

Report of Comenius Meeting in England

22nd - 28th of May

Work is almost finished.

Our final Comenius meeting took place in Dudley.

Teachers taking part:

Particia, Cristina Carvalhos, Escolas Vale Rosal, Caparica/PT

Michaela Valianova, Maria Zapletalova, Kvitkova Zakladni Skola, Zlin/CZ

Beate Knor, Irmgard Wutzlhofer, Lollipop VS Neufeld/AT

Saturday, 21st late at night

From the very beginning this meeting was organized perfectly. At Birmingham Airport a friendly taxi driver was already waiting for us to bring us to the hotel.

Thanks, Helen!



Sunday, 22nd

Helen and Emma took us for a late breakfast to the **Halfpenny Vineyards**, where we could enjoy the famous cream tea. Afterwards we went to the All Saint Church in Trysull to have a look at the beautiful creations at the **Flower Festival**.



In the afternoon Mrs. Hillary Moses was working hard to give us some very funny lessons in **barn-dancing**. We did our very best!



In the evening also the Portuguese colleagues arrived - so our team was complete.



Monday, 23rd

We had a very interesting day in school. We visited all classes from nursery up to year 6.

All of us were deeply impressed by the very friendly, well behaving pupils and the fantastic work they do in their classes. We took a lot of new ideas with us.

Also the children seemed to be very interested in our daily work. We had to answer a lot of questions.



On **Tuesday, 24th** we joined year 2 to a trip to the famous **Warwick castle**. It really was amazing! We visited several exhibitions and learned a lot about British history, different types of arms and the life in former time. Especially the birds of prey were fantastic! The eagles, vultures and falcons were flying next to us, only some metres above our heads.



Wednesday, 25th we spent at Conkers, a wellknown national park, with year 1.

Different kinds of trees are replanted there, and we enjoyed a relaxed day between flours, ponds and Canadian geese.

And of course we had to go by choo-choo-train!



On **Thursday, 26th** we were invited to the **Nursery Class Celebration**. We saw and tried out a lot of funny games. Our favourite one was "Hook a Duck". We were allowed to help to clean the chicken's cage. They were so sweet! And we learned: The brown ones are the girls, the yellow ones are the boys. (... - or was it the other way round???)



In the afternoon we were busy shopping at Merry Hill, bringing the British economy & trade up to amazing heights again.

On **Friday, 27th** there was a **Sports Day** in Keystage 1. The children were giving their best to gain points for their teams. At last the most successful team was the red one.

So toast the "Pine Panthers"!!



In the afternoon we had a **final assembly** to celebrate the end of our common Comenius Project. The former headmaster, Dr.Duncan Jones, took part, everyone was pleased to see him again. Even the major came- in a big black Jaguar and with a very heavy golden chain around his neck.

What a great honour for us!

All of us were really proud to be a part of this great project.



Saturday, 28th was our last day in England. Our colleagues from Alder Coppice left school for one week to enjoy their midterm holidays. And we were on our trip back home again.█

So finally, dear friends from Alder Coppice, let us say thank you for your great hospitality and for organizing this unforgettable week in your beautiful country. You opened your classes, your kitchens, wine cellars and your hearts for us.



We also want to thank Maria and Michaela from CZ and Patricia and Cristiana from PT for this very funny week we spent together. Thanks for the laughter and the late-night discussions, we really hope to keep the contact.





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and be our guests!**

Just remember: YOU & ME = US !