

Food for Thought

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A week in Vasa – DAY 2



The food basket

The morning started with all the delegations as the Turkish students and teachers arrived last night. Some of their bags were missing when they landed in Vasa but fortunately they arrived later in the morning.

Diane-Christine asked us if we were still able to say *good morning* in Swedish but very few of us remembered how to say that! We should be ready because that will probably be the first thing we do tomorrow!

Then students from each country spoke about the food basket. Who does the shopping, where, and when? What sort of food do we buy? What do we have for lunch or dinner? Who cooks? These are some of the questions we tried to answer.

All the students had prepared powerpoint presentations and had to speak in front of about ninety people and they really did a very good job!



Exchanging views

Of course we noticed that there were quite a few differences between us but we also found many similarities.

So, after the presentations, smaller groups were formed and students from each country had to speak about the powerpoint presentations. The discussions also dealt with health issues or the way our national traditions have been changing in the past few years. A very interesting moment to reflect on our identity.



Newspapers



We have quite a few stars among our students and teachers now. Indeed many of them were interviewed during the food reception that was organised yesterday and what they said can be read in two different papers today, one in Swedish and the other one in Finnish.

Each country will be given copies of both newspapers. A great souvenir for the students and their teachers!



Exhibition

The posters that the students made at home can now be seen in one of the corridors of the school as they were displayed this morning.

So if you want to find out more about our cultures and more precisely about the Saturday shopping, go and have a look at the exhibition, near the dining hall!



Walking on the sea



In the afternoon we gathered outside and had the opportunity to go skiing, to have fun on sleighs and to walk on the frozen sea!

The temperature was -12°C in the afternoon but we all know what kind of clothes we have to wear to survive now!



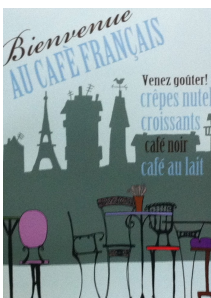
Charity concert

At 7 tonight, we attended a charity concert at school. The aim of the students who organised it was to raise money. So we also watched a short movie that reminded us of the huge quantity of water that we waste every day while so many people around the world do not have the possibility to drink healthy water.

The students and teachers enjoyed the evening once again and we all hope that a lot of money was given tonight.



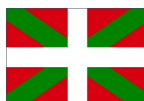
Today's artists



There is another exhibition that you cannot miss and, believe me, the reason is not because the posters that were made by students from Vasa are in French! Well... That is interesting, of course, to see the way France was represented by Finnish students and you will notice that the theme is French cafés and so there is a link with food here again.

When I first saw them, I really thought they were real ads that one could find decades ago. The students who made them are really talented and their works of art are really impressive!

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