

Short-term learning activity within the project F.A.C.E.IT



The first meeting - Sunday.

On 2nd and 3rd December, the students along with the teachers from the partner schools taking part in the international E.A.C.E.IT project visited Kluczbork. The guests came from Greece, Spain and Germany. Our friends made long trips to meet us in Kluczbork. The first point of the program was a joint trip to Opole. During that trip, we walked around the old city taking a lot of photos. After visiting the main market, we went to a mysterious place which was a "room of riddles". Everybody had a good time. Everyone was able to use their skills to get out of a closed room. At the end of the trip, we so-called "Arena Laser Games" or laser paintball. Everyone had such a good time that nobody wanted to come back. Unfortunately, time urged us and we had to go home.

Second day of visit - Monday.

On 4th December at 9.00 the official opening of weekly meeting took place. Everything took place in the hall of our school. At the very beginning of the meeting, the director welcomed everyone with Mrs. Agata Murzyńska. After a short speech the students from the hosting school showed presentations. Each of them was on a different topic concerning Kluczbork and our school. The students talked about the history of Kluczbork, the patron of ZSO, Kluczbork's attractions, and the outstanding beekeeper from our area - John Dzierzon. The whole ceremony was crowned with the performance of two students playing the violin. There were endless applause. Everyone was delighted. After the inaugural meeting, the host students went to lessons with their hosts. After two hours, we gathered back in the auditorium to find out more about cybersecurity. A policeman was talking about dangers on the Internet. Everyone realized to a greater or lesser extent that the Internet is not a catch and we must be careful what is placed or watched there.

Day three - the day of learning and reflection on the world.

On Tuesday, 5th December, we all went to the former Auschwitz-Birkenau Nazi camp. At 8.00 we left on the bus . The trip to Oświęcim lasted about 3 hours. At 11:30 we arrived at the place. There we met a guide who before the entrance to the museum reminded us of the preservation of seriousness in this place. We began visiting the camp by hearing the history of the camp under the main gate of the camp. It read the words "Arbeit macht frei" which in Polish meant - work make us free, which was not really true. Then we went to the buildings where there were numerous photos of this place from the war, prisoners, personal belongings, such as glasses, shoes, suitcases, everyday objects, their photos and rooms where they were forced to live in. The guide also showed us the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe. However, the biggest impression on us was staying in a room where there was a crematorium and a gas chamber. Two crematory ovens caught our attention. The next point of the visit was the wall of execution and block 11 called the "death block".

We kept our homage to the lost and murdered. At about 2.30 pm we traveled with the guide to the Birkenau museum. We went to the entrance gate through which trains that brought prisoners from all over Europe once passed. In the area of this camp, we had the opportunity to see the remains of residential barracks. We also learned the conditions in which prisoners had to live. We ended the tour of Birkenau with a visit to the reconnaissance tower, where we thanked the guide and went to the bus in reflection. After visiting the camp, we went to the gallery to eat dinner. At 17:30 we went back. At 20:00 we finished our trip, which was undoubtedly an unforgettable history lesson.





„KTO NIE PAMIĘTA HISTORII SKAZANY JEST
NA JEJ PONOWNE PRZEŻYCIE.”

GEORGE SANTAYANA

“THOSE WHO DO NOT REMEMBER THE PAST
ARE CONDEMNED TO REPEAT IT.”

GEORGE SANTAYANA

Day four - discovering the magic of nature.

On Wednesday, 6th December, we went on a trip to Wroclaw. After waiting for the late participants, the bus started from the bus stop next to the school. The purpose of our trip was to visit Hydropolis, Afrykarium and a visit to the Christmas Fair. During the travel by bus, everyone received a card and a pen on which he had to write in English a question that he would ask our guests from abroad. After throwing the card into the box, everyone randomly drew another card with a question and responded to it. All the answers were read on the way back from the capital of Lower Silesia. At 10.00 we crossed the city boundary. We had two hours to the first point of the trip, so we all went to the "Korona" shopping center. The shopping smiles were favored by the smiles of all participants of the trip. There were even those who painted their hair pink. After successful shopping, we went to Hydropolis where we discovered the secrets of water. We got to know the strangest creatures inhabiting the deep water and we found out who built the first submarine

bathyscaphe. Another point of the program was Afrykarium - the only place in Poland where animals live from the remotest corners of the Earth, starting from the smallest fish ending with crocodiles and mantas. There was no end to smiles on the face and fun of the photographers. After a successful visit to the animals, we went to the Christmas market. We could all try traditional Polish dishes and delicacies. In the meantime, we used the attractions of the Wroclaw market - a small amusement park and playgrounds set up around the square. It was great fun, unfortunately it was time to meet together and it was necessary to return home. Satisfied, we returned to the bus and safely went to Kluczbork where the parents were waiting for us.





Day five - workshops and great fun

On Thursday, computer workshops were held , where the project participants learned how to create an application. Learning combined with fun favoured work. Everybody was happy. After the classes, we went with our guests to take a rest, to meet at 4 pm in the school hall where there was a journey to the past and a big disco. Speaking of the past, I mean dressing up in folk costumes and learning some interesting facts about the Polish culture and especially in the Silesian culture of Opole. After the meeting the great party began. There was no end to dancing, even our teachers let themselves be drawn into play. Tired but happy at 8pm, we returned to the home where we probably fell on the beds and went to sleep.



Last day - workshops, farewell, return to reality

On Friday at 10 a short end and a summary of weekly trips and meetings took place. Everyone received a certificate of participation in the project. After short speeches, we went to the museum named John Dzierżon, where we got to know the secrets of beekeeping and the history of the patron of the museum.. We also visited an exhibition on Polish precious stones - ambers. After visiting the museum, the guests went to the host pupils' lessons and afterwards they went home to pack their suitcases and prepare for the trip.





Impressions from the visit.

During this short week we have gained many new experiences as well as acquaintances. Everyone was very involved during the classes. Thanks to the trips, we learned interesting and important facts from history as well as natural sciences. The coordinators and project members created a well-coordinated team. This exchange gave me the opportunity to check and improve my skills in using English.

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