

Carnet de voyage collectif

Suède, direction la capitale

Stockholm

Echange Franska-Skolan – élèves de 2nde4

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First day

13-02-2019

Départ pour un nouveau voyage

Ce 13 Février nous partons pour une semaine dans un pays proche de la mer Baltique où règne un grand froid en hiver : la Suède. Nous nous réunissons tous à 10h pour partir ensemble en bus en direction de l'aéroport d'Orly. Le trajet n'est pas très long et après environ 1h nous arrivons à l'aéroport. Nous y vérifions nos bagages et nos tickets et après un petit moment de libre pour chacun nous embarquons dans l'avion. Le voyage aura duré 2h40, ce qui n'était pas trop long heureusement. Après cela nous avons rejoint un bus qui nous a conduits à Stockholm. Après un long trajet comportant le bus, l'avion et de nouveau le bus, nous arrivons à l'aéroport accueillis à bras ouverts par nos correspondants. Par la suite chacun a rejoint sa famille d'accueil pour faire enfin connaissance avec de nouvelles personnes, un nouveau pays et une nouvelle culture.

SALABELLE Catherine

Second day

14-02-2019

Morning

In the morning we went to the school to meet up in order to go to the City Hall. The CityHall is on the island of Kungsholmen, nest to Lake Mälär. It is not very old, it was built about 96 years ago. Then a guide showed us around the City Hall. At the beginning we went to the Blue Hall, it's a place where about 1300 guests can eat during the Nobel Prize banquet. The guide explained to us that the Nobel Prize came from Alfred Nobel who invented dynamite.

In his testament, he wanted a few people every year to receive a Nobel Prize in several categories but the Peace Nobel Prize is given in Norway which was Swedish until 1905.

FAURE Sébastien

Oral Presentation of the Swedes

After lunch in the cafeteria with our exchange students, they presented us their work in French, in the form of small presentations of five or ten minutes each. The subjects were varied, from culinary specialties to musical tastes, but all shared a common theme: differences between France and Sweden. They introduced Swedish events and festivals, but also typical dishes. Then they talked about famous artists from their country like Zara Larsson or Avicii. We learned about Swedish tourism and what they do in their country. For example, the north is peaceful and a good place to relax. In Sweden, there are a lot of lakes and beautiful landscapes. The exchange students spoke really fluently and we understood everything they said. It was very interesting to be able to observe the commonalities or the things that are different between us and our two countries which are neither far nor neighbours. When our Swedish partners come to France on April 12th, it will be an opportunity to give presentations (in English or French) on the trans-disciplinary approach of Franco-Swedish common identities and experiences. Our presentations will be different to theirs, because they will address more specific topics (for example: "IKEA and France, a model of development?"), or more focused on economics, ecology and politics ("ecological taxation and carbon tax: a Swedish model? »). Their spoken French was impressive and their power-point presentations were also very successful; it's fun to see as we have a history and practices together the small cultural details that make the difference of the country.

BESSON Sabine and JEULAND Enora

Third day

15-02-2019

First aid day

On Friday morning, we participated in a « first aid » day with our Swedish correspondants. It was a unique experience where we felt incredible sensations.

We were warmly dressed and accompanied by our correspondants when we started this adventure. The teachers and students met on the border of the forest, a place surrounded by ice-cold lakes. We admired the forest and frozen landscapes while paying close attention on the Swedish teacher's instructions. The Swedes were really fast even though it was only a briefwalk while we were struggling to keep up and always behind ! After this invigorating activity, two more workshops were organized in the forest. One consisted of building a tent with rather limited pieces of equipment: a cover and ropes. And the other was to boil some water. Our watches read noon and we then went to share a picnic near the lake, by trying not to fall on the slippery icy ground. Then we all went onto a huge rock, on the shore the lake. This lake was almost completely frozen. And was appreciated by many skaters and walkers.

A lady, standing on the lake, then explained to us the safety measures to be adopted during the jump into the icy water. It was a Swedish student who started the experience fully rested, she appareled herself with adapted equipment and great courage dove into the freezing water which was only 3 degrees Celsius! After she jumped, everyone had to arm themselves with hiking poles to climb out of the water and back on to the ice. Since our limbs were freezing this was a very difficult task to do; that's why everyone who had jumped had to go straight to the sauna which was right next to the lake. Among the French students, 3 of us tried this unique experience which was very impressive to watch and remarkable to execute.

After warming ourselves we all returned to our respective families at around 14:30, exhausted but amazed by the incredible day.

HEMON Sterenn and MORIN Carole

Before my jump into the water I was a little worried especially since we didn't have a wetsuit... After 2 second of stress I decided to jump into the water. At this moment, I was really scared and cold and it felt like my jump lasted an eternity.

Once out of the water I was very cold and had trouble walking. Fortunately, after walking a little, I quickly warmed up especially after the sauna, which was great. It was a really good experience and I'm glad I tried.

SALABELLE Catherine

Week-end

16-02-2019 - 17-02-2019

Different activities

Saturday around 11 o'clock my correspondent and I joined Éloi, Marin, Rémi, Enora and also their correspondent at the zoo „Skansen“. We saw wolves, mooses, owls, and other animals. In the afternoon we went to the city center to a mall where we bought whatever we wanted. An hour later, I took the underground to go to a rock festival called „Band it rockwards 2019“ (you can hear „band it“ on the radio). The festival lasted 4-5 hours. The following day we went to Drottningholm's castle which is a Swedish King's residence. We ate Swedish traditional food in a pub, I ate a warm Swedish sandwich. Right after this, we drove around the neighborhood. Eventually we came back home and had a rest.

GOMEZ Mathis

We spent the weekend with our correspondent and our guest family and we did several different things. For example, on Saturday, Emma and I joined Sterenn, Melisa and Carole in Stockholm. We went shopping downtown. Because of its high location on the earth, the sun goes down really early in this city at this time of the year. Thanks to this we could admire all the illuminations on buildings and houses early on in the day. Because of that early night, there are lights everywhere. After this, we went to Melisa's corespondent's house where we ate and had a sleepover. The house is located next to a lake which was totally frozen (as you might know Stockholm is surrounded by lakes). Luckily the weather was very good so the landscape was wonderful. Then we came back home and in the evening we went to an Indian restaurant in town. It was really good even if the food wasn't really a typical Swedish dish.

BESSON Sabine

Sixth day

18-02-2019

Vasa Museum

On Monday, we started with visiting the VASA Museum with the group. The VASA is a ship, and it's a well-known tourist attraction world-wide, but mainly in Sweden. With this shipwreck we can imagine how life in Stockholm was during the 17th century. At the end of the guided tour, we watched a short film to understand all the important facts that we hadn't understood just before.

The Vasa ship is a warship designed and built for King Gustave II Adolphe. The 10th August 1628, the ship sank in the sea after just 20 minutes in the water on ist maiden

voyage. It was too high and heavy with its 64 cannons and its dimensions were not adapted. In 1961, after 333 years the wreck was hoisted out of the water and sailed again in the port of Stockholm. Nearly all the colors have been preserved as well as 98 % of the original ship. It was treated with polyethylene glycol. The museum was officially inaugurated on June 15, 1990.

It was very rewarding for us and of course also very interesting and informative. Later we ate with our exchange students.
BUREAU Chloé and JEULAND Enora

Seventh day

19-02-2019

A Swedish course at 8.30 o'clock

We did not go into lessons with our correspondent but we went to the junior school to classes of 9 years. We were separated into several classes to discover Swedish pedagogy and to share and explain the life of a French student. There were about 20 Swedish pupils per class. They were wearing blue blouses with the emblem of the Franska Skolan and their names. The students were either very shy or very confident. It was very funny to attend a French class in a foreign country.

DIDOT Eloi

Army Museum

After class we visited the Army Museum. There was a guide and she presented to us; we discovered the evolution of the armement and the situation of the soldiers. It was very interesting because it showed how things were in the past.

LE CORRE Tom, LAFONTAN Emmet

Modern Art Museum

On February 19, after an hour of walking in the city and a guided visit of the Army Museum, we visited the Modern Art Museum at 2 pm during 1h30. A French guide welcomed us very warmly and explained the story of five artworks in particular. He spoke to us about different notions of art such as still life, cubism, impressionism... but especially about the limits of art to understand what is a work of art and what is not. We mainly talked about two artworks by Henri Matisse and one by Constantin Brancusi. Finally we had 20 minutes of free time during which we could walk around the museum, take pictures and go to the gift shop.

OLSEM Caroline, SENYAVUZ Melisa, and COLLUMEAU Emma

Evening

In the evening of Tuesday 19 of February the farewell dinner took place. During the dinner the French and the Swedish correspondents talked for about 2 hours. During exchanges, they were some major subjects like the French student's opinion about Sweden or the activities that the Swedes would do in France. This dinner brought us closer to each other.

FIGLEROWICZ Maciej

Le soir de notre dernier jour nos correspondants nous ont emmenés dans un fast food puis dans une salle de repas dans leur lycée pour partager un dernier repas dans la bonne humeur. Puis à la fin ils nous ont emmenés dans leur salle de jeux avec canapés, une table de ping pong et de billard sans oublier le babyfoot ; nous y sommes restés environ une demi-heure. À la fin nous nous sommes séparés pour qu'il ne reste plus que 4 français et leurs correspondants allant voir une pièce de théâtre. Celle-ci était inspirée d'une comédie musicale sur le groupe de musique Abba intitulé "Mamma Mia". Cette pièce racontait l'histoire d'une jeune fiancée qui croyait surprendre son homme avec une autre femme, mais bien sûr ce n'était pas cela. En parallèle, un jeune militaire de la famille de la fiancée se rendit compte qu'il était amoureux de son camarade. À la fin tout va bien puisque la fiancée se réconcilie avec son homme et le jeune militaire se marie avec son camarade. Ce qui était dommage c'était que la pièce ne soit pas en anglais car c'était difficile de suivre en Suédois.

GIBERT Martin et BONO Rémi

Last day

20-02-2019

Direction Orly airport

Our stay in Sweden ended on Wednesday, February 20, 7 days after our arrival. We had an early morning appointment at 7:15 am at the Stockholm bus station. We waited a while and then said goodbye to our Swedish partners. We then took the bus at 7:30 am to go to Stockholm airport. There we checked in and dropped off our luggage. After passing the security checks, we waited for a short hour where some of us made duty free purchases and others ate in a fast food restaurant. These were our last moments in Sweden. We boarded our plane at about 10:50 am and landed a little less than 3 hours later. The flight went very well. After picking up our luggage we left Orly and took the bus to Fontainebleau.

FAUSSEMAGNE Antoine