

Erasmus+  
Finland Report

Day 1

- Visited the school (Tampere Lyceum)
- Presentations about what our country means to us
- Activities in groups to get to know each other
- Tampere Tower
- Tour around Tampere with our hosts



Day 2

- Woodland visit
- Cooking sausages on a fire and playing games in the snow
- Museum visit, including a tour around the civil war exhibition
- Sauna and swimming in an ice lake



Day 3

- Trip to Turku
- Maritime museum
- Evangelical Church
- Remains of the only medieval city in Finland



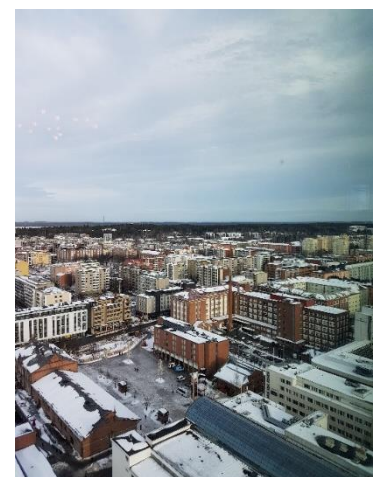
Day 4

- Watched the school leavers celebration
- Tampere Tower
- Ice sculpture display
- Building a snow and ice sculpture display for the school



Day 5

- Sledging
- Walking on a frozen lake
- Watching the dance to celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders becoming the oldest in the school
- Ice hockey match



## Day 6

- Ice skating on a frozen lake



### Lesson observation

The lesson that I took part in was English. The students were learning the same content that I am learning in English. They were learning about English poetry, hidden meanings in the poetry and what you can infer from it. It is also different to our lessons because they were doing this in a foreign language whereas in my modern foreign language lessons, our level of speaking that language is not as high as that of the Finnish.

### Cultural heritage

I have learnt that climate, nature and landscape plays a major role on the cultural heritage of Finland. The snow and ice has lead on to the use of saunas and ice dipping. There is more than one sauna for every person in Finland. Paper mills, which introduced thousands of jobs and a lot of money for the Finnish economy, were created due to the large amount of trees. The landscape and climate of Finland has also inspired many Finnish artists to create famous pieces of art which display the climate and culture of Finland.

This has made me aware of how climate, landscape and nature has influenced my culture. The large amount of tin in the rocks beneath Cornwall meant that it was a great place for mining. The mining has created iconic landscape features around Cornwall such as the engine houses. Mining has also influenced Cornwall's regional dish. The pasty was created by miners wives and allowed the miners to eat a meal with their hands and not get it dirty.

### Climate change

Climate change is affecting both Finland and Cornwall and can be detected by people living in the different areas. Climate change in Finland is causing the average temperature to rise and therefore the amount of snow falls with it. The snow season is also shortening. The average temperature in Cornwall and the rest of the UK is also rising. This can be shown when just a few weeks ago the hottest temperature in the UK during February was recorded in North Wales. Rising sea levels are causing erosion around the cliffs of the UK and are therefore destroying coastal paths used by many people and their families.

### My host and their family

My host was called Emilia. During the school term she lives in an apartment in Tampere but her family also have a house 100km away in the countryside. She lives with her parents and has an older brother who has moved out of the house.

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