

W.W.W./S.O.S.: the project beyond digital worlds



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Digital education, in a world that depends on ICT and digital media, is an essential priority for education: helping student understand *how and when to use the internet* concerns all European children and adolescents. Started in September 2019, the W.W.W./S.O.S. project (Wonders of the Webless World - Shiny Object Syndrome) is born out of a dialogue with other European schools about the need of a **responsible use of digital tools, in order to avoid addictions**.

As described by the acronym, the wonders of a world that is "off" the network and far from "bright" objects (cell phones and computers) are certainly complex to discover within a pandemic. However, there are four project goals:

- 1) **Inform** students and families about the negative effects of screen abuse on child development;
- 2) **Analyze the qualitative use of the mobile phone** to demonstrate its negative effects on mood and self-esteem;
- 3) **Monitor** the use of children's IT tools, showing alternative uses;
- 4) **Create a habit of positive, balanced and informed use of digital tools**. The teachers involved in the project will mainly deal with putting the students in contact with each other, stimulating their interest and active participation.

Furthermore, the following activities are planned to limit the socio-emotional difficulties of social distancing:

- **Online cooperation on the eTwinning platform**: creation and sharing of audio-visual content, oral and written exchanges between pupils and teachers;
- **Organization of seminars** ("training activities") dedicated to students and families.
- **Behavioral analysis** about the use of IT tools, using applications such as the "screen usage card" - designed to measure times and content used by children;

The short-term international mobility planned for pupils and teachers remains temporarily stalled, in the hope that the health situation will improve over 2021.

Project name:

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**Wonders of the Webless World - Shiny Object
Syndrome**

Target

High school students

Lenght

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