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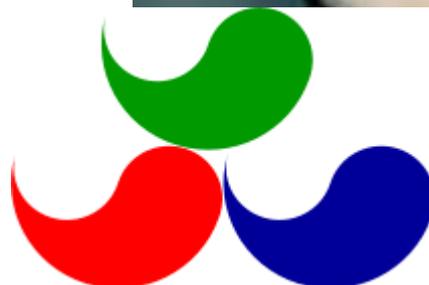
BEATRICE VIO, world and European fencing champion

Participants:

27 Italian students

Date: 7/4/2021

Place: Cerignola, Italy



Aims and skills targeted:

- Know the fundamental stages of the sporting life of the young Italian Paralympic athlete
- Understand the terminological difference of handicap and disability
- Understand the importance of the right to sport as a fundamental human right to ensure inclusion and equal opportunities
- Reflect on the principle of equality and the universal meaning of sport
- Learn to use inclusive words and captions
- Eliminate stereotyped phrases and pietistic statements from our language

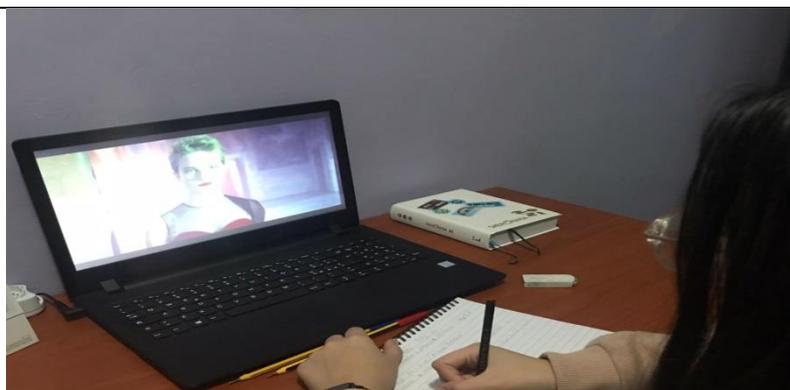
Description:

Knowing the history and mission of a Paralympic fencing athlete motivated the students

to look for sources and documents in order to reconstruct the lively story of a young girl, whose great desire is to compete, despite the competition already won against the disease. The starting point was the search for the athlete's biographical data and the disconcerting discovery that at the age of 11 she was struck by meningococcal meningitis which causes necrosis and widespread infections.

Even more terrible was discovering the decision of the doctors, who first decide to amputate her legs below the knees and then also her forearms. Dreams in the drawer seem to vanish in a hospital ward, where for more than six months he fights between plastic surgery and resuscitation, but his innate and creative flair does not go out in his heart. The curiosity to know in depth the sporting path of the athlete in the condition of disability, led the students to read and listen to the interviews in which she herself talks about the difficulties she had to face, her feelings, the people who helped her , especially the family, and how every day she faces obstacles and joys. The students discovered a new world, that of disability, which in this young woman has become a resource, a source of life and courage that have given her wonderful victories.

They managed to get in tune with the athlete's inner world, so much so that they could grasp the joy of living even with disabilities. The vision of the film "Rising Phoenix", in which Bebe Vio is the protagonist, allowed the students to touch the strength that allowed them to overcome the limit of disability, "transforming fire into her passion and her power". There was no lack of reflections on sport, on the positive value, but also on the negative aspects of the sports world. Attention was also paid to in-depth studies on the link between sport and legal aspects, precisely in the field of disability, in harmony with their studies. The researches, the reflections have aroused in the students the desire to assume positive behaviors towards the disabled, above all they have acquired the awareness that the deficit can turn into an added value.



Results:

The students, through the creation of a comic, photo album, documents, posters, billboards, videos have managed to achieve the objectives required in this work:

1. Get to know a disabled Paralympic athlete through the selection of websites, reading documents, listening to videos
2. Understand the added value of disability
3. Acquire inclusive behaviors, as well as positive language
4. Know the national and international legislative aspects