



Evaluation of the first year

Pohjankartano School

September 2013

RED = STUDENTS

BLUE = PARENTS

GREEN = TEACHERS

1. What are the best things about the project so far?

Meeting new people. New friends (foreign, Finnish). Speaking English more fluently. Learning things about foreign countries and cultures. Activities with the guests. Hosting the guests. Karaoke. Trip to Koitelinkoski. Different school days.

Meeting new people. Learning about foreign cultures. Learning English. Global education. Hosting the guests.

Getting acquainted with teacher colleagues from partnership countries. Increasing co-operation between teachers in our own school. Seeing the students' and teachers' real joy and interest towards the different cultures and their representatives. Meeting international people.

2. What are the things you didn't like or found difficult?

Students who didn't act as hosts didn't get to spend that much time with the guests. Communication in English was sometimes difficult. There wasn't enough time to get to know all of the guests.

Communication in a foreign language.

Some difficulties to find enough time to do project work with the students during the lessons.

3. What have you learnt about the countries involved and their culture?

Young people in different countries are quite alike in many ways. Foreign people are interested in Finland. Some vocabulary in foreign languages. Customs. Facts about nature and climate. National educational systems in different countries. Foreign people are social in different ways compared to Finnish people. People are polite. What is important in different countries. Educational differences in different countries. Roman Catholic religion is common in many countries.

Some things about cultures like saying hello in a different language. Something about national sports.

The educational system in Finland seems to have focused more on arts and skills than the ones in partnership countries. The existence of Occitan language. Some vocabulary in different languages. Geographical facts about foreign countries, their people and culture.

4. How has the project influenced you and your cooperation with others (students, teachers, parents)?

“I have become closer to my classmates”. “I got new friends from abroad”. Cooperation and communication have improved. “I got acquainted better with some of the students and teachers in our school”. “The project has improved class spirit”. “I have learned to be more open and brave”.

“Being a host family has brought us closer to school”. “I have met more teachers and other parents”.

“The project has brought me closer to Finnish and foreign colleagues”. “I have received a lot of support from colleagues, students and parents in all the arrangements”.

5. Write here anything else you'd like to mention.

“Being a hostess was great but also quite hard”. “I'm missing the guests”.

“There should have been an earlier occasion for parents to get acquainted with the guests”.

“Working on a project requires a lot of hard work, but with good cooperation and motivation we can achieve a great deal of good results”.