

MSP EXCHANGE 2014



*Poznan - Poland
8th - 15th March 2014*

SATURDAY, 8TH OF MARCH

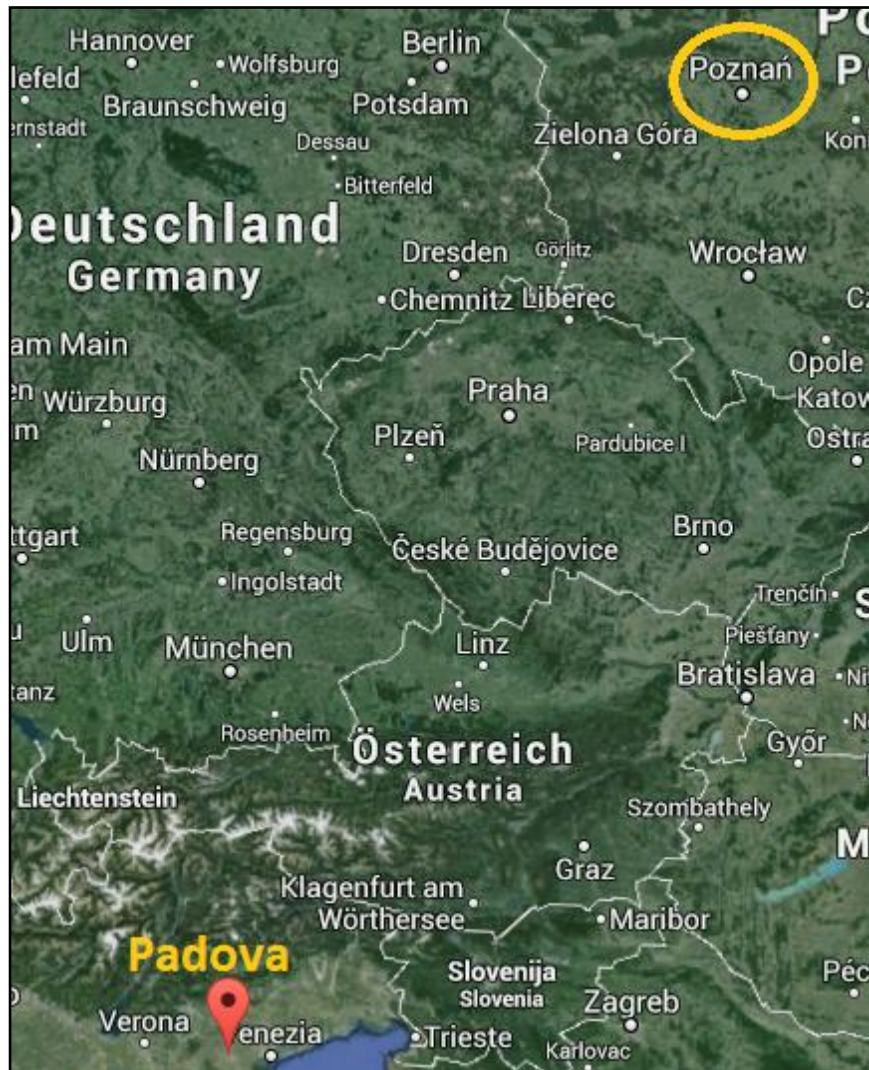
On Saturday, the guests arrived in Poland. The Dutch and German students arrived at the train station in Poznań. Especially the Dutch students had had a very long trip; they departed by bus from Drachten to Kassel, which was a trip of about 457 kilometers. After that, they met the German students and the German teacher on the train station of Kassel, and together they took the train to Berlin. After they arrived in Berlin, they finally took the train to Poznań. Between 6 and 7 pm they arrived in Poznań.



It had been a very long trip, especially for the Dutch (for them, it took around 12 hours). After meeting their host families, some of the students went to Poznań – or somewhere else - to party and meet the rest of the students of the exchange project.



The Italian students went to Poland by plane. The plane took off at Bergamo, which is an Italian city close to Padua, and of course it landed in Poznań at Ławica airport. The Italian students arrived at 11:20 already, so after meeting their host families they walked around in Poznań to discover the city.



SUNDAY, 9TH OF MARCH

For each exchange student, today was a free day so it was a possibility to get to know the host family and the home town.

Most of the students, though, went to see each other in Poznań, at the mall close to the Malta Lake. After walking around the Lake, talking to each other and getting to know each other, they went to the Adrenaline Alpine Coaster, which is a kind of a rollercoaster. Activities like these are a very nice way of getting to know each other. After the rollercoaster, most of the students went ice skating at the ice rink.

Of course, Sunday was a nice opportunity to discover Poznań already and some of the students also did that by walking around the city.



Monday: getting to know each other

On Monday the international students started the week workshops but some of them had already hang out together on Sunday. We met our exchange mates at school at 8.30 in the room next to the aula and then, after the welcome words by the Headmaster and the introduction of the week by the coordinator Ms Urszula Ginter, we all went for a tour around the school.

Later all the students gathered in the aula to present their own school with a video. After break time we divided into 4 groups and we prepared our Identity Cards with a partner from another country. We talked about our free time and the reasons why we like our nation. Afterwards we reached our country mates and we made a poster about another state with the information on the Identity Cards.

When lunch time had finished we split up into 2 groups and we tried to communicate speaking our own language. We made a sort of little dialogues and all the students had fun since the result was amusing. At 14.00 the workshops finished and then we spent our afternoons with some of our exchange mates in the city centre.



TUESDAY: special tourists in Poznan

On Tuesday we went to school just to meet our teachers and to know the plan for the day. At 9.00 we started our city tour in 4 groups and our competition. In fact, the foreign students had to complete a photocopy answering the questions about the most important monuments and symbols of Poznan.

After break time at Mc Donald's we went to the Old Market Square to watch the Town Hall Goats performance. Later we ate our packed lunch in a park with all the other exchange students and finally we came back to school.

At 1.00 p.m. we began to learn the typical Polish dance which is called 'Polonez'; we had fun but we were a bit tired. After school we divided into smaller groups and we enjoyed our time in Poznan doing different activities like going bowling, going shopping and eating Polish food.



Wednesday, 12th March

Wednesday was day at school. We started at 9:00 with meeting our teachers by the aula and we heard what we have to do during the day.

We had 6 tasks:

- ✓ PowerPoint Cartoon about The Legend of The Goats
- ✓ Create a song about The Goats
- ✓ Make a stage performance about The Goats
- ✓ Create fairytale for children about The Goats
- ✓ Write The European Book of Legends
- ✓ Take part in singing “Ode to Joy” in 5 languages.



Up to 11:30 we were working in international groups and every group had an own teacher. It was time when we had to be very creative and use our imagination. To create a performance and song – those were the most difficult tasks but we didn't have problem with them 😊

After this hard work we had to present results of our workshops about The Goats.

We met by the aula and every group showed what they had done. It was really nice to see as many creative roles and ideas. We will present it also on Friday on our National Items performance.

Between 12:30 and 13:00 we had a lunch break. We spent this time on fresh air because we didn't want to waste beautiful weather.

When we finished our break we took part in the second workshops – singing “Ode to Joy” in 5 languages: English, German, Dutch, Italian and Polish. It was new experience for us because we have never done it before. During our workshops a student of our school was playing the piano so this time was really nice. We will also sing this “European song” during the National Items performance.

We finished school about 14:00 and we enjoyed the free time with absolutely the best weather 😊



Visiting Copernicus - A Trip To Torun

THURSDAY, THE 13TH OF MARCH

Our day started at 7.30 in the morning nearby school. Unfortunately not everybody was punctual so we left Poznan a little bit later. We spent 3 hours on the bus and we used the time to make up our lost sleeping- time.

Finally we arrived in Torun at 10.30 and we had a lunch break for 1 hour. During this hour we walked through the city and we ate our lunch at McDonald's. After this break we walked to the Copernicus Monument, where was our meeting place.

Thence we walked together to the Copernicus House. Our group was split into two smaller groups. The first group baked traditional gingerbread with help of a leader, who gave us an introduction, how to prepare the dough. Fortunately nobody got hurt even if there were some big knives, which we used for cutting out our images. During this time the other part of the group went through the basement of the Copernicus House, which looked like a medieval bakery. The leader told us something about the history of gingerbread and how it was invented. After 30 minutes the other group started to make the gingerbread and the second one followed the history about it.

We had the chance to taste the old original gingerbread. Moreover we found out which ingredients you need for these delicious "cookies". One student wants to make a joke, so he took one gingerbread and put on the old ingredients and finally he ate it. Of course, it didn't taste well, what you could see also in his face.

We finished our workshops so we left the basement of the Copernicus House. After that we had the chance to visit the rest of the museum. After half an hour by bus we arrived (at 13.30) at the Mill of Science, another interactive museum. We explored the world of technology, which wasn't very interesting but very funny because of the different experiments.

Now our time was over and we entered our bus, for the third time, and we drove back to Poznan. Also there we used the time to sleep.

All in all we had a nice day in Torun with many new experiences and a lot of fun.



Friday the 14th of March



The final countdown

At the end of every exchange week comes the most cheerless day. It is time to say goodbye. Not only about this time to say goodbye to your new international friends, but also about this time to take leave of a different culture and country and a host family which gave you an understanding about their everyday life.

In spite of the fact that we had the hidden agenda that this day would be our last day together we started the morning with a good humor.

Firstly, we were disposed into four different groups which had to prepare everything for the farewell evening. One group was supposed to create some food recipes of every single country and to clean up the aula. On the contrary was the second group which was supposed to create posters. Similar to the third group which had the creative task to establish a slide show. The last category was the magazine group which was responsible for the presented magazine.

Afterwards we had a few hours to practice the national item, a public performance from each country for all the guests coming to see our results from a week full of amusement and a lot of work.

Till the farewell evening we had time to spend the afternoon with our hosts.

Finally the night of the nights arrived and we enjoyed the last common get-together.

Now we are looking forward to get the chance to come to Poznan again to experience this week full of adventures and great impressions for a second time.

And remember: **“You always see twice in life.”**

