The lockdown – Kristóf József Panyik

The whole pandemia started in a usual December in the year 2019, when happened a really surprising and shocking thing that changed our whole year by the beginning of the next year: In China appeared a tricky and terrible virus, the covid19 which quickly spreaded all over the world and by the beginning of March, it reached my country, Hungary as well.

First time, when I heard about the virus in the school in January, I thought about it as a remote misty virus, which I will not even see in Europe, neither in my country, just only hear about it in the news. – Although, I had other problems: I had to prepare for the B1 English mock language exam and for the oral entrence exam – to get in the school where I attend to. But just a few days after that I took the exams the pandemia had as much victims in the country, that the goverment had to order the lockdown. Firstly, on the one hand I was really surprised despite the news, and I couldn’t really believe what were happening around me, and I believed that it would take maximum just a few weeks and we can return to school. But on the other hand I was also happy of that, because I could pass all my exams before the quaranteen and caused by this fact, obviously I was glad for that I did not have to go to school and I can relax after the difficulties. And in the first week of homeschooling I could relax a bit indeed. However, soonly, when my school finally, really set up the homeschool system, I almost drowned in the assigments – so I wasn’t right about it. Honestly, that is an exaggration, but after a few weeks, truly, I had more and more problems. Firstly, as I mentioned, I had just taken my exams before the homeschooling, and during the preparation process for those the teachers gave us less homework, we wrote less tests, so they let gave us more time for the preparation. Although it was a really big help for us, we moved on slower with the syllabus, so by March we made two months of arrears in whole of the subjects. That meant, that we had to do five monthly tasks in three and a half months at home! In fact, there was an other important reason of that I ”almost drowned” in the assignments. To be honest, I was so slow, that I couldn’t do, and hand in all of my work I had to do in time. – Sadly, I am still slow. That meant, that while we were making up the arrears of work, I made more arrears for myself – so I couldn’t keep up with the speed and I was struggling all the time. In addition, I couldn’t see my friends (my classmates) in real life, which wasn’t so good, but at least I was able to handle it, and I did not feel lonely. Anyway, maybe it was better, because I was a graduater, so I had to say goodby to my class by the end of this last schoolterm in the primary school, so it made easyer the leave-taking. Furtunately, I have got also some sblings, which helped in this case too, so maybe, I it wasn’t as boring, and challanging as to my other classmates.

In spite of these difficulties I had also some good experience, and there were also several funny moments, which are important, due to it helped to enjoy myself in those difficult times. Probably, one of my decisions in this peroid of time was caused by a kind of boreness. In that spring I had been playing classical guitar for almost 7 years, but I had never learnt before any songs in the pop-rock style, and I was a bit bored with just playing the classical guitar. – I wanted something new in the quaranteen. Luckily I had some music sheet at home with lots of songs, and I could find on the internet that chords I did not know and my guitar teacher also helped me. I really enjoyed it and in May I got a sologuitar, and I really like playing on it. Of course that wasn’t all of my delight and joy during the pandemia. We had a classmaster lesson every week and our classmaster was young, and liked humor. I also liked being a clown, so making a sort of fool of myself with wearing funny clothes, and being in strange places during the lesson. Once, I put on a white hat, a white T-shirt, sunglasses and a mask, looked like money and took part on the lesson in a pool. My classmates and my classmaster really liked it and I really enjoyed it as well.

We also have to always be active and spend time in the nature, especially in these times. Fortunately, I could be still fit in this times as well. As I mentioned I did not have much free time during the quaranteen because of the homeschooling, but I could also spend time with my outdoor hobbies: with fishing and cycling. I went cycling at least once a week and sometimes, when I had a bit more free time, I went fishing. – Both of them refreshed me all the times.

To sum up, the homeschooling was diffucult for me, but I was able to enjoy, and took the advantages of the quaranteen, and try out new things. Now, I am writing this in a quaranteen like I was in last year; and mostly, I have the same problems, I am still slow, but I could improve myself, and I am faster than last year, but not as fit as then. And finally, be preserved every times!