

MONDAY, MAY 21st

The Finnish action week started in the school's sports hall with presentations of the partner countries. All the partners had made a lot of effort and prepared beautiful stands, where they had brochures, pictures, maps, souvenirs etc. from their country. All the students in Pataluoto school explored the presentations and answered quiz questions about each country.

After the presentations of each country, we had lunch at the school canteen. Then it was time for "The Amazing Race Joensuu". The first assignment of The Amazing Race Joensuu was to put up a tent on the school yard. After that the groups headed for the city center by bus to accomplish four more assignments:) The other assignments required cooperation, orienteering skills and speed. The weather was really hot, +26 degrees, and the groups had really fun together.

In the afternoon the groups returned to school, where we had a short education of how to use a camping cooker. We also made sure that everyone had all the equipment needed for the next day's hiking trip to Koli.

TUESDAY- WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd-23rd

On Tuesday our international "Healthy Town" -group started our two-day hiking challenge at Koli. The first day included 4 kilometers of hiking with heavy rucksacks equipped with tents, sleeping bags, groundsheets, camping cookers, warm clothes, swimming suits etc.

The first route was about 4 km and after that we arrived at Lakkala camping site, where we put up our tents, had smoke sauna, cooked food with Trangia (camping cookers) and sang some songs that each country had prepared.

On Wednesday we continued our hiking with a 14 km long route, which ended up on the top of Ukko-Koli. All the students accomplished the hiking challenge, which was not easy....but it was a real challenge and the Finnish landscape at Koli was totally worth it.

THURSDAY, MAY 24th

On Thursday we had a workshop day in Pataluoto school. Our partners started the day with learning to play the Finnish national instrument "Kantele".

In the meanwhile the hosts helped the teachers to gather back all the hiking equipment that were lent from the school.

Our music teacher said that the visitors were real professionals in playing "Kantele". And that was the case also in the next workshop. We found many new players to our national baseball team:)

In the afternoon the whole school gathered into the sports hall, where all the partnercountries had planned their own dance performance. The bravest ones of our students also took part in the dances and the event ended up with Finnish "letkis".

FRIDAY, MAY 25th

On the last day of the week the students got to know how games can be used to teach new skills or how to rehearse e.g. English or sports through gamification.

The first game was an activity game called "The Chaos". In the game the students had to take part in different sportive activities and move ahead on the game board at the same time.

After this "Chaos" the students tried another activity game called "Seppo", in which the students had to use their mobile phones to find different assignments all over the school. In the assignments they had to e.g. shoot a video in English.

The Catalan and the Reunion team started their journey back home by train on Friday at noon. The Polish still had one more night to get to know Joensuu and they followed the other teams on Saturday at noon. The goodbyes were very emotional. But as one Reunionese teacher said "You have to leave so that you can come back."