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## Romania March 2019



### What I liked best

... the sandbox in the national park! Read more about it and the other things we did on Monday!

... the treasure hunt! Read more about it and the other things we did on Tuesday!

... Dracula castle in Bran! Read more about it and the other things we did on Wednesday!

... the beautiful city of Brasov! Read more about what we did there on Thursday!

... the farewell party! Read more about it and the other things we did on Friday!

Together with our teachers Mr. Teitsma, Ms. Kirch and Mrs. Rolfes we six students from Rhauderfehn started our trip to Romania early in the morning at the train station in Leer.

We already had our first international contact on the train to Hanover with the six girls from Groningen. Although the girls were a lot older, we made friends easily. Then we changed the train to Vienna. The journey was very funny, because we were walking through the train just for fun.

In Vienna, we met the people from the Zwickau and Abtenau. After that we started with the night train to Brasov. That was cool! The train was quite old and the cabins where we should sleep were really small. But it was fun playing games, telling stories and eating sweets. At night there were two border controls.

After two long days of travelling everyone was tired and out of energy. Finally, we met our exchange partners and we could get to know our homes for the next week.

# MONDAY

After our first night in our new homes we were very excited. It was very cool that we had breakfast together with all the other students in the so-called pensioner's club, so we could talk to our friends about our guest-family and our home.

On the way to school we found a little new friend, a street dog. We called him @til.fischer. :-) He even followed us to the library where the official programme for this week started. The headmaster of the Romanian school and the project coordinator said some welcoming words. After that some Romanian students sang some songs. Then we watched the videos that we all had prepared. I really liked how professional some of the videos were made. After that we decided in our groups how many points the other videos should get. In our break we ate some cookies. Then we had the first CLIL-lessons. There we played games to know each other better. Then we learned something about history. After that we went to a restaurant and ate meat and chips. Then we went to the national park. It was very interesting. We learned very much about the nature in and around Zarnesti. I really liked that we could try out the different interactive activities. One of them was the sandbox: there you could see how rain shapes the landscape in the mountains. In the evening we met our new friends. It was a very nice day.



# TUESDAY

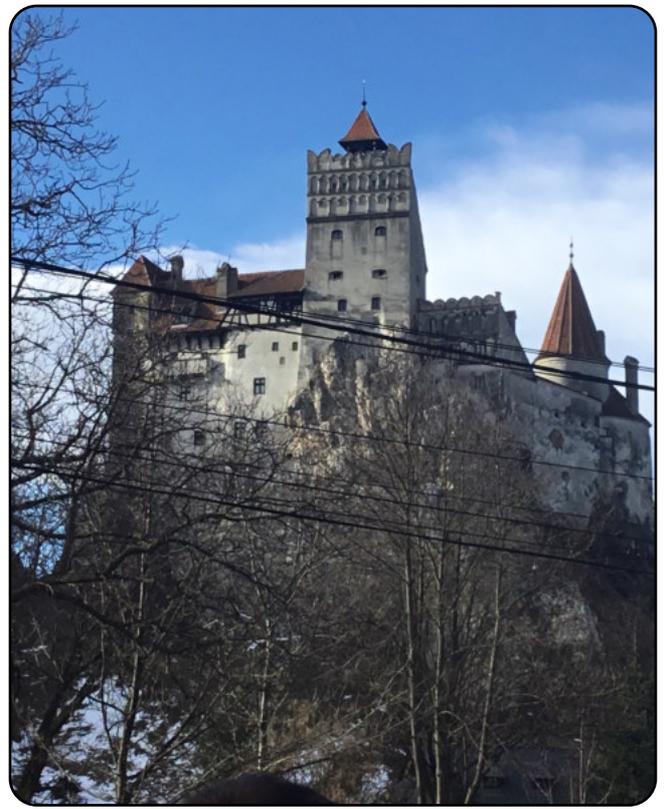
My tuesday started in my new bed, in which I slept very well. My breakfast was delicious and I was happy to start my second schoolday in Romania. Our teacher, unfortunately I forgot her name, was very nice, positive and always laughing. We talked a lot about Europe and how important the European Union is, especially for poor countries or countries that need help. She gave us a worksheet where we had to fill in the gaps. I didn't like that, because I think it was boring. My group was cool, we had a good connection and lots of fun. We also had to answer one of five questions, I decided to answer the question "What do you like about travelling?". I had many reasons, for example making new friends, getting to know other cultures and the list goes on and on.



After that we had a treasure hunt. That was really interesting, because you got to know a lot about Zarnesti and the different places there. We had to answer over 10 questions. Sometimes you had to go to the train station, statues or old houses. My group didn't win, but that was not dramatic, because we were pretty fast and answered most of the questions. Then we visited an old church, it was really beautiful and it had a lot of historical paintings on the wall, but most of them were burned by the Turks. Our visit was short, but it was a little church, so it wasn't so bad. But after that we hit back to the school, where we had our fashion show. The Romanian students had great traditional costumes and danced great. But everything went wrong with our show, it was not great at all and everyone was disappointed, but Mrs. Rolfes bought us some ice cream and everyone was happy after that.

# WEDNESDAY

Wednesday started off at 7 am in the morning with a quick breakfast at the “Pensioner’s Club”. After that, at ca. 8 am we went to Bran by bus where we thought we would be able to witness the “Dracula Castle” from the inside, which ultimately turned out to be a mistake. However, instead, we visited a considerable number of houses, one of which had an inner garden - which turned out to be quite amusing but was, in my opinion, expandable at the level of tension. Although we learned about the story of the village, place and castles, it was a little lean on an interesting information base, but a nice time-trend.



From 10 am to 1 pm, the first part of an expanded workshop took place; We could choose between two motives (Jesus or Mary & Jesus) and had to paint this picture on the glass of a picture frame, which, contrary to all expectations, turned out to be quite fun, especially the fact that we were allowed to decide for ourselves how to colorise the pictures. After a quick break with some sandwiches, we went back to work. As soon as we finished the pictures, the second working phase began - in groups of (supposedly) six and labor, we had to knit a certain pattern (which could be varied) into a respective part of a blouse, which is later assembled by the workshop organisers and distributed to each school. To be honest, I did not really enjoy this part of the workshop, but it was a good inside in what is part of Romanian culture. Our arrival in Zarnesti took place at 6:20 pm and from there we had free time with the host families.



# THURSDAY

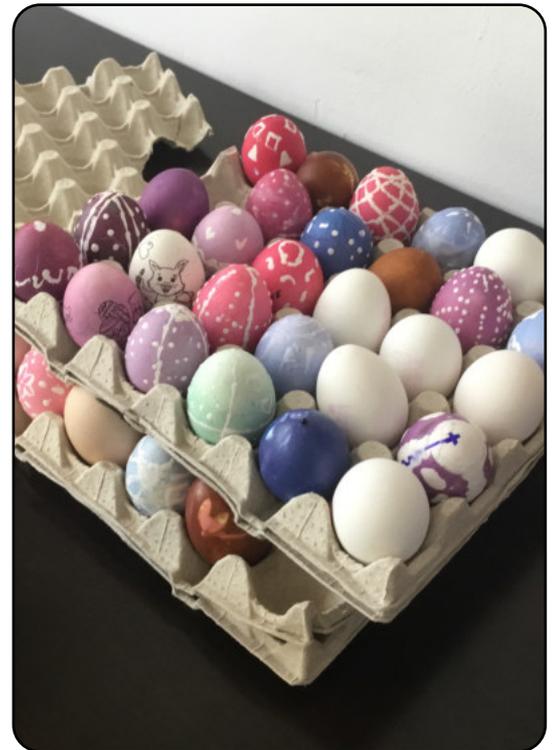
After breakfast in our host families we started off to Brasov. The headmaster of the Zarnesti school gave us information about special mountains, persons or fabrics. Also, we visited a ski area. Later we went to a museum which presented what people wore in the different times and areas of Romania. After that we enjoyed the city of Brasov in our free time. Then we went to the Museum of urban Civilization. It presented how people furnished their homes. On our way home we stopped in Cristian, where we visited a church. The church service is still held in German. That was very interesting.





# FRIDAY

On Friday we had our last full day. We started our day with a workshop. We learned about Dutch Easter traditions and could try out different techniques on how to decorate Easter eggs. Then we had lunch with traditional Romanian food and a really nice and tasty cake. Then we went to the computer room and worked on the evaluations. In the evening we went to a party with all the others, it was really nice. We were dancing the whole night. It was really fun! At the end we were a bit sad that we had to say goodbye.



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