

# I'm glad you live!

Escola Pia Balmes (Barcelona)



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## How did the experience originate? , what concerns or needs do you respond to?

The experience originated four years ago, following the realization of one of the learning itineraries (within the SUMMEM project) of 1st ESO (Middle School). The needs to which it responds are, on the one hand, to work the curriculum content of this stage interdisciplinary and, on the other hand, the need to work social action with students.



## Purposes

What we intend with this project is for students to become aware of their privileged situation, working on the rights of children. Once their own situation is analyzed, they contrast it with other, more disadvantageous realities. From here we work the value of empathy as a first step towards solidarity action. When we chose the subject, apart from linking it to the social science curriculum, we relate it to the situation of refugees who have arrived in Europe in various ways, fleeing war. For them it is a real and meaningful topic.

We also work solidarity and social action with students, who will be responsible for raising funds for the entities that collaborate with our project.

The curriculum content we work on is as follows:

Social studies: Children's rights and migration movements (types and causes)).

Natural sciences: the nutritional pyramid and food types.

Mathematics: basic statistics and conversion factors.

Languages: textual typology (narrative and descriptive text). Text properties (adequacy, cohesion, correction). Communicative strategies (planning and exposition of oral texts). Verbal and nonverbal language, advertising and audiovisual language.

Computing: use of image, video and sound editing programs. Using spreadsheets and slideshow.

Art: design of the awareness campaign and an exhibition on refugees.

### **What is it?**

This is a project born from the refugee crisis in Greece and other European countries in recent years. The project is carried out with the students of 1st ESO (12-13 years) of the Piarist School of Balmes (Barcelona) based on the question "What does your happiness depend on?" It is an interdisciplinary project that links the subjects of social studies, natural sciences, languages and art. The aim is for students to become aware of their privileged situation, working on the rights of children (right to food, education, health, leisure, nationality, family, etc.). Once its own situation has been analyzed, it will contrast it with other, more disadvantaged realities, namely that of refugees. The project ends with the realization of an exhibition of the work done by the students and the collection of funds to collaborate with NGOs with which we work.

### **What are the assessments of experience, what impact does it have on children, families...? (you can share some testimony)**

The evaluation of the project is very good, both by the students and the teachers. As the project progresses, students take on a much more participatory role, as they have to create an advertising campaign for the exhibition, having to take responsibility for the work they do, thus being more autonomous and more proactive.

### [Explanatory video](#)

