***COMENIUS : 1st TRIP IN LATVIA, PREILI (31st Oct -7th Nov 2010)***





***A few days ago , we came back from the 1st trip of Comenius School Partnership , which was in Latvia.***

***We are really happy and excited! We had a great time there ; we met interesting people and we made friends . We saw unique places , we learnt new skills , some Latvian , Italian & German words , we practised communication skills in English , we “tasted” some new kinds of music , dance , food etc. Also, we presented our school , our place , our city , our country !!!!***

***We started our trip on Saturday 31st October .We met each other at the airport of Athens and we took the plane to Frankfurt ….***





**On Sunday afternoon we were in Riga !**

**On the 2nd day of the trip, we found our hotel and then we went for a walk around the city of Riga.. . When we went back to the hotel, a surprise waited for us. .**

**. .The Germans and the Scottish were waiting for us to go all together for dinner at a restaurant ! ! !**

***The 3rd day was special because we took a boat and we sailed across the river...and then we went sightseeing all over the city*** ****

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**In the evening we went out for dinner all together again . We got to know each other a little bit more. .**

**It was the last night in Riga , because on the 4th day, early in the morning ,we set out for Preili , the final and the basic destination of the trip . . !**

***But, before leaving Riga we visited a wonderful forest .***

***It was an Open Air Museum showing how life was some centuries ago …***





***We finally started the trip to Preili! We arrived there late at night and we went straight to the house of ***

***our host families. We would stay with them for the next 4 days … We met our “family” and we talked about ourselves and life in Greece, and we also***

***listened to them talking about life there…***

**On the first day, at school, we showed our presentation and we saw the presentations of the other countries. We saw folk Latvian dances and listened to traditional songs.**

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**At the Town hall we met the mayor of Preili who talked to us about the history of the town.**

**We also visited a local museum about local history , a school of Arts (where we painted on**

**glasses and made bookmarks) and last , a chapel where we were told local ghost stories.**





**The next day, we visited the workplace of a man dealing with pottery and we learnt the local tradition over pottery. We also visited another town , called “Ludza”, and there we visited the workplace of some people dealing with weaving.**









**The last day we visited the library of Preili and the Doll Museum . There we had great fun because we wore the costumes of the dolls and were dressed like princesses and princes.We took a lot of photos… !**

**At school there was a farewell party where we danced local folk dances.**



**The next morning we said goodbye to the family that hosted us , to all our new Latvian friends and set off for Riga to catch our flight to Frankfurt. The Italians and Scottish were going to stay one more night in Riga. 6 hours later we were flying to Athens .**

***It was a trip we will never forget!!!***



