

Notre sixième délégation Comenius est de retour de Molndal, près de Gotheburg, en Suède où le printemps arrivait avec nous . C'était notre dernière rencontre et le projet de livre-guide avance à grands pas ...le site commun se met en place ... Solenn, Juliette et Bérénice, de 1ères ES2 sont nos reporters dans le Nord de l'Europe , dans une école qui marie enseignement traditionnel et Montessori ..Cuisine, atelier et humanités pour une omelette suédoise dont on redemande ...Le texte sera en Anglais pour continuer à vous entraîner ....

ENGLISH VERSION : Our delegation n°6 is now back from Molndal, near Gothenburg in Sweden , where spring was arriving with us . This was our last meeting and our guide book project will soon be achieved .. our common website is building up .. Solenn, Juliette and Berenice were our reporters in Northern Europe, in a school that brings together traditional training and Montessori techniques .. cooking classes, woodwork and classical teaching form our Swedish scrambled eggs of the day .. and we definitely want more of it ...

### **Tuesday, April 27th (Juliette & Bérénice who were in the same host family )**

Wake up at 3 in the morning ... We arrived at 12 p.m at the airport of Goteborg. During the journey in the bus to Almåsskolan, our partner school. I was surprised by one thing in particular : the landscape. There are so many trees, forests, without any leaves ! We could see typical isolated houses. My first Sweden sensation was a sensation of opening, I felt very little in all this land. Then we headed for Almåsskolan, in Lindome. We were warmly welcomed by the Swedish teachers and the students with very good typical cinnamon cakes ! The atmosphere is very different from Le Likès : students skating in the corridors with a helmet on their heads, some laughing and running .. It's hard to describe but you feel the Swedish students are not exactly like us , maybe more relax, more 'extrovert' actually ... but as teachers very welcoming

Bérénice and I discovered the house where we were going to spend a few days. I was in front of a house made of wood. Another thing attracted my eyes : many houses are decorated by a Swedish flag, they are very patriotic ! Bérénice and I could taste our first Swedish dish : potatoes and meat, a typical meal in Sweden, I enjoyed it, but I was surprised when they proposed us to eat our meat with a sort of jam. Again another thing can surprise foreigners like us : they drink more milk than water ! This unusual lunch was followed by a walk outside between German and French, and our hosts to a commercial center. I noticed they have very different shops from ours in France: H&M, Zara, The Body Shop.... In this center, the Swedish invited their guests to eat an ice-cream, it was so nice, and kind ! host families really want to know who we are, what our country is like , they asked a lot of questions ! Then we went to a supermarket, I was surprised and excited when I saw the sweets aisle : pharaonic ! And again we were the victims of the kindness of our host family, they bought us candies...

### **Wednesday, April 28th (Juliette & Bérénice )**

The night was really good !! Fortunately !! Our host mum woke us up

It's the twin sisters' birthday !All the family came in thier bedroom as they were asleep ; the parents had made a tray with all the gifts on, a flag of Sweden (one more, they are patriotic !), they went to their bedrooms and sang something like 'Happy birthday' in Swedish ?!. So we began our day in a festive atmosphere. We had our first Swedish breakfast, there are many sorts of bread, some cheese, a sort of jam, cereals, orange juice, a strange paste (meat in paste that looks like the French paté ...), and of course : milk !

This is the day we did our presentation,.. At 8 am we met our teachers at the school to see if the powerpoints worked ... and of course they didn't !! I was not stressed at all, even if we had trouble with the videos. We had our lunch very early, at 11h30 ! There is a place we go then, where students can play pool, table soccer, make their lunch, use a computer ... We did a little visit of the school, there are new things for us, for example, when you are little, you put your shoes and coats outside your classroom to be more "relaxed". We also visited two unusual classrooms, one where Swedish have sewing lessons, and another one where they work with wood. I noticed there is not any gates around the school, it gives a sensation of liberty, the students must be independent, I think it would be better to do the same in France. In the afternoon we took the bus to visit Mölndal with a guide, it was a little boring, many were sleeping like logs ! We stopped to visit an old house, under the rain ... luckily there were nice biscuits to eat and to warm up our heart !

When we got back to our family, we celebrated the birthday. Dinner at 5.30 !!! We met members of the family, they were very nice, we ate like horses. It was the time to go bowling with everybody, we really had fun, we met new faces, laughed with them, and the French were quite good at bowling !

### **Thursday April 29th (Juliette & Bérénice )**

Good breakfast again. With our host family we talk a lot about school, cooking, daily life in France and in Sweden ... We learnt to say some words in Swedish like 'starwberry, hello, goodbye (hej dö) and thanks' .. How hard !! As Josefine is learning French at school, we talked a little in French and she is quite talented ... They showed a sport they like , stuff like yamakasi (the movie) and sometimes they train .. I'm sure because they are good at gymnastics !! Josefine and Annika asked me to show them some karate .. but I didn't know what to do ...

The girls presented us their school . It's great, well equipped for cooking, sewing, and 'do-it-yourself' for example ... Students have a great relaxation room , very warm, with computers free, bowling, babyfoot, and even thier own kettle ...

Today, during the morning, we did movies about ourselves, it was a good idea to learn about some people. It was funny ! more and more early, we had lunch at 11h in the school restaurant ! and it was totally disgusting ... ! In the afternoon, it was the guided visit (by the students) in Goteborg, I saw tramways with again Swedish flags ! We went in a very very big candies shop, the biggest I have ever seen. I learnt that the Swedish eat very often and many sweets a day !

After the lunch, we visited Gothenburg, the Swedish students did the guiding. The city is nice, with monuments that seem to be old. But actually, I didn't learnt a lot about Gothenburg. This part of the visiting was not the best. It was when we arrived to a huge and tremendous candy shop that it began to be great. This shop, 4-Gott, is the hugiest candy shop in all Sweden. It the biggest one that I have seen during my life !!! In it, a lot of different lolipops, swedish salted sweets, chocolate... We were a bit like in « Charlie and the chocolate factory ». Most people bought sweets because it was so nice to see all those stuffs... Moreover it was cheap, if we compare to France. So, to the exit of the 4-Gott, everybody had a big bag of candies. Then, we had free time in Gothenburg, still with our swedish host family. We went to a huge mall, with a lot of stores. We discoverd H&M, Top Shop, typically swedish shops... It was time to buy souvenirs so we di d it !

After a break in our family host's house, we were back to Almas school for a party. We showed the videos that we had made earlier in the morning. On these videos, we had to present ourself and to say what we like doing in our spare time and also to expose our projects for the future (hard thing, believe me!). It was a great thing, because it permitted us to get to know unknown people. We laughed a lot when we made it. We worked on Macintosh laptops to assemble our movie. The school is very well equiped !

So, to get back to the party, we showed our movies and ate some traditionnel swedish food. It was delicious and there was less fish than I thought ^^ . Then young students (12 or 13 years old) presented us several dramas about Swedish writers. We had to find who they are thanks to extracts of the drama. It was really hard to guess. I don't know any swedish writers (except Stieg Larsson). The winners were Lithuania, Poland and an other country that I don't remember. But I am sure that they have been helped by Swedish students !!! After eating a strange cake, it was time to leave.

## **Friday, April 30th**

This day was the best day of the whole trip ! Maybe because it was the last one and everybody realised it. This morning, we visited the classrooms and attended classes. We stayed quite a long time at an English lesson, and I've been surprised : students were sleeping on tables, drawing, listening to music, used their mobile phone, could arrive late ... We feel that there is less rules than in le Likes. A teacher told us that they had taken their exam, so it was not really as usual. I swear you, it 's really straSo, I've been shocked by that. We also visited the cooking classroom, that's great ! we should do that in France, to teach everybody how to cook well. Then, we attended a PE lesson, this is different from our country, students were making their own lesson, and what they did looked funny. In mathematic, students were playing to a single of dice. Nice to learn mathematics !

Before our lunch, we went to the cooking classroom . We put an apron, washed our hands and left ingredients from the cupboards. Before starting it was the mess, nobody knew where we had to go and then, what to do. But thanks to the patience of the Swedish and some whistles, we managed to make "kokosbollar", a kind of little chocolate bowls.... I enjoyed it, we laughed so much !

In the afternoon, we visited the Carlsten's fortress. It was quite interesting, and we had had, again, a strange guide with long cutting bobbed! He was looking like an old rocker. But he was nice and made us visite the fortress. We found the damp air of Brittany that didn't miss us at all ! All the rooms of this big castle were murky and cold, so we imagined how life could be for prisoners, sentenced to life emprisonment.

The last afternoon in Sweden was a very nice one, perhaps, the best we lived in Sweden. Liseberg was the biggest park I had ever been in, I've really been transported in the air ! many great sensations, this park permits us to spend a good time with Swedish and Sicilian. Unfortunately, the weather was bad, but we decided it would not make us spend a bad afternoon.

Also many emotions in the evening, we had to say goodbye to the other delegations, and we took a lot of photos to remember our goodbye, the last souvenir with them...

When we came back to our host family's home, we sat down on the sofa, drank a hot chocolate, ate a Swedish cake ... kindly prepared by the mother. Bérénice and I enjoyed so much speaking hours with her and the twin sisters. Thanks to that, in a few days here, we learnt a lot about Swedish traditions, and we tried to explain ours. We have been confused when they gave us a gift, with a lot of Swedish food inside, we were so surprised, they were too kind !

## **Saturday, May 1st (Bérénice)**

While the plane is flying, I remember things which attracted my eyes :

Firstly, my sensation of opening when we arrived, the landscape, the forest.

The welcome of the Swedish, our host family did everything to make us feel like at our home. The mother bought us so many sweets ! and they really wanted to know who we are.

The food of course ! breakfast is different from in France, and I enjoyed to change my eating habits. They also drink more milk than water, and eat their meal very early.

The different way to study

They level in English, they are all bilingual, I understand why, their TV programs are in English with Swedish subtitles

To conclude, Comenius permitted me to learn a lot about another country, to meet new persons, to be in the middle of many different nationalities, in a "melting-pot".