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# **Erasmus+ week in Rhauderfehn**

By Michelle Lotysch Monday, 25th November 2019

Monday was the first day of the project. We met at school Monday morning at 7.45h, where we started the CLIL class. We talked about monuments, particularly for our region, the one located in the centre of Rhauderfehn. At the beginning of the day we watched videos of every country about one topic and after that, we were divided into two groups. In my group the class started with speed dating. The class stopped at 12.10h. During the big break we sang for my exchange partner Bogi because it was her birthday. There was delicious cake. Afterwards we started searching monuments in Rhauderfehn in mixed groups. We took a lot of photos and presented them at the end of our excursion. At 16.30h we went home and continued to celebrate Bogi's birthday. Two hours later we went to Leer, a little city in our region to visit a christmas market. It was great. A few hours later we went to a bowling centre, which was fun as well. Children vs. Adults, it was. I forgot to tell that Seline and her family with Bence joined us. I won in my team; The adults were better than us. At 22.00h

we arrived at home. It was a long day but it was fun and interesting. In general the evenings in my family with Bogi were very cool. We talked much about our similar ``hobby". Both of us are interested in watching movies/series, reading and sketching. My opinion is that it was a great week and that it was a cool way to find new friends.

## **Erasmus+ in Rhauderfehn**

By Seline Schilling Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019

We met at school Tuesday morning at 8.25h, where we started the day with continuing the CLILL class from Monday. We talked about monuments and their meanings. Later that day we created a podcast about a fictive girl called Jantje from Rhauderfehn in the past. We had two possibilities to make the podcast. The first option was to talk from the girls perspective and the second option was to talk in the present as a stranger about her life and family. In the last lesson we recorded and presented our podcasts and talked about them. At 12.15h we went to the cafeteria to get our food. After that we had a break for almost an hour. Later on we went to the "Fehnmuseum" to learn about the east frisian culture. We were seperated in three mixed groups to spend our time in the museum with. The groups were the "kings", "settlers" and "investors". At the exhibition we had to look up information to answer questions about our section. After that we discussed our standpoint about the situation in Rhauderfehn back then in our role. Me and my friends were the settlers and argued about the difficulties to farm food and to survive. At 15.00 h our teacher told us about the tea tradition of this region and how to properly drink the tea. Although the teacher told us to not use the little spoon the

exchange students didn't care and used it to stir the milk. Fitting with the tea aspect, we ate currant bread. At 17.00 h my mother took me, my exchange student, Michelle and her exchange student home. In the family we didn't do anything special and I just ate pizza with my parents.

# Erasmus+ in Rhauderfehn By Marietta Bortfeldt Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019

On Wednesday, we started the day with playing a few games. After that, we went to the art room. There we went in groups according to our countries to design our own monuments. First, we were told how to do that. The monument was to be composed of a wooden pole on which there should be three wooden planks, one round wooden board and, in our case, a coat of arms. Originally, we were supposed to design the monuments with the other students from our country and then to paint and build them in mixed groups, but we successfully argued that it would be better to stay in our groups on that step too because we would understand the meaning and the motives of our monument the best. On the three wooden planks of our monument, we painted a peat boat, a typical East Frisian landscape (complete with cows, a small farm house and a windmill), and a Fehn with two of the typical white draw bridges. On the round piece of wood, we painted a teacup with the typical Blau Dresmer pattern. For the coat-of-arms-shaped piece of wood we chose, obviously, the coat of arms of Rhauderfehn. The pole was painted in the colors of Rhauderfehn: blue and yellow. Later, we also added a pile of peat at the bottom and a teapot at the top of the monument. After the monuments were put up in front of the school building, we prepared a presentation about our monument and held it in front of

the other groups. In the evening, we went to the Christmas market in Leer with other students.

### Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019

From 24th of November until the 30th of November six pupils from different schools in Europe visited the "Gymnasium Rhauderfehn". On Thursday we visited two different cities in the Netherlands, Delfzijl and Groningen.

Our day started at 7:45 a.m. at school. Many people arrived earlier because of the school buses. Most of us were tired because we had to get up earlier than the days before. We wanted to meet at the bus station but because of the rainy weather we met in the main hall of the school. A few minutes before 8, the teachers came and we went to the bus together. While going to the Netherlands we rather slept or talked to our friends. After more than one hour we were close to Delfzijl. One of the adults, Mr. Teitsma who is from the Netherlands talked about the difficulty for the people living there, because it is under the sealevel. He told us that people there have to deal with earthquakes and why the dikes are so important there. It was interesting, because we didn't know it was that difficult. After a while we arrived at MuzeeAquarium in Delfzijl. There we were split in two groups. One of the groups went to the museum and the other group went to the visitor centre. In the museum we got a questionnaire with some tasks you had to answer while going through the museum. If you answered all the questions you got two shells from the museum. In the visitor centre you learned a lot about dikes, especially about the newly restored one you could see through a window. We saw some videos and got the chance to see the progress of building a dike through VR-glasses. There we got some VR-glasses, too. Of course they were not the same as the ones in the centre but cheaper ones. But that was really cool! When the groups finished their first activity they switched so everyone got to see everything.

When both groups finished the second activity we went to Eemshotel. It is built in the water so we had to walk up a dike that was like ten meters high and over a bridge to get there. We saw the North Sea and most of us were amazed from the sight. We could even see a seal swimming close to the hotel. On the other side of the sea you could see Germany. We took some minutes to appreciate the sight and to take pictures. Sadly, the weather was still bad so everything was grey but at least it was not raining anymore. In the Hotel we got a typical Dutch meal. Of course it was with fish. Most of us liked it but some did not. The teachers even paid one drink for everyone. When we finally finished our lunchbreak we went back to the bus that took us there to go to Groningen. A while before we arrived at the train station in Groningen, traffic got worse so it took some time. In the Centre of Groningen we walked in new groups. We got a map with some places for sightseeing. We were supposed to follow the route to see most of the sights. Groningen is a really nice city. After that we still had some time so our group went shopping. We saw some stores we know from our region and new ones that were more interesting. Sometimes we met other groups and talked to them or we did something together. When it started to rain again, we went to a café and drank something. We saw some teachers passing by. On the way back to Germany it was louder in the bus. Some people even sang some songs. At the border to Germany we got stopped by the police. First an officer walked through the bus and told us that he is going to get a dog to walk through the bus again. As expected there was nothing to be found so we could continue our way without any problems. But it was really exciting because it was the first time that I was controlled by the police! Around 7 p.m. we arrived back at school and the parents picked us up. My guest and I did nothing special that evening. We ate something and went upstairs to my room where we talked and ate sweets. We talked about the things we bought and showed them to my parents until it was almost midnight so we had to go to bed. Luckily we could sleep a bit longer than we could do that day. This day was really fun and interesting. We all took our memories there. In my opinion it was one of the best days of the week.



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