

ERASMUS+ I FEEL WOOD – FOR GOOD
DIARY POLICE, POLAND
STUDENTS' DIARY

SUNDAY, 23. 10. 2016 – ARRIVAL DAY

MONDAY, 24. 10. 2016

The first day at the Erasmus+ was very interesting. At nine o'clock in the morning, the whole group of students and teachers from all countries came into a little bigger classroom and there, we had a meeting and a representation of the Polish school. Then we went into a bigger house – the cinema. At first we could eat some snacks and sugar deserts. After everyone stopped eating, we went into the biggest room in this house – the stage. In 8 hours of dancing, representing ourselves, singing and doing a lot of fun things, we learned a lot about being an actor. We really had a great time there and I wish I could do that again. We also played a game of trust where we had to run across the stage with closed eyes and at the end the teacher should catch us. It was really interesting. At the end of the day every group (there were 3 groups) played an act, designed by three girls, the leaders of the group. The last act was done by all groups at one time and it supposed to show us how the new friendship is born.

My Polish family was very interesting. They were really friendly, but they also have their own customs. Some of them are similar to ours and some of them are pretty strange. I was there for only one week, but I really got attached to them. Pawel, my host also had one sister, who studies in London.

Drejc

TUESDAY, 25. 10. 2016

Today I woke up very early. After breakfast, Martyna's father took me and Martyna to school where we gathered at 7.45. First we went by coach to the chemical factory. The factory is one of the most important objects in Police. There they produce fertilizers, plastics, different chemicals, OXO (organic compounds) and pigments. We only saw it from the bus. During the drive the guide presented us their buildings.



Then we drove to the museum, where they keep things from the war, like uniforms and weapon, and everyday things, like books and dishes. Then the guide took us to the forest. There we saw bunkers and forts from the time of war and ruins of old synthetic factory. One of more famous objects is the one where they pulverized coal (picture below).



After that we went to environmental education centre in the town named Zalesie. There they presented us the forest and flora and fauna within it. So beside business we also learned something about wood and forest, since the motto of the Erasmus+ project is 'I feel wood – for good'. Then we saw a lot of interesting experiments including liquefied nitrogen, artificial blood and indicators of acid and basic substances. I really liked those experiments, because they were presented in a very funny way. At the end every country planted three different kind of trees.

At about half past three we had dinner at pizza restaurant. Then we went to Aleksander Doba's house. On the way they showed us another famous thing in Police

– old tombstones standing in the middle of the park. When we arrived, Aleksander Doba showed us his seven metres long canoe in which he twice sailed the Atlantic ocean. After that he presented using a Powerpoint presentation of both of his expeditions. The first was from Dakar in Africa to Acaraua in Brasil and the second from Lisbon in Portugal to Florida. I was surprised that he's 70 years old and started canoeing when he was 30. I found it funny that a lot of people thought that Aleksander Doba is a policeman because he has an inscription Police (the name of the town) on his canoe.



After presentation Martyna's father took me and Martyna home. It was very late so soon after dinner I went to sleep.

During the exchange I stayed at 12 years old Martyna Moczulska. She has got 16 years old sister Weronika. We had a really nice time and we didn't have any problems communicating in English. I was also talking a lot with her sister, but her parents don't speak English very well. Both sisters are learning German, so sometimes we helped ourselves with German too. Since they live in a flat I shared the room with Martyna and her sister, but we didn't have any problems with that. The whole family was really friendly and hospitable, so I didn't miss anything.

I really liked a trip to Świnoujście where we had a guided tour through the military fort. The tour was very enthusiastic because the guide was explaining in a very funny way – we were 'soldiers' and we had to fulfil different exercises. At the end we were promoted into 'real' soldiers.

I also liked trip to Trzebież where we were playing some interesting social games in a small house by the sea and we had a lot of fun. I was happy to try some traditional Polish dishes. I realized that they are very similar to Slovenian dishes. A dish named 'pirogi' is almost the same as our dish 'žlikrofi', another dish prepared from cabbage, meat and mushrooms is similar to our 'segedin' which was very surprising.

I really liked Poland and I hope to see my host again.

Nina

WEDNESDAY, 26. 10. 2016

In the morning my host woke me up. I was sleepy but I got up and put on my clothes. After breakfast me and my host went to school. In school we waited for others and then we got into the bus that took us to city Szczecin where we took a look of brick building. There was a parliament. We left our backpacks in the room and watched well made model of this building. Than we walked to very ornate pillar that was in the middle of the room. We went downstairs to the shelter. I had to wear helmet but it pined me. Because of bad air there had to be air-conditioning system. We saw an old telephone that was used in war. The ceiling wasn't high so it was good to wear helmet. than we came to a big chamber where we got into groups. Than every group went to the passage. In the end of it there was a cold ground water. I was happy when I came out of the passage because it was cold there. Then we went upstairs to the bellfry. There were many of statues. Then we went to the hall where we had lunch.

Again we went on the bus and had a ride to MZAZ - centre for disabled people. There we could buy things out of gips, glass things and clay things. We came to school by bus where we had some sports games but I felt sick so I went home.

Even if I felt sick I liked this day like the others.

Family where I was, was very good. My host's name is Tomasz Bohonos. His father is Adam Bohonos and his mother Magdalena. He has two sisters. They live in a flat.

Krištof



THURSDAY, 27.10. 2016

In the morning I and my host Weronika woke up, and then I prepared for the day, which was before me. I went into the kitchen, where I was like every morning waiting for breakfast. After breakfast we drove to school, where we are gathered

together with the other guests and hosts. This day we went to the city of Szczecin, which is one of the oldest and largest cities in Poland and is situated along the river Odra. Then we went to trafostacja (this is a big hall-room where many artistic events are held) and then we went further into another room where we heard the sound of machinery at a standstill. We travelled by tram through the city. When we completed the tram ride we went to the house of the gravedigger (in Polish *Domek grabarza*). In gravedigger house was a piano and few disciples decided that they would play it. After seeing the house we ate paszteciki this is a roll with meat, which is characteristic of Poland and it's taste is really good. We went to the Philharmonic and the museum is showing Poland in the 2nd World War and decades after it. In the museum there are a lot of interactive tables and tracks. When we saw all what we planned for that day we had lunch. After lunch, we were all quite impatient because we going to the girls the best part – some shopping. After shopping, we all got together at a certain place and went to the Police. There me and Weronika was waiting for dad and then we drove home for dinner.

My host was Weronika was my age. She was a fan of volleyball, like her family. Weronika had a younger sister named Magda and parents who were very friendly. I talked most with her mother because she is very good in English.

The event, which was most exciting was when we were with my friend Zala locked in the toilet and in the end we found that we only need to push the handle up to open the door.

Nela

FRIDAY, 28. 10. 2016

This morning I got up around 6:30, got dressed, ate breakfast. For breakfast I had a sandwich. Then a host mom drove us to school. On the way we picked up another host which hosted a German student. When we got to school, we went in there and waited for all to come. Then we went to the bus. We went to the North Sea. To get there we drove for about two hours and a half. There, we had quite a lot of time and we took a walk to the sea or we bought some things in the souvenir shops. Then we went on the road against the military museum in which we were led by a guide who was a soldier or he was wearing a uniform. He presented the museum, which was outdoors. This included the toilets, underground passages, sleeping and living areas and kitchen and struck the wall and underneath storage is cannonballs. On the premises of the residence were all objects that were excavated there. All of the weapons were equipment that a soldier was wearing. The museum seemed pretty cool, everything was a living. At the end of a visit he even shot with a cannon. Next we continued the path toward the river Swine. There we boarded a ferry and we had to go down the bus and go indoors ferry and then drove across the river. The ride lasted about 15 minutes. Then we went back to the bus and headed towards the place where we went on a tourist boat that took us to the river. We could buy ice cream, chips or hot drinks. We could eat our snack. On the boat the guide explained

what was near the river. For example, ports, lighthouses,On the boat seemed okay because the boat was almost new and well equipped. Driving it seemed quite okay because it was not swinging or too long. The ride lasted about an hour and a half. When the ride ended, we went ashore and walked across town to the restaurant where we had lunch. For lunch we didn't have their traditional food as we had the previous days, but the beef soup, French fries and fried chicken steak. After lunch we went on a tour of the city. Then we went by bus back to Police. When we got to school I, my host, German boy and the host, who hosted this German went home. The host's mother drove. When we got home we had dinner and then I took a shower. After a while we played video games. I went to bed at 11.00 PM.

The family that hosted me were mom, host, his brother and father. Father is in Norway where he is working. They live in a block on the first floor. The apartment has a toilet, bathroom, living room, kitchen and two bedrooms, one room is brothers and another is for my host. The family seemed nice, friendly and helpful. In the family I talked most with the host. He understood the joke. Now we talk even at weekends.

Nik



SATURDAY, 29. 10. 2016

It was half past six A.M. and my host Zuzia was already awake. Half awake I took my toilet purse and went to the bathroom. Then I went to the kitchen where was on the table, was butter, like every morning. This morning there were a lot of different kinds of bread, meat products, cheese and youghurts on the table. Then Zuzia was putting on make up and doing her hair and I was on the phone. Then we hurried up to the bus station. The ride by the bus was long. It lasted around 30 minutes. In school we waited for everyone to come. Then we went into the bus. We didn't drive for long when we came to a place next to the Baltic sea. We went to a smaller house in which there was a big room. We played different games. We guessed the objects which one of the teachers hid, we played hot potato, guesing celebrities etc. We had a lot of fun but sadly it was time for lunch.. The parents of our hosts prepared some tradicional Polish dishes. We ate pieroges and bigos. Then we had a workshop, where every country with leaves and branches and temepera paints tried to present porject Erasmus+. Maybe our »masterpiece« didn't succede but we had a lot of fun. We danced some of us even coloured our hair and faces. When every country presented our picture, it was the time for handing our report cards for participating in project Erasmus+ I Feel Wood – For Good. Besides the diplomas we also got framed picture of all attendees and a big bag of typical Polish sweets. After that we walked around hundred meters to the sea, where we wnt on the lookout tower.

Then we had a bit longer trip to Szczecin where we watched volleyball match between Chemik Police and Legionovia. And because Chemik Police had passionate supporters it won with 3:0. When we came to school it was around eight o'clock. We decided to go to the cafe Venezia. Because some of the kids weren't aloud to go to the cafe we said goodbye to them at school. Then Zuzia's mum Beata drove me and Zuzia to the cafe. Almost everybody was already there. We ate ice cream and it was getting late. Around half past nine everybody started leaving. I think that we were all very sad, some of the girls even cried. Till ten o'clock we were outside the cafe with my hous and two other hosts with their guests. Then Zuzia's dad Adam came and drove us home. We were home at about half pas ten. We didn't eat because our stomachs were full of ice cream. We said that were not going to sleep that night, but would've think that, we feel asleep before midnight.

Because the subject of Erasmus+ is wood, we visited nature building where we saw different kinds of wood... We could also visit workshop where we could make randomly wood products.

I liked my family very much. They were really nice, good-natured and obliging. It was pretty hard to talk to them but I liked that in some way. My host Zuzanna or Zuzia has a broher Hubert he is nine years old. Their parents name is Beata and Adam. One of the funniest things that happened in Poland when Nela asked one of he boys who were not fluent in English »How are you?« and he said »i'm 14 years old.«

Zala

SUNDAY, 30. 10. 2016 – DEPARTURE DAY