

My Diary from

20.03.23-24.03.23

Monday was the first day the exchange students were by us. I had to tell my exchange student that she has to wake up earlier than in Spain because the school starts already at 8 o'clock.

In the morning we had together breakfast and get to the school by the car.

Also I had to tell my partner that if she drinks her water don't to throw away the bottle.

In the school I took her to the music room because from there she and the other exchange students from Spain got a guided tour of the school.

But I have to go to my normal class.

In the first break we went on the school playground to talk with each other or to eat something.

After the break the spanish students got spanish class.

The next point on the plan were a town rallye.

We have to get in groups of 4 and to answer questions on a paper about Übach-Palenberg while we were walking around in the city.

Later we had time to eat something before we had a PE class in the afternoon.

There we played a game the spanish students against the german ones where the german students win.

After the program we went home, ate lunch and went back to meet the others in the city.

We showed them the shopping center in Übach-Palenberg, bought some sweets and sit on a free place we found.

There talked, laughed and had fun together.

At the end of the day we showed them the deposit system.

On Tuesday we took the train to Aachen.

There we got a small tour from the train station to the Elisenbrunnen by a teacher from our school.

On the tour we had the chance to try out a german pastries named Printen.

Then we waited for our guide to arrive.

We split in two groups one german and one Spanish group.

The guided tour were called a lie tour where you have to rise up your thump when you thought the statement is right or otherwise you have to do your thump down.

All in all the tour was very interesting and I learned new things about Aachen I didn't know before.

Later we had free time where our exchange partners wanted to eat something in Mc'Donalds.

After our free time we have to meet up again because some of the students went back with the teachers to Übach-Palenberg and others could stay in Aachen with the permission of their parents.

My exchange student and I stayed in Aachen.

Then the group split up in smaller groups because some wanted to go in the big shopping center, some wanted to go eat again and some wanted to do other things.

I went with my group eat something and later we meet up all together in the shopping center where we played air hockey on a table or talked or sang together.

It was a great time and the spanish students like Aachen very much.

In the evening we went back home with the train.

On Wednesday my spanish partner had a german lesson with me in the first period.

Then we went on the parking lot and from there we went with the bus to a open-cast mining in Garzweiler.

There a man explain to us the open-cast mining and answered our questions. But when students asked about the environmental aspects of open-cast mining he didn't respond on it so well.

Later we got in the bus and became a guided tour through the open-cast mining where we could see the things we talked about earlier.

The tour was very interesting but for the future I wish that more attention was paid to environmental and bad aspects of open-cast mining.

In the afternoon I meet up with a friend and her exchange partner in my house to get ready for the dinner she planned for all on this evening.

We sang, danced and had a great time together.

In the restaurant we eat with nearly all students from the project and laughed about many things.

Through all the days we spend together we all get to know each other better and better.

At the end we took some pictures of the groups for the memories.

On our last day we went to Cologne with the bus.

There we visited the cathedral and later we walked by foot to the chocolate museum.

There we got a guided tour where we get to know about the chocolate bean (we could even try one), the chocolate import in different countries, the chocolate recipe and how Lindt produces his chocolate. On the tour we had the chance to try some different chocolates.

And later had time to walk around by ourselves.

My friend and I went in the tropical area and after that we sit outside in the cafe and some of us drank a coffee.

After our free time we went back to Übach-Palenberg by the bus.

In the afternoon all students did separate things with their partner because it was the last day.

I went with my partner to a friend and from there we got to our dance class with our exchange partners.

There we showed them our dance school and introduce them to our other friends.

Also we meet there some other students with their exchange partners.

On Friday morning we said goodbye to everybody because they went for their return to Spain.

The saying goodbye to the Spaniards was very hard for me because I took them all to one's heart in the last few days and we all know we won't see us ever again in our lives.

I still hope that some day we will meet again.

Sunday 19.03.23 (The Spaniards arrive in Germany)

When my Spanish exchange student arrived in Germany at 9am, I introduced Javier (His name) to my family. After that we ate something and went to sleep after dinner.

Monday 20.03.23 (His second day in Germany)

While I had normal school, Javier was shown the school. In the time from 11:40 o'clock to 13:15 o'clock we (the German and Spanish exchange partners) made a city tour, where we had to fill out a questionnaire as a group. After that we had a one hour break where we could eat, drink and rest. After we took a picture, we German exchange partners had a battle against the Spanish exchange partners in dodgeball. After that we had free time.

Tuesday 21.03.23 (His third day in Germany)

On this day, we had a joint excursion with the Spanish exchange students to Aachen. First we made a city tour, which was led by an old lady. Afterwards we had free time, where we showed our exchange partners a bit more of the city and I (Joshua), Julius, Max, Malte and Julian, as well as the exchange partners, went to eat in a restaurant. After the free time we drove back to Übach-Palenberg.

Wednesday 22.03.23 (His fourth day in Germany)

The day began with the first lesson of the school, namely with the subject chemistry. After chemistry we went to the Garzweiler open pit mine where we had a guided tour. But it was not a guided tour where you had to walk, because the tour was held in the bus. After this very informative tour, we had free time again after arriving back in Übach-Palenberg by bus.

Thursday 23.03.23 (His penultimate day in Germany)

On this day something special was planned: because we went to Cologne and the first thing we did was to take a picture where we stood in front of the Cologne Cathedral. After that we admired the Cologne Cathedral from inside. After this very memorable visit we had free time again, where we again formed groups and showed the Spanish exchange students the shopping mile of Cologne. After that we went to the famous chocolate museum. This was the end of our excursion and we were taken back to Übach-Palenberg by bus.

Friday 24.03.23 (The last day)

On this day we had to get up especially early, namely at 5 o'clock in the morning, so that the Spanish exchange partners could arrive in Spain on time again, because on this day strikes and traffic jams made the journey home of the Spanish exchange partners more difficult. After a long goodbye, the Spanish exchange partners left by bus at 7 am. From this point on, my normal everyday life began again.

Diary - Spain in Germany

19.03.2023

Raquel arrived with us today. My father, my brother and I picked her up from school. When we arrived at my house, I showed her the house. After that, she unpacked her things. In the evening, the football match Barcelona against Real Madrid also ran. We looked at this together. During this time, my brother tried to describe her German specialties. The day ended with asking Raquel what she wants to eat for breakfast.

20.03.2023

In the morning we had breakfast together and I made ourselves a lunch package. Then I took her to school so that she could take part in the school tour while I had two free hours. After that I had lessons and she looked at the Spanish lessons to learn how we learn Spanish. Afterwards, we did a city rally together with the Spanish people. It was very funny when our exchange partners tried to find out how much a bread roll in a bakery costs. After that we had an hour lunch break, during which we talked and ate a bit. From 14:15 to 15:45 we had sports together in the gym. First we played dodgeball and then basketball. After physical education, we went to the Lidl so that Raquel could choose things that do not exist in Spain. We ate something at home. In the evening we all met together in the city. There was a lot to laugh and talk about. I think Raquel has settled in well and feels comfortable.

21.03.2023

Today we went to Aachen. In the morning we met together at the station and then took the train. In Aachen we had a guided tour of the old town. It was very exciting and I learned a lot of things I didn't know yet. I think that the guide has also explained the history and the change of individual sights very well. After the tour, we had free time. A friend and I showed our exchange partners the shopping center. We first ate something there. Then we showed them a lot and went shopping. We drove back in the afternoon. We ate something at home. Later, a friend and an exchange partner came to us. We went out together and showed them the "recreational area" for example. My family and I get along very well with Raquel.

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23.03.2023

Today was very exciting because we went to Cologne. First we visited the cathedral. After that, my girlfriend and I showed our exchange partners a part of Cologne. My girlfriend's exchange partner especially liked the churches. The next stop was the Chocolate Museum. We got a guided tour there. I found it very exciting to see how chocolate is made. But it was also interesting to find out where and how chocolate is grown. However, the highlight of the tour was the chocolate fountain. After the tour, the others drove back. However, my girlfriend, I and our exchange partners stayed even longer. During that time we went shopping and still saw a lot of the city. In addition, we were eating doner kebabs because my exchange partner has never eaten one before. In the evening we had a movie night with my family. We watched Fast and furious in English. I think it's a pity that Raquel is leaving again tomorrow.

24.03.2023

This morning we took Raquel to the bus. We said goodbye to everyone there. I think it was a great time with the Spanish People and I hope that I showed Raquel a lot of German culture. In addition, we decided to stay in touch and she invited me to Spain.

Diary

On Monday I went to school with my exchange student. I waited with her in front of the music room for the others. at 8:10 everyone was there. After that, all the German students went to their lessons and the Spanish students were shown around the school by the teachers. After the school tour we had a 15 min break to eat and drink. Then we brought our exchange students to the classroom from Mrs. Schulte and went back to our class. The spanish students played with Mrs. Schulte city, country, river. After class we went on a Übach-Palenberg tour with the spanish students to show them the town. Next we we went back to school and played in sports dodgeball together till 15:40 Clock. On Tuesday the train drove us to Aachen. In Aachen we learned the old stories of that city and we had a guided tour trough Aachen. After that guided tour we had free time and we went shopping in Aquiz Plaza. Some people went home with the teachers and some students stayed in Aachen. At 18:00 Clock everybody went home. Wednesday a bis drove us to the day town in Garzweiler . First we had a guided tour about the day town and then the bus drove us around the day town. At 14 clock the bus drove us home. After this activity the students met in Toscana in Übach-Palenberg and we ate Pizza. Thursday was the last day sadly. The bus drove us to cologne . When we were on cologne we visited first the cologne dom. Then we had free time and we met after the free time at the chocolate museum. We had a guided tour in the chocolate museum. Friday the german families said goodbye to the spanish students. It was a good time.

Diary of Miriam Biga

Exchange in Germany

Sunday 19th march

On Sunday at about 9 pm our exchange students arrived at our school. Everything was very exciting and we were very happy to see our exchange students from Spain.

Monday 20th march

At 8 am on Monday we all had to be at school. Me and my exchange partner came with the bus to save some petrol.

When we were at the school the German people had to go in to their classes and the students from Spain got shown our school and after that they had a Spanish class with Mrs. Schulte. After the fourth period we all went in the village to do a rally, which was very fun and even I learned a lot new information about Übach-Palenberg. After school some of us met up and we were having a lot of fun together.

Tuesday 21st march

On Tuesday we went with the students from Spain to Aachen. We got there with the train and after we got off we saw some of the city. We also got a tour of the city and its history. The German students of course got a tour on German and the students from Spain got an English tour. We also were given some „Aachener Printen“ to taste. After the tour we had some free time in Aachen. Almost half of the students from Germany and their exchange students were staying longer in Aachen to explore the city even more. Me and my exchange student also went to the „Dreiländereck“.

Wednesday 22nd march

On Wednesday we had to go to our first lesson with our exchange students to show them how the classes are in Germany. After that we went with the bus to the open-cast mine in Garzweiler. We learned a lot about how the mine works and how the villages that are in the way of the mine get moved. The tour we got was by bus and we also got to see the conveyor belt. Everything we saw was very interesting to me. After we got back by bus some of us met up again to hang out. In the evening we all went to an Italian restaurant to eat.

Thursday 23rd march

At 8 am we all went to Cologne together. There we first went in to the cathedral of Cologne where a lot of the students were amazed by because it's so beautiful. After that we had some free time and most of us went to eat. Then we went to the chocolate museum where the German students got a tour on German and the students from Spain got a tour on English again. We also got to taste the different stages of the chocolate and learned a lot about how the chocolate is produced. At the end we also got some chocolate to take home. Some of the students also got some chocolate

from the store inside the museum. When we came back home my family and a friends family went with our exchange students to go bowling because they have never done that before. We found out that they are actually very good at bowling.

Friday 24th march

Sadly at 7 o'clock in the morning the spanish students already had to leave. A lot of the people were crying because they would probably never see eachother again.

After the Spanish Exchange Students arrived at Sunday they were really tired and wanted to sleep first at home. At the first day in the week we showed them our school and the Spanish Exchange Student had Spanish and Music lessons. After the fourth lesson we went in the City Übach Palenberg and did a little Quiz with many question about the mayor and some other things about Palenberg. On Thursday we went to a very big and popular city in Germany. We went to Aachen. As we arrived in Aachen a teacher gave us a first little tour through the city. After this we got a bigger tour with two guides. Spanish and German people were separate so that it was easier for guides to teach us some facts. Next to this activity we had some free time and just go around and go shopping. That was very nice. But the next would be much better... . On Wednesday we went to Cologne. This is a way bigger city than Aachen. Cologne is famous for the big cathedral standing in the middle of the city. So we went to the cathedral and go inside. It was really impressive to see such a huge cathedral. After this we were allowed to go some shopping but later we meet at the famous chocolate Museum. We got a tour about chocolate. For example we learned how it gets produced and from where it comes from. On Tuesday we went to a mine in Garzweiler. Nowadays it is a very controversial topic because of the clima change and the global warming. We got a tour with a bus and saw how huge the dimensions were. On the last day the exchange students had to be very early at the parking spot from our school and got picked up by a bus.

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Day 1 (Sunday)

Sunday was the day on which the spanish students arrived in germany. They arrived very late at 20.15 pm. I had two exchange partners spontaneously. We drove to our home and the students met my whole family. We all ate together dinner and talked from the beginning until the end very much. My family liked the students very much. After the dinner I showed them the house and their room. Their room is just next to mine. After showing them the house, they were very tired, took a shower, called their parents and went to bed.

Day 2 (Monday)

Today we got up at 6:30, got ready and had breakfast together. When we went to school, we all met in the schoolyard and went on a scavenger hunt through Übach-Palenberg with the Spanish students. After that we did sports in our gym at school and then went home. There we ate pizza rolls, which the exchange students found very tasty. Later we met up with our group and were picked up and taken to my dance class. My exchange students found it very funny there and it was quite fun for them. Then we went home and had dinner. After dinner we went outside again and were then spontaneously picked up by my brother and a friend and played billiards together in Alsdorf. In the evening we went home, got ready and went to sleep because we were all very tired.

Day 3 (Tuesday)

Today we first got ready and had breakfast together again. Then we went directly to the train station to go to Aachen. In Aachen we made two city tours, where we were also allowed to try Printen. The rest of the day we had free time and stayed in Aachen until the evening and spent time together. In the evening we went home, ate a pizza and then actually went straight to sleep. But before that we spent some time talking.

Day 4 (Wednesday)

Today we got ready like every day, had breakfast and packed food after getting up. We all met at the school and drove to Lützerath to see what was happening there. Afterwards we all went home by bus, met with our group outside and went out for dinner. There we had the dress code all black. So it was pretty funny.

Day 5 (Thursday)

Thursday was the best day of all in my opinion. We got up early in the morning, got ready and went to school. From there we all took the bus to Cologne together. In Cologne we had free time and later we went to a chocolate museum. I personally found it very interesting to see how chocolate is actually made. After the museum, we all drove back and then actually just rested at home because we went to my dance class again in the evening. It was pretty funny there too, but I think the Spanish students found it pretty exhausting, but still cool. In the evening we were all very tired, packed our bags and went to sleep.

Day 6 (Friday)

Today was a sad day because the Spanish students left. In the morning we all got ready, got up early, had breakfast, packed some food for the students for their trip and then went straight to school. Their bus was already there, so we said goodbye and a few cried too. When the bus left, we wrote for a long time and then I had to go to class. Overall, the whole week was a very nice week in which I could experience a lot. I would always participate in such an exchange again, because you simply experience and learn a lot.

20.03.23

Dear Diary,
 Today was my first day in the framework of my exchange project from Spain and I am totally excited! After my exchange partner arrived yesterday with my family and has acclimatized a little, it went off today directly with a city tour of Übach or better said Townrallye.
 It was just wonderful to stroll through the narrow streets of the city and marvel at the many historic buildings. I also learned many new Spanish words as we showed the Spaniards around and explained the history of the city and its sights. I find it totally exciting how languages and cultures are so different from each other.
 After the city tour, we did some sports and played a round of soccer. I have to admit that as a German, I already had a bit of prior knowledge about soccer, but the Spanish boys and girls were really good! It was really fun to play with them and improve my Spanish at the same time.
 I'm really excited to see what the next few days here with the Spaniards will bring. In any case, I'm already looking forward to the many new experiences and the opportunity to get to know another culture.
 See you soon
 Cassian

21.03.23

Dear diary,
 today was the second day of my exchange project with my Spanish exchange student. We met early in the morning and drove to Aachen by bus and went on a guided city tour together. A nice lady accompanied us and showed us all the sights and historical buildings of the city. I was amazed at how much I didn't know about the history of Aachen, and I was also able to teach my exchange student some interesting facts about the city.
 After the tour, we decided to spend some free time in Aachen. We first went to Aquis Plaza, a shopping center, where we could do some shopping and meet some other exchange students from other countries. It was really cool to hear different languages and meet new people.
 Then we got hungry and decided to eat at Five Guys, an American fast food chain that is becoming more and more popular in Europe. My exchange student was thrilled with the burgers and fries, and we talked about the differences between Spanish and German fast food.
 Overall, it was a great day in Aachen and I'm looking forward to the coming days with my exchange student.
Until tomorrow,
 Cassian

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Dear diary,

today was the third day of my exchange project with Gabriel, my Spanish exchange student. We decided to take the bus to Garzweiler to talk about coal mining and to visit the site. It was fascinating to learn about the process and how it has affected the environment and the local communities. I was thinking about the owners of the houses where they need to mine. But RWE manager said, that they will get a refund if the price of that house. Gabriel was particularly interested in this topic, as coal mining is not as prevalent in Spain as it is in Germany.

After the tour, I went home to Übach with Gabriel. We stopped at a friend's house for dinner, and then played soccer before meeting up with other exchange partners at a restaurant. It was great to spend time with other students from different countries and to share our experiences and cultures. Overall, it was a fulfilling day, and I feel grateful for the opportunity to learn from and connect with Gabriel and other students. I'm looking forward to what the rest of the exchange program has in store.

Until tomorrow,
Cassian

22.03.23

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Dear diary,

today was the fourth day of my exchange project with Gabriel, my Spanish exchange student. We took the train to Cologne and spent the day exploring the city. It was exciting to visit such a vibrant and historic place with Gabriel. We started our day by visiting the Cologne Cathedral, an impressive gothic structure that left us both in awe. We took our time exploring the inside and outside of the cathedral before moving on to other sights.

We also had some free time to explore the city and visit some shops and cafes. Gabriel was particularly interested in trying some local German cuisine, and we were able to find a small restaurant that served some delicious traditional dishes.

After lunch, we visited the Chocolate Museum. It was a lot of fun to learn about the history of chocolate and the process of making it. We even got to try some different types of chocolate and create our own custom chocolate bar. Gabriel was amazed by the variety and quality of the chocolate.

Overall, it was a fantastic day in Cologne, and I feel grateful for the opportunity to explore such a wonderful city with Gabriel. I'm excited for the rest of the exchange program and can't wait to see what else we will experience together.

Until tomorrow,
Cassian

23.03.23



Dear Diary,

Today is the last day at the exchange program, but we have not done much. We only woke up VERY early because we needed to be at the busstop near the school at 7am. And as I am living 8km away from school we needed to wake up a lot earlier then normally. But after we came to the busstop we all clapped our hands and were saying goodbye. I have learned the words adios
Not until tomorrow my diary because this journey will end now, but still a pleasure to write in you,
Cassian

Exchange Diary

19th March to 24th March 2023

Day 0: The arrival

Our exchange partner arrived around 9:00 pm and as soon as they got there, it was a big reunion! As they arrived we drove home and talked a bit. My partner was a bit shy 😊 so she didn't talk as much as me. We got home and she gave me some presents which I am really grateful for! She ate and she (my exchange partner) got a bit emotional about missing her family. It was a long day for the Spain partners so she was really tired and got to sleep right after!

Day 1: The School/ City Tour

On the first day, I got up at 6:00am and my partner got up at 7:00 am. In Spain they always sleep more (For me it's likely to wake up more than an hour before school starts) . While I had toast, Yoghurt and fruits, she only ate one toast with hot chocolate. I was ready to go but she still got ready. Around 7:40 we walked to school and met another exchange student (with the German partner of course) on the way, as we're walking to school because it's better for the environment! The Spanish partners had a tour of our school and had Spanish classes with our teacher, while we had school. We only saw them during the school breaks but later we all met together and played a game to get to know our city. After that we had an one hour break and then had PE classes for two hours. We played a game where it was Germans vs. Spaniards and later had some freetime in

PE class. The different part was that as soon as we got home my partner was really homesick and just kept on crying. It was quite difficult for me and my family, as we didn't know how to react. I asked my teacher for help (I was overwhelmed) and she kindly helped me. Her help was really helpful as she somehow cheered me up! Later that day we met with the others which was helpful as well, we were outside till the evening. As soon as we got home my partner ate and got to sleep.

Day 2: Trip to Aachen

On day two we had a trip to Aachen planned. As it's cheaper and better for the environment, we got there by train. As soon as we got there our teacher gave us a small tour around Aachen. Later on we got divided (Germans in one group and the Spaniards in the other) and had a detailed guided walking tour, which was about 2 hours. After that we had freetime and had time to go shopping. The Spaniards went at first to a place to go eat and later went shopping as well. (We all had a consent of our parents to stay longer) so we were there the whole day in Aachen. I even learned that in Spain they call "Aachen" "Aquisgrán". We all had much fun!

Day 3: Trip to RWE

On day three we had at first one hour of school with our partners, to show how a school lesson is in Germany. After that, we all went by bus to RWE (energy supply group that uses brown coal to produce energy), where we had a putting together of how that system works. I had some questions to the worker, as I think that working with brown coal is very harmful for our environment and future. After that we had a tour around the big brown coal hole with the bus, as it was really dirty. After that we returned back to school. Me, my partner, 2 friends of mine and their partners went to the shopping center in our city and ate something as well. After that (me, my partner, one friend and her partner) got to the home of that friend and got ready. We turned music on and had much fun! After that we all (Germans and Spaniards) met in a restaurant, where we all ate together. The food was very delicious and the atmosphere was also nice! We stayed there till the very evening and then got driven home.

Day 4: Trip to Colonge

On day four we all met at 8:00 am and got driven by bus to Cologne. In Spain they call "Colonge" "Colonia". The ride was about one hour. During that ride we turned some music on and had a good atmosphere. As we arrived we had a tiny tour of Cologne's Cathedral (Kölner Dom) and had 1 hour freetime, where some people ate, some people went shopping etc. The plan was to meet at the chocolate museum at 11:50 am. That did not go as planned because me, two Germans and 5 Spaniards somehow got lost XD. That was still funny tho. Finally we met at the chocolate museum and had a divided tour of the chocolate museum. It was really interesting and probably one of my favourite activities! As the Tour was over we all drove back to our school, where me, a friend and our partners went to some shops in our town. After we all got home but only for one hour, as my friend and her partner came to my house. We all got ready for our hip hop class and we had much fun getting ready. The hip hop class was also good and everyone had fun. After that we returned home and ate some food. My partner packed her suitcase and we talked a bit just like the evenings before.

Day 5: The goodbye

On the last day, we had to wake up early because their bus drove early. We got up ate breakfast and drove to school. Many students got emotional during the goodbye as we all know we will probably never see us again. I found some friends too but we are still texting with eachother and we made a promise to meet us in the future again. That's it. That was my Exchange

Result:

Environment: I would say that Germany is more careful when it comes to the environment than Spain. We have "Pfand" divide our garbage and often drive with the train or walk by foot. The Spain partners were really surprised as they saw our "Pfand" system.

I would also say that it was nice to see their traditions, culture, habits, people etc. As they are still different than in Germany.

I would recommend doing an exchange, as it gets you out of your comfort zone and also makes you find new friends, learn about different cultures and traditions, make new experiences and learn more. For me the first days were hard as it was new and I was out of my comfort zone but still I am very glad that I did this Exchange because I am more confident, I learned more and I have new friends. I think everybody needs to do this as it is a nice experience! I would do it again if I could!

Diary about the week from the 19th of March 2023 - the 24th of March 2023

Sunday the 19th of March 2023:

The Exchange Partners from Spain arrived round about at 20:45 o'clock. We drove home, ate there, started a bit of smalltalk and gone to sleep at about 22:15 o'clock. At this day I didn't talked really much with my exchange partner.

Monday the 20th of March 2023:

We got to school and I had normal school lessons till the second break. After the break we've done a little rally of the town Übach-Palenberg, where we had for example to find out opening times of shops or some prizes or had even to count the trees at one place. After the rally we had a 1 hour break, where Julian, Julius, Joshua, Malte and me gone to eat at subway with our exchange partners. When we arrived back to school we had 2 PE lessons and our teacher allowed us to play free what we want in the Sports Hall. At home we showed my exchange partner a bit of our town. This day me and my partner got known a bit more about each other and talked a bit more.

Tuesday the 21st of March 2023:

We went to the station at Übach-Palenberg, from there we drove by train to Aachen at Aachen we walked to the „Elisenbrunnen“ and waited there for our tour guide. When our guide arrived we had a 1 and a half hour tour of Aachen where we were told about the history of Aachen and his famous speciality „Printen“. After the tour we had free time. In our free time Julian, Julius, Joshua, Malte and me first gone eat with Julian's and my exchange student. After eating we bought Printen, watched the Cathedral (Aachener Dom) and gone shopping at some stores.

Some of our partners and us too stayed in Aachen after the teachers drove back to Übach-Palenberg the students who stayed in Aachen split in two groups we gone with the one group to the Mall Aquis Plaza and I showed some of the Spains a deposit machine in Germany called: „Pfandautomat“. When we got home we prepared us with some information about brown coal for the next day.

At this day we got to talk more because I told him about some differences here in Germany For example the deposit machine.

New words:

(Spanish) lignito - (German) Braunkohle

Wednesday 22nd of March 2023:

We had the first school lesson together with our exchange students. My first lesson was Chemistry and we've done a titration. After the first lesson we drove to a open coal mine by bus, there we had a guided tour and we were told about the mining of coal and even saw and drove around the big open mining pit. At the evening we were going to eat with nearly all German and Spanish exchange partners at an Italien restaurant in Scherpenseel called La Toscana. This day we talked much together and there wasn't sometimes an oppressive silence.

Thursday 23rd of March 2023:

We drove at 8 o'clock to Cologne by bus, when we arrived we walked to the cathedral and watched it from the inside. After watching the cathedral we had free time till 12 o'clock. In our free time me and my exchange student walked with some other students to a big sweets shop where I bought really much and we've gone shopping afterwards. At 12 o'clock our tour in the chocolate museum began and we were shown the production way of our chocolate and even could try some. I also bought some chocolate for me and my family at the Lind chocolate shop.

In the evening we've gone eating with Julian, Julius, Joshua, Malte, me and our exchange students at a Greek restaurant in Geilenkirchen called Mykonos. We had a really nice time there and laughed together really much the food also was really tasty.

We talked really much together and because of this the day was the most fun because all of us had uninterrupted conversations while eating.

New words I learned:

Spanisch - German

Save a mierda - schmeckt nach scheiße

Save a mierda de mono - schmeckt nach Affenscheiße

Gibraltar Español - bedeutet soviel wie: Gibraltar ist Spanisch/ gehört zu Spanien

Friday the 24th of March 2023:

We had to get up very early because the Spanish students had to catch their bus at 7 o'clock in Übach-Palenberg so we had to be there at 6:45 o'clock. I was really sad that my exchange partner had to go because it was a really nice time with him and the others.

This day we talked about how it was in Germany and told each other goodbye.

Diary-Spain in Germany

Monday :

We had the first 4 lessons as usual

After that we did a City valley and explored the town a bit.

In the afternoon we had PE and played dodgeball and football.

After the PE Lesson we went with the other students into the city.

Tuesday :

On the second day we drove to Aachen , we had a great city tour where we walked around the city.

After the tour we had freetime where we went to a shopping mall and ate something and just hung around.

Wednesday:

On the third day we went to Garzweiler where we got a tour around the open pit.

When we arrived at home a friend of mine came over and we played a bit ps4 with our Spanish students. After that we went to the bucksberg and played football.

Thursday:

On the fourth day we had a trip to cologne where we got a walking tour and visited the chocolate museum. In the evening we meet with some other students and hung around in the city.

Friday:

On the last day the Spanish students sadly had to leave.

It was a great time tho I made new friends and learned some Spanish words that I use till today.



Monday, 20.03.2023

Dear Diary,

Today was the first official day with the Spanish exchange students and I was very excited. Maarena got my room and I feel like she is comfortable here already.

We ate breakfast, but she wasn't really hungry, so we just drank some hot chocolate. After breakfast, we went to school.

The first four lessons were boring since we had normal classes while the Spanish students got to see our school. After-wards we all did a town rally. The questions were easy and Ubastr-Palenberg is a small town so it was kind of boring, but I enjoyed the time we all spent together.

Next, after a one hour break, was P.E. class, where we taught them how to play dodgeball. It was Spanish students against German students. The teams were pretty equal, but in the end we won. We had a lot of fun, also because we were allowed to do whatever we wanted after that game.

In our freetime we met up in the shopping center with the other students from the "Erasmus+" programme. We went into a supermarket and our exchange students seemed to love or be fascinated by the colourful eggs (since it's Easter) and sausages, which they told us were 'huevos' (eggs) and 'salchicha' (sausages).

Later that evening we (my exchange student, a friend with her exchange students and me) went dancing and had a lot of fun, even when it was confusing for our exchange students at first.

After dinner, we went to our rooms and said 'good night'.

It was a good day and I can't wait for tomorrow.

Bye bye, see you tomorrow

Jenny

Tuesday, 21.03.2023

Dear Diary,

today we went to Aachen or 'Aquisgrán'. We made a quick tour with our teacher, where she introduced Aachener Printen and the theater to our friends.

We got a short break, in which we went to a souvenir shop, before we met up with everyone for a guided tour with more information. Did you know, that the

hot springs in Aachen are naturally around 50°C? The guide told us a lot about the springs, but also about the time after war in Aachen, when everything was destroyed.

Shortly after the guided tour, we all went shopping. Or at least everyone that wanted to shop. First, we went to McDonalds, because the next McDonalds is around 4 hour away from their hometown.

We stayed there for around one hour and I think the spanish students enjoyed the food and we all enjoyed the time together.

We really had a great day and spent many hours shopping clothes and shoes, e.g. Bubble-Ten. At around 7 p.m. we took a train back home.

Hanoveria and I visited a Lindt shop, where my mom worked. She introduced us to everyone and they were all really nice. Someone even gave Hanoveria 2 free bags of chocolate!

It was a really good day and we all are tired now.

Bye

Jörg

Wednesday, 22.03.2023

Dear Diary,

Today I had no classes in the first period, so me and Macarena played a bit Mario kart in the morning before going to our school activities (she was really good at that, even if she's never played Mario kart before.) We made ourselves lunch and went to school to meet the others. On our way to school, I explained Macarena a bit about surface mines, because

today we went to the surface mine in Gartzweiler. That is where lignite is formed and from there converted to energy. The mine was huge, like really really big, but it's bad for our environment. Germany is dependent on that source for now, but there is hope that there will be enough wind turbines and other renewable energy sources in the future.

It is an interesting topic, but the trip was a bit boring, to be honest. The first 30 minutes were okay because a man explained us all of that, what I told you before and more, but he made lignite sounds awesome and everything. (Didn't work, no one believed him :))

The rest of the time we were on the bus, seeing the mines from afar and close up, but there wasn't much to see. There were just big holes and huge machines. We still had a good time.

After that trip we had free time and went with friends to the shopping center nearby, ate fries and went shopping again.

Once we were at home, we got ready, because nearly all of the exchange students (with their partner abroad) met in a restaurant later in the evening. We even had a dresscode: All black!

We all looked awesome, not gonna lie. All in all it was a fun evening. On our way home, Macarena suggested sausages for her last meal in Germany for now.

It was a good day. Good night.

Jenny

Thursday 23.03.2023

Dear Diary,

Today is the last real day in Germany for Macarena and it makes me kind of sad, but we went to Cologne so that would lighten up our mood.

We took the bus there and the first thing we did was visiting the Cologne Cathedral. I was never in it before, but it was so impressive and huge. The drawings and mosaics were beautiful and it was all in all very impressive.

We agreed with our teacher to meet at the chocolate museum and used our freetime to go shopping. We maybe overestimated our time, because we arrived too late at the chocolate museum. I wish we had more time in Cologne, because it is way bigger than Aachen and there is much more to do and see.

The chocolate museum was still interesting and my favourite school activity. They showed us every step of producing chocolate, from farming the beans to the finished product. There was even a chocolate fountain. That thing was really cool.

The day went over way to fast and we went back home.

We decided (bc of bad weather) to stay at home and rest or packing her stuff, like Macarena. For dinner, we had her requested bratwurst with fried potatoes and salad.

See you tomorrow

Jemy

Friday, 24.03.2023

Dear Diary,

The Spanish exchange students left today and I was crying, like many others. I hope that Macarena and I will stay in touch and see each other again one day.

I will never forget her and hope that she won't forget me. The exchange was fun and I would definitely do it again.

Until next time,

Jemy

Exchange project Erasmus + diary

On Monday, Pablo and I went to school and dropped off Pablo at the music room and then had classes until after the fourth period. Then, Pablo, Malte, Luis and I did a city rally. When we were done, we walked back to school. After that, we had a one-hour break. Once it was over, we had P.E. Afterwards we went home and went to the Netherlands to eat.

On Tuesday, I went on a trip to Aachen with my Spanish exchange partner, Pablo, and we took the train there. Aachen was such a beautiful city and we had a great time exploring all the sights, including the impressive town hall and cathedral. Afterwards we decided to grab some food at a burger restaurant. The food was really delicious. Next, we went go-karting. It was so much fun and we had a blast competing against each other. After that, we played two exciting rounds of laser tag. To end the day, we went to the beer garden in Übach and had dinner there. The food was amazing.

On Wednesday, My Spanish exchange partner, Pablo, and I went on a trip to the Garzweiler open-pit mine by bus. It was incredible to see the sheer size of the mine and to learn about the history and impact of coal mining in the region. It was also a bit overwhelming to see the environmental impact of such a large operation. I also never visited it from this distanz. After our visit to the mine, we ate at the aga in Übach. Then we decided to explore Übach-Palenberg with friends.

On Thursday, My Spanish exchange partner, Pablo, and I went on a trip to Cologne by bus. We started off by visiting the impressive Cologne Cathedral. After visiting the cathedral, we walked around the city and explored some of the local shops. Cologne is such a vibrant and lively city, and there was so much to see and do. Next, we headed over to the Chocolate Museum and took a tour. We learned all about the history of chocolate and how it's made, and got to sample some delicious chocolate treats along the way. It was such a fun and educational experience. Later in the evening, we met up with some of our classmates and their exchange partners and went to a Greek restaurant in Geilenkirchen for dinner. The food was amazing, and it was so much fun to spend time with everyone and share our experiences.

Monday, 00:00:

The day was filled with excitement and curiosity when my exchange partner from Spain arrived. We had dinner together and got to know each other a little. I could already tell that we were going to have a great week ahead of us.

Monday, 8:00 a.m.:

We went to school in the morning and I showed my exchange partner the school. After that we had lessons and I was curious how he would cope with the lessons. But he seemed to like it and was able to keep up.

Monday, 1:00 p.m.:

In the afternoon we had free time and I had the idea that we should go to the Porsche Center in Aachen. We looked at a lot of cars, but we were both particularly impressed by the 911 GT3 RS. It was incredible to see such a supercar.

Tuesday, 09:00 a.m.:

Today we went on a trip to the Chocolate Museum in Cologne. It was an interesting experience making chocolate and learning more about the history of chocolate. After the visit we visited my family and spent a few hours with them.

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.:

Today we were out all day with our friends from class. We toured the city and visited some local attractions. It was nice to spend time together and get to know the city.

Thursday, 8:00 a.m.:

Today we spent the day in the mine. It was impressive to see what the work in an open pit looks like and how the machines work. In the evening we all went out together and had dinner together. It was a great end to a great week.

Sunday 19/03 ☁

[20:15 Spanish Students arrive at School]

Today is a special day. Last time, when I was in Spain was half year ago. Until today, I still remember all things in Spain. It's was a good time.

This morning I have normally German class, it's also the last day I need to learning.

After my lunch I cleaned my room, her's room too. I know I must give a cleanly place to her to let her live comfortably here. It was tired but fine.

In the evening, we drove our car to get her home. She is also tired because of the fully roadtrip I understand her. She took the shower than went sleep. It's late.

Tomorrow we are going to make a trip in Ulbach-Palenberg and she will go walk in our school. I hope she like it.

Tuesday 21/03 ☁

[Trip to Aachen]

Today we don't need to get up so early, because our meeting is at 8:45 am.

We ^{were} breakfast at home at 8 o'clock and my aunt drove me to the train station. It's a cool moment. We don't need to walk anymore.

We arrived in Aachen at 10:00 am and the teacher share us for two groups, one for Germans and one for Spains. The guide walked around Aachen with us and she had introduction some famous place in Aachen for us. It's fun. Walking Tour can always learn something new.

Then we have our freetime. We went some shops and walked around, showed it for our partners. She enjoy it and me too.

We came back at 4:00 pm. Patricia with her friend are not enough to know more about Germany. She want to go for a walk one more time and buy something for her mother.

She came back and we will eat dinner."

Monday 20/03 ☁

We got up so early and went to school with foot. It's a little bit raining and it don't stop."

She has a hallway without me, I must go my class and learning, but I played piano for the Spanish student, a song come from Spain.

Then I went out with them, to have a holiday in the town, it's for everyone. We found the place and answer the questions.

After that we have a gym activities with my sport teachers Mrs. Latten. We played someballs and went home to have lunch.

I have also a Termin for my eye, so we are a little bit tired. Then I played guitar for her, she liked it.

We ate Pommies and fish together, for dinner. And finished the first pretty day.

22/03 Wednesday ☺

Tagebau Garzweiler

Today for me is a bad day. My eye is inflamed and I must went to hospital to ~~check~~ looking it.

I was not there (Tagebau) and then we ~~was~~ stayed at home and ate something.

Today I don't have ~~too~~ ^{many} things to tell you.

Thursday 23/03

Trip to Cologne

Today we were in Köln. Köln is a beautiful city. We stayed one hour time in bus and I was ^{all time} in Sleep ^{because} I'm tired and also a little bit ill.

We arrived in the "Köln Dom" and visited it. I was there before one year.

Then we had have one and half hours freetime, we can go where we want. We went to the Snacks factory and bought some cheap food.

At last We went to the Chocolate museum and learned how produced one chocolate and some

new knowledge about chocolate. Such as how many Sugar, butter and coco in one chocolate.

Then we went to school and finished the last day.

Patricia and me ate Pizza together and chatting. All the ~~experience~~ things between the journey. It was fun.

Friday 24/03

6:40, we went to the School by car, she (Patricia) went to on the bus and we said goodbye to each other.