



November Blog



This month, we have completed a variety of activities in order to improve the English of the students at all levels. The most significant topic was the American holiday Thanksgiving. As this was the first year in many that we have had an American auxiliary, it was important to introduce the students to one of the most important American holidays and use that as a way to engage the students. Other activities included a trip to the roof in order to learn various terms in the field of meteorology and an activity celebrating the rights of children.



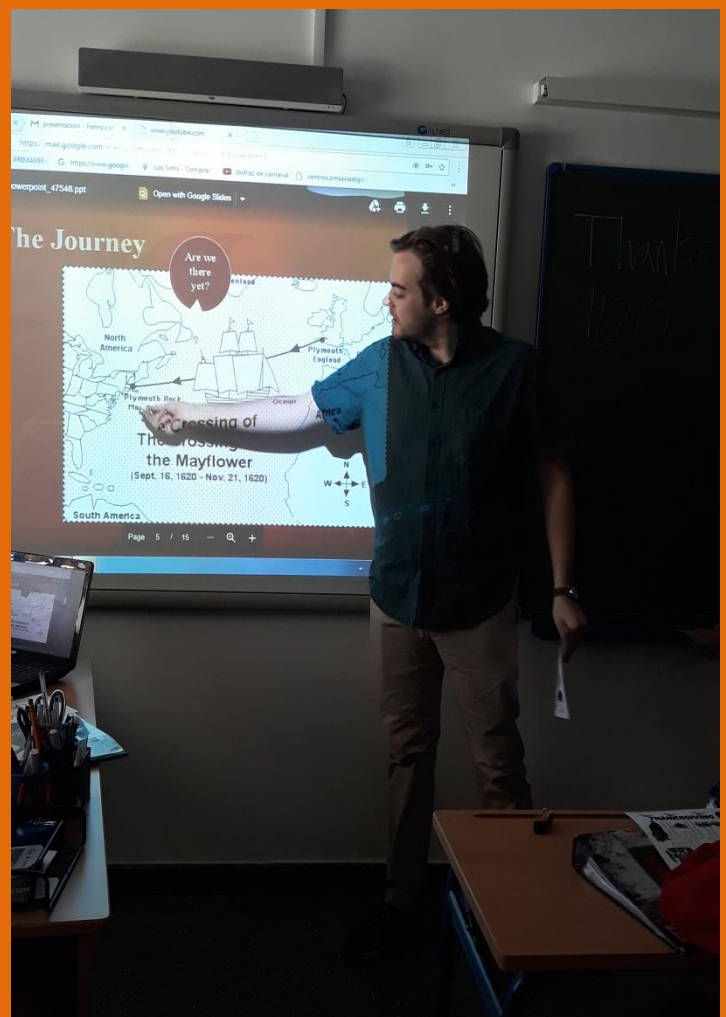


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Thanksgiving Activities

The auxiliary, Henry, prepared a presentation about Thanksgiving for the week prior to the holiday, which happened on November 24th this year. This presentation first discussed the origins of the holiday, including the pilgrims and the Native Americans. The history of the holiday goes back over 500 years, and it was important to give the context that American students always receive. Next, the presentation discussed the holiday and what it's like today. The main topic was the Thanksgiving meal, which is very iconic, including turkey, potatoes, and many different desserts.





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Thanksgiving Continued

Other things discussed included Black Friday, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and American football. Black Friday, an American tradition, represents the uglier side of the holiday. Now, it can be found across Europe, albeit a little less crazy. The parade was probably the students' favorite part of the presentation. A video of the parade showed the giant balloons that go around New York City. The balloons are characters such as Pikachu, Hello Kitty, and Power Rangers so the students enjoyed seeing the different characters. Also, a short introduction to American football was given.





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Field Trip to the Roof

With the auxiliar and natural science teacher Virginia, the 4th grade took a mini field trip to the roof in order to learn about different devices that interact with the environment. First, Virginia explained the different devices inside the weather station, and then the auxiliar explained in English. Things discussed included the temperature, the wind, and the solar panels. By getting the students out of the classroom, it kept them more engaged and attentive.





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The Rights of Children

In the 6th grade, the students talked about the rights inherent to all children, and then completed some crafts in order to decorate the hallways. It is important to educate children about their own rights, as it is difficult for a child to recognize what rights they all have. By establishing these ideas, the classroom becomes a more inclusive and effective environment for learning.

