

EXCHANGE 2011/2012

TRENT COLLEGE LONG EATON - FRIESLAND SCHOOL

SANDIACRE - DREIEICHSCHULE LANGEN

A DIARY OF OUR VISIT

IN LONG EATON & SANDIACRE

22ND – 29TH OF SEPTEMBER 2011



GROUP PHOTO IN FRONT OF LONG EATON TOWN HALL WITH KEVIN MILLER, MAYOR OF EREWASH 2011/12

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THURSDAY, THE 22ND OF SEPTEMBER

Arrival in England

1. Friesland School

by Paul Dieler, Frederick Schenko and Daniel Worringer

We met at 9:30 am at the meeting point of Hall B of Terminal 1 of Frankfurt Airport. After a long wait we finally boarded at 12:15 and flew off at 12:45. There were only a few clouds in the sky and so we had a very good view of London and other large cities such as Birmingham. Here comes an example:



After half an hour flight we arrived finally at Birmingham Airport. There, we had to pass the passport control. We were picked up by bus by the teachers from Friesland School and from Trent College. At around 4:00 pm we arrived at Friesland School. There we were introduced to our very nice English exchange partners and their families. We went with them to their houses, which were mostly quite small. Moreover, the houses did not have basements and were therefore higher than the houses in Germany.

2. Trent College

By Martha Buchholz



Am 22.09.2011 trafen wir uns um 9:30 Uhr am Frankfurter Flughafen im Terminal 1 am Meeting Point des Frankfurter Flughafens. Nachdem alle eingetroffen waren, gingen wir gemeinsam durch die Sicherheitskontrolle und durften uns danach bis 12:00 Uhr frei im

Flughafen bewegen, weil das Boarding erst um 12:15 beginnen sollte. Viele haben gegessen oder sich die Geschäfte angeschaut. Um 12:15 Uhr sind wir in einen Bus gestiegen, der uns zum Flugzeug brachte. Um 12:45 Uhr startete das Flugzeug dann. Am Anfang des Fluges wurde uns gezeigt, was wir im Falle einer Notlandung tun sollten. Die Zeit bis zur Landung verging mit Reden, Aus-dem-Fensterschauen, Essen und Trinken tatsächlich wie „im Fluge“. Das Flugzeug lag sehr ruhig, und nur die Landung war ein wenig holperig.

Nach der Landung holten wir zunächst unser Gepäck. In der Empfangshalle begrüßten uns die Deutschlehrer der Friesland School und des Trent Colleges. Bei warmem und sonnigem Wetter warteten wir danach vor dem Flughafen längere Zeit auf den Bus, der uns zu den Schulen brachte. In den Schulen trafen wir unsere Austauschpartner und hatten mit ihnen bis zum Schulende Unterricht. Anschließend fuhren wir zu unseren Gastfamilien. Der Abend verging mit Spielen und Gesprächen. Wir waren alle sehr müde und wollten schnell ins Bett.

FRIDAY, THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER

Day at School, Reception at Town Hall

1. Trent College

By Adalie Ament

School life at Trent College is very different from Dreieichschule, because English school lessons take 50 minutes and all students wear school uniforms. Also, school normally starts at 9:30 am and ends at 4:20 pm. Sometimes students in the morning go first to the chapel and then to lessons. They didn't drag their schoolbags with them - they have lockers and only take their stuff for the next two lessons with them.



In the course of the day we had Biology, IT (Information Technology), English, History and afterwards hockey training. After hockey training we had one hour and twenty minutes of lunch-time. We could choose between four dishes and there was also a choice of fruits and sandwiches. When we were finished, we put our trays on a conveyor.

At four o'clock all Germans and their exchange partners went to the city hall and were received by Mayor Kevin Miller as well as by Councillor Mike Wallis. Wallis and Miller gave us warm welcoming words and invited us to tea and biscuits. We all got pins from the Borough of Erewash Council as souvenirs to take home. The evening we spent in our host families.

2. Friesland School

By Felix Lahl, Christopher Preis and Jasper Süß

First thing in the morning, we went to registration where the presence of all students was checked. After that we had sports (called "Physical Education"). We met in the gym and then we went to the weight room and practiced there. Then we had Sciences, where we created a power point-presentation on the "Big Bang Theory". Afterwards we had a break of 15 minutes and then we went to English and Maths. Then there was a lunch break and we ate something from the cafeteria, potatoes and chicken. After lunch we had a History lesson. We painted streetnames onto an old map of Nottingham.

In the afternoon, we met at 4 o'clock at the town hall in Long Eaton. We were welcomed by the Councillor, Mike Wallis, and the Mayor, Kevin Miller and had some cookies and tea.

Later we took a photo outside the town hall.

In the evening a lot of students went to the fire celebrations in Derby. There, we could see fire-eaters and skateboarders; we listened to music and watched artists with torches. The celebration took place on a huge meadow and we had nice weather. A lot of people were there and we met other students from Friesland, Trent and Langen. At 9pm the celebration ended and we drove back home. All in all, it was a really nice day!!!

SATURDAY, THE 24TH/ SUNDAY, THE 25TH OF SEPTEMBER

Weekend in Host Families

"Our Trip to London"

By Max Armbruster

On Saturday morning I went with my exchange partner Caleb and his brothers, George and Daniel, to London. We took the train from Long Eaton to London Central Station. We had a sight-seeing tour through London: first, we went to Trafalgar Square, then to Nelson's Monument. On the way to Big Ben we saw at the house of Parliament a guard who was not allowed to move. It was real fun to take lots of photos of him and his horse. Finally, we went

to „London Eye“. There was a really big queue, but we had booked in advance and thus did not have to wait a long time. London Eye is really big and you have an amazing view from the top of it. Afterwards we visited Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. We took the underground to Piccadilly Circus and had lunch there. Later we took a walk alongside the river Themse and went to a skate park near-by. We visited the Modern Art Gallery, too. Then we were really tired and we nearly missed the train back to Long Eaton, because we did not find the way to the underground first. But in the end we got the train. It was a brilliant day in London!

“An Interesting Hockey Match”

By Johanna Pausewang

I woke up at 7:00 o'clock in the morning. Then I got ready for breakfast. As every morning I had cornflakes and a glass of water. Laura's parents took Laura and me to Trent College by car because the trip by school bus would take us about an hour. Because Trent College is a private college, students have also lessons on Saturdays.

They have the same subjects as in Germany: Maths, Geography and Religious Education. The lessons are basically the same as in Germany. The Trent College is a very big school with a lot of buildings in a huge park area. Like Hogwarts there are different houses where some of the students live in. The classrooms are farer away from each other than at Dreieichschule and you walk a lot over the day. After lessons we had lunch at the cafeteria. I had noodles and a little cake. Lunch was very delicious!

Then we went to the girls' hockey game by bus. The trip took us about two hours. The match was against the team of the Prince William School in Oundle. What a pity, the others won the match! But it was very interesting and we had a lot of fun. Here you can see a picture of the match:



After the hockey match we had the famous fish and chips which were my favorite dish during my stay at England. Returning to school the parents from our exchange partners took us home by car. It was a very long day so I was very tired. I enjoyed the day and learned a lot about the British way of life!!!

“A Great Day in London”

By Viviane Young

On Sunday, my host family invited me to a trip to London, the capital of England. We got up at half past five and we had breakfast. Then we left the house and we drove to East Midlands Parkway Railway Station, which is next to the Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station. We went on a train to London. We had got up very early, so Laura and I were very tired and we fell asleep. The drive took two hours and finally we arrived at St. Pancras, the station in London. We reached the underground, bought tickets and went to “Cutty Sark”, a clipper ship, which was one of the fastest ships in the 19th century. In 1954 it was displayed for the public for the first time, but it almost burnt down in 2007. Now they have almost finished the restoration. After that we went to the Prime Meridian at Greenwich. We went also to the museum of the Prime Meridian. There you could learn everything about it. We were very hungry then, so we had a picnic. Mrs Horton had made sandwiches which were delicious. After lunch we went back to the Cutty Sark to go on a Thames cruise. We saw many buildings, such as the Canary Wharf, London’s highest building, and we saw the Tower Bridge. It was very exciting.



Then we got off the boat and we ate ice cream. We really enjoyed the view of the Thames. There were people who did Bungee Jumping. Next we went to the underground again. After we got off, we walked and walked. I thought, we might have got lost and I was right. Finally we got to a big road and we knew where we were again. We were near Green Park and

Buckingham Palace. So we went to the Green Park. It was very beautiful. After we had a snack, we went to Buckingham palace. It looked just amazing. At last we went to Hyde Park. There was a small water pool and the children played in the water. Unfortunately, time was up, so we went back to the station and back home. The day was so great and exciting!

MONDAY, THE 26TH OF SEPTEMBER

Chatsworth House and City of Bakewell

By Carina Grammer, Amelie Einfeldt, Franziska Hicking, Jasmin Pieper, Chantal Rauth

We met at school and drove by bus to Derbyshire, where the Chatsworth House is. Chatsworth is the very huge and old house of the Duke of Devonshire, with a very big and nice park attached.



Inside many beautiful things can be seen, such as old pictures, porcelain and old furniture from different eras. Many rooms are decorated with paintings and have silk and leather wallpaper. There is also a library with more than 17.500 books. The collection of sculptures is one of the biggest in England. In the four square kilometres park you can admire different eras of garden architecture: there are many greenhouses, rock gardens, rose gardens, a maze, herb gardens and a sensory garden. After visiting the house, we had a lot of time for walking in the park, visiting the maze and the visitors café. Most of us went to the maze and hoped to get to the middle. We were lucky because the weather was very good and so we could sit on the lawn, play and eat ice cream. After a few hours, we met at the coach bay again and drove to the City of Bakewell.



Bakewell is a very nice and old city known for its sweet pastries, mostly made with cream and marmalade. The city is 5 kilometers from Chatsworth. There are some small shops. We had about two hours for touring the city and for going shopping. Some of us tried pastries and bought souvenirs, others had a sight-seeing tour. After two hours we drove back to our schools and went home with our exchange partners. We all had fun and liked Chatsworth and Bakewell.

TUESDAY, THE 27TH OF SEPTEMBER

Alton Towers

By Felix Fink, Jan Hoffelner and Nicolas Wille



At 9 o'clock we left together with the Trent and Friesland students for Alton Towers. The ride took us one and a half hour. When we arrived at Alton Towers we got a map of the area and adventure began. We rode all the roller coasters: the fastest roller coaster called "Rita" and the biggest one called "Nemesis". In the roller coaster called "Air" we went with head

first. There were many Burger Kings in the Park. Nicolas and Jan drove a water ship. They got really wet. After that the group went on a waterslide. At the end we met the other students at our meeting point and went back to Long Eaton and Sandiacre by bus.

Alton Towers

By Niklas Berger

On Tuesday morning we arrived at Trent College. After having received lunch boxes from Trent College's cafeteria, we and our exchange partners drove to the theme park "Alton Towers". After the coach trip, which was great fun, we reached our destination.

I spent the day with my British partner from Trent College and we had a lot of fun together. First we went to one of the main attractions of the park, a ride called "Oblivion". This is a roller coaster, that drops 30 metres down into a misty large hole at a 90 degree angle. After we had taken a shortcut through the "Haunted House", we took a ride on the rollercoaster "Thirteen". Although the ride was over after a few minutes, "Thirteen" was the scariest roller coaster. Then we had lunch together. You are not supposed to do sports after eating, but we nevertheless tested "Rita" afterwards, which is the fastest rollercoaster in the whole park. Then nothing could stop us. We also took a ride on "Air", our favourite roller coaster. The ride is long and so we had a lot of fun. The next roller coaster we tested was "Nemesis". There we saw a red-colored waterfall. We were hoping that the colour was just food colouring. After riding that many roller coasters in the extremely hot and sunny weather, we visited the water attractions. We hoped not to get too wet, but in vain. After we had visited "The Flume" water ride, even the drying machines could not help us. Unfortunately, our time at Alton Towers was up. In my opinion it was the best day of the week, but also the other days were nice and I am looking forward to the visit of our exchange partners in Langen next year.

WEDNESDAY, THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER

Drama & Comic Workshops at Friesland School

By Alma Baumann, Katharina Ritz, Sarah Sachse, Gina Wanzke und Yvonne Yang

On Wednesday the 28th Friesland School and Trent College had organized a special drama and media workshop day. First we were divided into two groups. Group 1 started with the drama and group 2 started with the media project. We were in group 2.

In the media workshop we created a comic about the exchange 2011 with our exchange partners. To do that, we used a comic-program on the very impressive computers of the Friesland School media lab. We brought photos of our trip on a memory stick and inserted

speech bubbles into the photos. We also could choose the colours for the background. After that we printed the comics off. It was very funny. Our comics were so beautiful.

We took a group photo of all of the exchange students from Trent College, Friesland School and Dreieichschule. Here it is:



We had lunch in the very big and special cafeteria of Friesland School: there were many tables and chairs where we could sit and the food was delicious.

The drama workshop started after lunch. Here we played lots of games and we learned more about the body language of other people. The games were very interesting. We had to line up according to, for example, our birthdays, but were not allowed to speak with each other. The group, who finished first, won.

There was another game too: The teacher put many bags and boxes onto the ground. They were all empty. Everybody had to choose one of them and imagine there was something inside, which we were not allowed to tell the others about. Then we could show the others our reactions to the contents of the presents when we opened them. The audience had to guess what was inside. After the workshops we had a big teatime with lots of sandwiches, scones and some drinks prepared by Friesland Cafeteria. The sandwiches were very tasty.

Everybody talked with their friends, and we all also made new friends when talking to the other schools` students. At the end of teatime, we said goodbye to our friends and went home to prepare the bags for the big day. But- WE DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE!!!

THURSDAY, THE 30TH OF SEPTEMBER

Saying Goodbye

By Sophia Jäger, Katharina Jaxt, Alexandra Mackert and Larissa Vogt

In the morning of our last day, all the Germans sat in a big circle with their exchange partners. It was very quiet because everyone was very sad that the trip was about to end. Our English partners came with us to the coach bay. We were all happy together for a last time, but then the bus came and we had to say good-bye. As we sat in the bus, we waved to our exchange partners. It was very sad, but the good thing is that our exchange partners will come over to Langen in half a year`s time, so we are all looking forward to seeing them again!

At the airport, we checked in. The flight took 1 hour and 30 minutes and we had to set our clocks to German time again: The flight started at 1:55 pm (English time) and ended at 4:15 pm (German time).

After we got off, we went to the baggage carousel and collected our bags. Then we went out and saw our parents. And although it was sad that the trip was over, we were also happy to meet our parents again.