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From the 29th June to 1st July, I had the pleasure of taking part in an Erasmus+ training programme in Partizánske, Slovakia, alongside ten colleagues from different Maltese church schools. Just like me, these educators all share a passion for making mathematics meaningful and engaging for our learners, making this unique experience even more valuable.

Over three inspiring days, we explored the principles of Teaching for Mastery, with a special focus on lesson planning and how this approach is implemented within. The training was impeccably delivered by Mr James Cheater, Maths Mastery Trainer and Director of Impact Maths Consultancy Ltd. The hosting school was Cirkevná základná škola Jána Krstiteľa Partizánske, also a catholic school, where Ms Tatiana Lukáčová Guliková gave us a warm welcome. A sincere thank you also goes to Ms Marisa Deguara and Mr Chris Bugeja at the Secretariat for Catholic Education for all the coordination that made this experience possible.

The training stressed the importance of conceptual depth rather than breadth. It was filled with practical ideas and thought-provoking discussions, reminding us that great mathematics teaching is about much more than finding the right answer. We explored how carefully planned learning, rich mathematical representations, reasoning, problem-solving and responsive teaching can help every child build confidence and a deep understanding of mathematics. Just as valuable were the conversations we shared, reflecting on our own practice and learning from one another.

Mr Cheater guided us through the process of effective lesson planning; not any planning, but planning for mastery. We also delved into efficient AFL strategies that can be integrated into daily lessons, so the teacher



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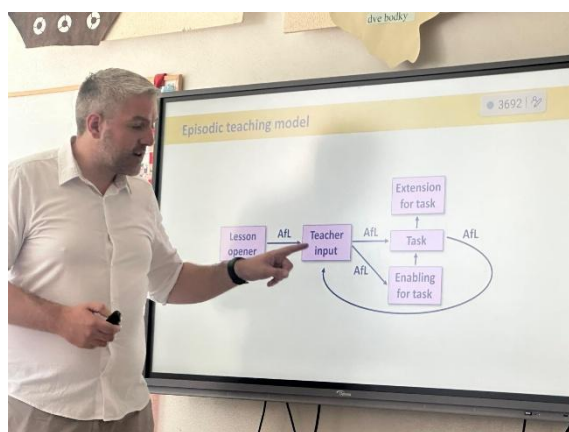
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can continuously gauge the level where students are at. I'm excited to bring these ideas back to Malta and Gozo, share them with colleagues, and continue working towards giving every child the opportunity to enjoy and succeed in mathematics.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who was part of this learning opportunity and contributed to making this experience so memorable. It was a pleasure to learn and grow alongside you all.



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