

E4U National Reports: introducing Belgium

My area

I live in Mechelen, Mechelen is a city north of Brussels. There is a legend; some people also name us the "Manenblussers." That comes because the moon was shining on our church and some people thought that the church was on fire so they started to quench the fire, but it was not on fire. From there the name "Manenblussers." Mechelen is attractive for tourist because there are some old, historical monuments. We have a cinema, a theatre and some exhibitions in Mechelen. For transport you can take the bus or you can go by bike. There are also 3 shopping streets in Mechelen.

School life

In high school we have three grades. First grade is the first and second year of high school, second grade is third and fourth year of high school and then the third grade is fifth and sixth and sometimes seventh year of high school. There are no special schools for smarter and less smart students. There is a school that has a reputation for the smarter students and there is a school only for the technical direction. Some students like to go to school some don't that depends from student to student. Our school starts at 8.25am till 3.30pm.

Traditions

We celebrate Christmas the 24th or the 25th December. Normally we eat turkey but now these days they eat something else. With Christmas we give presents to everyone in the family. We decorate our houses with a Christmas tree and some lights. Easter we celebrate the first Sunday after the first full moon of the spring.

Social habits and Customs

If I see someone that we know I give him a handshake and her a kiss. To my friends I say hello, how are you and to the teacher I say miss or sir.

Food

Belgium is known for the best French fries. We normally have 3 meals breakfast, dinner, and evening meal.

Famous people

A Belgian famous person is Laura Tesoro. She is a singer who went to the Eurovision song festival 2016 for Belgium. She also participates at "The voice van Vlaanderen". Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike are also 2 famous people from Belgium. They are the ex-number one DJ's in the world.

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