



Food for Thought

February 6, 2012
A week in Vasa – DAY 1



Welcome!

All the delegations (except our Turkish friends who will join us on Tuesday) met in the assembly room at 8.45 this morning and the first day started with a short welcome speech by Ulla, the principal.

Then three Finnish students sang for a beautiful song for us.

Before the guided tour of the school, Diane-Christine told us about all the activities, visits and workshops that our students were going to take part in. Quite a hectic week again!



TV producer

Susanne Skata, a famous TV producer, spent the second half of the morning with us and we learnt a lot about her popular show about food in the Nordic countries. She told us how they find places that will be beautiful on TV and that the viewers will be interested in.

We even watched fifteen minutes of an episode that was shot in Denmark and has not been broadcast yet. A world premiere!

Of course, it was impossible for most of us to understand what the presenters said but we saw a lot of interesting things about the culture of Nordic countries!



Food reception

At 3 pm, we met in the dining hall and shared specialties that all the delegations had brought.

Norwegian salmon, French, Spanish and Finnish cheeses, Belgian Speculoos (a typical biscuit), sweets, cakes, various sorts of bread... Once again the students and their teachers enjoyed this convivial moment together.



Social evening

We left the school at about 4 and met again at 6.30 pm and we started dancing. Dozens of kids and adults dancing together!

Two PE teachers taught us a few steps and we tried to follow their instructions afterwards. All the students really enjoyed that moment and it reminded us of the dancing night in Waregem last year.

The second part of the evening was dedicated to icebreaking games.

Several teams with students from each school were formed and they had to communicate in English to understand the rules and play together. A funny way to realise we can do so many things together when we are able to speak the same language.



Today's artist

Well... I'm not sure this is exactly what the artist wanted us to see, but this sculpture definitely looks like one of these plants that attract insects and once the fly – for example – has gone inside it, the flower closes all of a sudden. Then the fly cannot escape and is digested by the beautiful deadly flower. Any link between art, beauty and death here?

As we are part of a project about food, that could also be another way to illustrate this topic!

So if you want to see that work of art, go and visit the first floor of the arts and PE building!



Next newsletter tomorrow !

