

**THE CHILDREN OF THE "AMICIZIA" NEIGHBOURHOOD REDISCOVER THEIR OWN ROOTS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THEIR CITY AND REPLANT THE GARDENS IN THE SCHOOL COURTYARD.**

"**The roots of the city**" is a botanical-environmental project carried out by the third-grade students of S. *Francesco - Rione Amicizia* in the **81st School District** located in the area of the *Nuovo Pellegrini* Hospital.

The project, with the support of the **City of Naples Department of Education**, called for the restoration of the school garden and was made possible by the **Naples International Airport** who proposed and financed the project, the members of the **Roots Cultural Association** who arranged the project and the seedlings were provided by **Superintendence of Pompeii Archaeology**.

The educational project, which lasted three months, was divided into two parts, theory and practical application, with each child being assigned a small section of flower bed. The "young botanists" first studied various plant species which enabled them to later identify which plants were more suited to the environmental conditions of the school courtyard. The students then prepared the soil, planted the seedlings and were responsible for the care of the growing plants. As a result, thanks to school's now flourishing flower beds, these children have rediscovered their roots in their own neighbourhood.