketball and we did so many exercises!!!



At the end I was tired but very happy to go in their classroom and to meet their mascot Teddy.



At 15,30 I helped pupils to read and repeat the science lesson about plants and

flowers. Finally children sang me a nice song called "monkey is in the Jungle" and then we sang all together "Trim is in the Jungle" we have changed the first word of the song. It was so funny!!!

What a nice day!

Rome, 15th February 2013

Today I visited the IIB class. They wanted to show me a nest that Emanuele found in his garden. They let me see very close: there was an egg inside! It was so cute! Emanuele told me that his father made a movie to show how two little blackbirds were born and learnt to fly.



- Would you like to see this movie Trim?

- Yes!!!Wow!!!

This movie was very interesting. Children helped me to see better, putting me near

the screen, they were very kind. They

asked me if

I usually eat birds, I answer

NOOOO!

They were afraid I was hungry and gave me a sandwich, yum yum!

I tried to play the drum with three nice girls.

Then two nice boys have introduced



me to Pulcinella and Arlecchino, two famous Italian masks.



At the end of the day, I ran through the classroom and I have climbed!

Bye-bye! I have promised that I would come back,

Your Trim

Saturday 16th February 2013



I'm inside the Colosseum with my Italian friends of 5th B.

George explains to me:- It was here that the gladiator games took place and cruel shows too. The gladiators were slaves trained specifically to fight each other to death. In this big round stadium the gladiators fought tigers, lions, bears and any sort of wild animals.

I ask him .- Which was the most exiting spectacle?

He answers:- It was the chariot racing in which the gladiators raced around a track...but this was also a violent game ,Trim!



- Who built the Colosseum?

Roman emperor Vespasian, the founder of the Flavian dynasty, in ad 69, but it was opened by Titus only in AD 80. For

this reason it was originally called :The Flavian Amphitheatre.



In this Stadium were even held naval battles.

- How did they take naval battles here?-I ask with curiosity.

- They flooded the Colosseum with water. In this occasion the amphitheatre was full of spectators: almost 70 thousand !-He says.

- So the admission to the spectacles was cheapest!—I say surprised.

- It was free, anyone could enter and assist to the games, drama and plays. The emperors considered these shows as a deserved public entertainment.

I add thoughtfully:- poor gladiators and poor animals. ancient Romans were very cruel with them. How did they treat cats? How would my life have been in the ancient Rome?



- It would have been a haven for you! the Romans respected cats. They represented liberty and safety of home. People allowed the cats to walk freely around the temples. Exactly like today! They still have the access to the monuments!- He tells me.

Very pleased with what I've just heard I look around...what amazes me most of this place is the long queue of tourists waiting to enter the gorgeous stadium. All around... hundreds of cats, too.

I say amazed:- Colosseum has become the kingdom of cats. they walk peacefully around this place. It won't be bad to stay longer!!!

Veronica answers smiling: - Come on Trim, other children are waiting for you!



It's interesting to know that nowadays roman people still love cats. Lots of women that live in the centre of Rome feed and look after cats every day. They are called "le gattare" it means "the ladies of cats".

Satisfied I say: - I think it's time to leave. What an unforgettable trip it was! Thank you very much. Time runs!

See you soon in latvia!!!



Rome 18TH February 2013

Today I came back in the second B class. Children wanted to read for me the Pinocchio story. Pinocchio is the most famous puppet in the world. I like it very much. The story was very interesting, children read very well and I looked pictures in their book. Then they drew pictures about the story

and I was very curious to see them! They were very good at drawing!!!



Some children made a puppet..I liked playing with it.

Bye bye children. I'll miss you ☹

..at the end but not least I went to greet the Headmaster and teachers...

