

Langon: a beautiful experience!!!

In the last days of May, me and other five schoolmates, Cea, Stefania, Giuseppe, Biagio and Valentina, participated to the school short mobility in Langon, in France, for the Project Erasmus+. We stayed in a French family (different for each one) and we attended school for the first three days, then we did some trips in the local towns.

When we arrived in Langon the first day, it was past noon. Surprisingly, we found out that students were still at school! Infact, students have their lunch at the school canteen, then they continue to attend lessons until 5 p.m.; we participated to some lessons! I attended Geography and Hystory lessons. Then we met the families that hosted us. I stayed with Alexandra, her two sisters(one of them was on vacation in London) and their parents.

On the second day we saw the welcoming ceremony. We, then, visited the school and had a lesson (with the Principal himself!) about the French education system. After that, we had a lesson in the same classroom about some basic French words. Then we had lunch in the school canteen. After that, we attended a sort of "P.E lesson"(but it was some challenges with groups) where we participated to an obstacle run, a climbing race and a quiz.

On the third day we had breakfast at school, in the school restaurant, where we tried some typical French food. Until 12.30 a.m., we talked about the drop-out(when the students actually drop" lessons and don't come back to school) and how to reduce this phenomenon. Then we had lunch at school. After that, we shared into two groups: one group visited the " Mission locale", and the other met the CIO of London, then we swapped our destinations after the visit. Briefly, to prevent drop out, schools try to help students with their homework and try to involve them more in the lessons. I found really interesting the solutions adopted by the Lithuanians, where they do all kind of activities, like "law process" on subjects like "if doing homework is right or not"

The next day, on Friday, we visited the " Micro-lycée" in Talence. It was a rather high building with five floors and around there was a garden area. At 12 a.m. we had lunch at the lycée Victor Louis, then we had an introduction of a regional organization dedicated to improve school perseverance.

On Saturday, the school was closed, so we went to the "Dune du Pyla" by bus. That day was very windy, so we didn't really enjoyed the visit since the sand went all over the place, even in my mouth even though I put a scarf on it. Then we had a picnic with the food that our families had given us. Then we visited the Arcachon and Bordeaux. At 7 p.m. we returned to our families.

On Sunday we stayed with our families. Unfortunately I had to spend them with the books since I had discovered that our Italian teacher wanted to interrogate us on a new chapter of our book.

On the last day of our meeting in Langon, we had to write a report about what we had learned about the drop-out during the various lessons. After that, we participated to other French lessons. This time I got French and Spanish. At 11 a.m. we had to have lunch since our flight was at 12 a.m. Then we said goodbye to everyone at school, we left with the Principal. I had a lot of fun taking part to this short mobility and I hope to do it again!

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