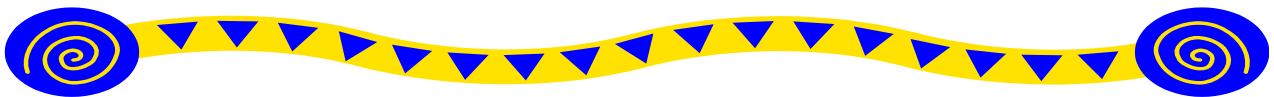


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A real special school day

Last 21 March, Bagheria, a small town near Palermo, celebrated “the day of memory and commitment to remember the innocent victims of mafias”.



Institutions, schools, parishes, cooperatives and trade Unions took part at the event.

A long march left from the area called Greater Victims of Violence and crossed the main streets of the town, such as Federico II street, Corso Umberto and Garibaldi Square. The long march arrived at Victims of the Mafia Square, where there was a direct TV with the main square of the town of Locri.

Locri is a town in the Calabria region, in southern Italy, where about twenty five thousand people were attending the event.

No other place could result more appropriate than Locri for this day.



“This is a land that suffered and keeps suffering.

The event, organized by the Italian anti-mafia association Libera, whose founder is the prominent anti-mafia priest, Luigi Ciotti, was held simultaneously in other four thousand places across the country, drawing five hundred thousand participants. At the event, families of the victims led the rally, along with the president of the Italian senate Pietro Grasso and the Minister of Justice Andrea Orlando. The names of 900 victims were read during the event.

The choice of the date of March 21 has a deep meaning.



March 21 is the awakening day of nature and it is hoped that it is also the day of awakening of truth and social justice.



From 1996, every year in a different city, a list of around 900 names of innocent victims is read. There are widows, children without fathers, mothers and siblings. There are the relatives of the known victims, those whose name immediately invokes a strong emotion. And there are the family members of the victims whose name says little or nothing. For this reason it is a civil duty to remember them all.



We, students of the class 3B , accompanied by our teachers Farina and Cutrona, together with the students and teachers of the other classes of our school, participated in that event that helped us to reflect on the theme of the vigilant and active, memory that serves to remember the sacrifice of those who have lost their lives by exercising their profession with dignity and courage, but also who are examples of our daily behaviors.

I'll never forget this day; I learnt much of this experience, and above all I learnt that if we stay together in the fight against mafia extortion and violence, we'll be able to defeat it.

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