

IT'S DONE !

IGS Busecker Tal successfully finished its Comenius – project “An Apple a Day keeps the Doctor away” in Jaworzno, Poland.

That, indeed, was a great end of our Comenius-project: In a big school party at Zespol School No.1 in Jaworzno, Poland, we celebrated the end of a very successful project, which had kept us busy for almost 24 months.

In that time some twenty-two students and a number of teachers had worked hard on various aspects concerning healthy food and sports, preparing a large number of texts and PowerPoint Presentations, which can all be seen on our Comenius website. And now, in Jaworzno, the final challenge was waiting for us: Each group coming from one of the five participating countries Spain, France, Turkey, Poland and Germany were supposed to perform something “typical” on the stage of the Polish school – and the performance was broadcasted live on the internet.

So everybody considered this as something very exciting, and the five students from our school surely felt a bit nervous.

We thought about what we can do, and then Kim Hansmann, class 8b, and Nora Pebler, class 9d, had a brilliant idea: We rehearsed a cheerleading dance to the music of DOTA by BASSHUNTER, and Nora sang live the “FLIEGERLIED”, while the others were dancing to the song. Kim Hansmann, being a cheerleader herself, was the choreographer of the performance and trained it all with Tobias Flotho, 10c, Simon Rau, 8b, and Jana Richardt, 9d.

And when everybody was wearing cheerleaders' dresses in red and white, it really was a feast for the eyes when the German group was dancing .

And after the show, a team of the local TV - station was waiting for them to film them and to ask them for an interview! Very exciting!

The groups from Spain, Turkey and France and Poland showed wonderful performances as well, and the long and loud applause they got proved that everybody liked it.

And after the show we were all really hungry and thirsty, and we were happy to enjoy a wonderful buffet full of superb food and delicious drinks. Anyway, food was never short while we were in Poland, and the Polish proved to be perfect hosts – I think we all put on some weight...

But it wasn't only dancing we did in Poland. We also worked on the last part of the project: Each country had to bring some three photos or a short film about all the work they did during those two years, and the Polish will now make one big documentary of our work out of it.

That will become a great result, which will be put on this website as soon as we have it.

In addition, our days in Poland were full of cultural events as well: We got a very warm welcome by Ewa Sowa, the headmistress of the Polish school, and by the vice mayor of Jaworzno.

We went to Cracow, a beautiful city with a lot of history. We had a chance to see the Wawel, the old castle in Cracow, where many of the most famous kings and queens, artists, writers and politicians of Poland found their last peace.

And there was HARD ROCK CAFÉ Krakau in Cracow, and I think nobody left the city with less than one piece from that shop!

By bus we went to Lipowiec, an "Open-Air-Museum", where we could study Polish architecture and housing habits from the early settlers till today.

We went to the beautiful conservation area around Ojcow, where we crossed Pradnik Valley, a place every Hobbit (from the *Lord of the Rings!*) would have chosen as second home, to the Spring of Love, where some took a really big gulp...!

All in all it was a wonderful and exciting time we spent in Poland, and when we left on Tuesday, 5th of June, a lot of tears were being cried, and people, who had been strangers before, now were friends.

So we thank the Polish for all the work they did and for their amazing hospitality.

We really enjoyed being in Poland, and I think everybody does feel a little bit sad, because the project is over now.

But hopefully we can start a new project next year.

The application has been sent to the German National Agency in Bonn and all we can do, is to keep our fingers crossed...

If you want to know more, just come back to this website!

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