

TEACHER'S EVALUATION OF THE SECOND VISIT IN KUOPIO, FINLAND 22.-26.2.2012



It was nice to see old friends again and meet new teachers from the other countries. I was worried about the weather but it wasn't too cold - I hope so. Our goal was that we can give new experiences to visitors and show the Kuopio and Finnish nature to them. My students were really excited to discuss with Comenius teachers and I think they got lot of motivation to learn more about the countries all over the Europe.

Sami (class 6)



I was completely surprised about the Comenius project. I couldn't imagine how interesting and fun the co-operation could be. The pupils have been thrilled too.

I have learned a lot about differences between different countries but the same time I have noticed how similar the children and the learning is around Europe.

Mervi (class 2)



When Sami presented the Comenius plan, I was a little bit suspicious. I was wrong, because the whole project has proved to be an interesting and comfortable. It was a pleasure to meet teachers from other countries and get to know them. Welcome again!

Sanna (class 4)



These Comenius days in our school was a new experience for me. It was fantastic opportunity and every day gave lots of memories to remember later. Children got new information from other countries and they learned to speak (a little) English with foreign people. It was nice to notice how similar we all are. I really enjoyed to talk with colleagues from other countries.

Tarja (class 3)



We decided to host our European friends in February 2012, because we wanted to give them an unique experience of Northern winter. The plans and bookings were made short after visiting Gladbeck in November 2011. The weeks before the actual visit were busy with the details.

Our program was focused on pure nature, original tastes and traditional winter activities. We tried to make a good combination of introducing Finnish school system and having fun!

To me to host our European friends was a great experience. The days with our guests just flew by! I enjoyed to make new friends and to meet again "the old fellows". One of the best parts was to see everything was going so well. It was also important to me to feel the support and team spirit we had among our own school staff.

To my class the visit was very interesting and fun. The pupils have shared their memories and talked a lot about the moments with guests. They liked most the assembly, sleigh race and visitors in class room. I'm very proud of my pupils because of their courage to speak English with somebody they didn't know before. They want to keep in touch with their penfriends and to improve their English skills.

Hanna (class 5)



It was very pleasant to meet you, our Comenius friends from different countries, last February. Unfortunately I couldn't be present, when you were visiting our school. I was at the same time taking part in my annual meeting and education days for the headmasters of Kuopio. It was nice to hear that you have liked those two days at our school. The outdoor sports day with you at Metsäkartano in Rautavaara with was great. I suppose you had some new experiences, for example skiing, kicksledging and ice fishing. Also Friday evening at the local hut was very nice. Even Santa Claus was there. Thanks for your visit and welcome again to Kuopio.

Hannu (headmaster, class 1 teacher)