

1 October

Today, first of October, in the morning we did some ice breaking activities such as names or hobbies activities.

Then, we ate some croissants and fruits.

After that, the principal explained us the different things they do during the year.

She told us that every year students honour teachers organising a party called on the Teacher's Day, give gifts to the teachers and say their most memorable sentences.

This year is special because they celebrate that Lithuania became independent 100 years ago.

This school highlights its cultural activities like theatre, dance and its band.

They take part in lots of charity fairs, projects, give food to elderly people and even have expert teachers for some subjects. There's also a room provided with videogames where any school students can go after their lessons.

After having lunch we visited a cement factory. They explained us some rules for our safety. They produce cement for the roofing, walls and façades.

2 October

Today, second of October, in the morning we went to the Town Hall. The Major's coach told us about the economy of this area.

Then we had a break, so we went to a supermarket to buy something.

After that, we went to the library. Lithuania's people explained us about their country, area and the education.

After having lunch in a restaurant, we visited a factory which makes boxes and these are destined to Ikea (Swedish business). We visited a Natural park close to Naujoji Akmenė. They explained us about the best naturalists in Lithuania and the different natural areas there. The 17% parks are protected in Lithuania and they're more than in the other countries in Europe. We walked around this Natural Park and we saw a big tower and a bridge.

3 October

Today, 3rd of October, we visited Klaipėda. First, we went to a shopping center to buy some souvenirs from Lithuania and to have lunch. Afterwards, we visited Roshen Factory. Roshen is a business that produces caramels, sweets and chocolate. The first factory was in Lithuania, but actually, the owners are Ukrainian. They decided to start the business in Lithuania so that they could earn more money. Its name comes from a Ukrainian president. The tour guide explained us that they have 7 factories around Europe. They love to donate their products and money to charity. Then, we watched the machines that produce the caramels, but it's not all about machines because workers also help in the preparation of the caramels, they mash the paste of the caramel. Next, the guide helped us to make a caramel for each one.

In the afternoon we visited the Baltic Sea in Palanga. We also visited a beautiful church. In the evening we had dinner in a rustic restaurant next to a forest in Atostogų Parkas.

4 october

Today 4th October, we went to the high school and we made one activity about successful business. We wrote the characteristics that must have someone if he or she wants to be successful. Then we represented a situation of a successful business.

After that we had a snack and we had free time. We danced and sang and later we went to Menzon (a restaurant) for lunch.

There, the owner of the restaurant told us about his business.

He never liked study so he opened a Kebab, later he bought another building and he opened a restaurant. The pizzas are so famous in the town.

In the afternoon we went to a cheese factory in another town. It opens in 1924.

They made their cheese kindly and with love.

We tasted different types of cheese they have and they showed us a video.

At last we made some tourism around the town.

5 october

Today 5th October has been a very special day. It was the Teacher's Day at school and the first surprise was that students prepared dances and received teachers with flowers. We all have danced together and watched a quiz for the school teachers prepared by the students. An important moment today has been the feelings we have experienced in the closing ceremony together with the students, the teachers and the hosting families.

After that, all the Erasmus teachers went clubbing and it has been fantastic! However if we had to choose just one special moment, it would be when our Spanish students came to thank us for everything during this week, but they don't know that actually we are the ones who have learnt of them and feel grateful to them. Thank you Anna, Nekane, Andrea and Lucia.

Summary

Here is a short summary of the activities pursued during the meeting.

1. Economical competence was established: 5 companies were visited and business persons interviewed. (ETERNIT BALTIC, BIGSO, ROSHEN, BRASO PICA AND DŽIUGAS CHEESE). Not all of them were fully completed because of some circumstances, but the variety was satisfactory and the content complete.
2. Relationship between students was established during the ice breaking activities, everyday trips and workshops.
3. The competence of English language was developed as students spent most of their days using English (presentations, workshops, writing).
4. Students shared their experience and challenges they face while carrying out their business in their own countries. This activity was not facilitated by teachers as the programme was intense and teachers had their coordinators meeting.
5. Presentations-competition of the best T-shirt to represent the project during the events. Lithuanian model was the winner.
6. Creation of the guide of a successful business/businessperson: students did a great job at this point. They worked in groups, presented their ideas, acted role-plays and completed a presentation with the most important features of a successful business/businessperson. This activity was composed of several parts and guided by a group of teachers.
7. Coordinators' meeting let the teachers to discuss financial issues, future plans, mobility dates.

The goals of the meeting were reached.

The teams of students and teachers worked hard.

The activities were carried out according to the application form.

The relationship between the partner schools were established and satisfactory.

Thank you, all the teams!