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I'm Anastasia, and in this short article, I'll tell you all about my amazing experience with our exchange program. I got to meet so many new people in just one week, and I also leveled up my English skills! I'm really excited to see my Irish friends again in March. I hope you enjoy reading my diary about our exchange here at the Lobkowitz-Realschule Neustadt! (Who knows, maybe you'll learn something too. ;))

October 18th, 2024 - Day 1

That's the day our friends arrived here in Germany. The day wasn't very eventful, as our guests were tired after the flight, so we didn't do much until the evening. That's when we went to watch a Blue Devils game! The game was held in our ice rink, the "Hans Schröpf Arena" in Weiden. It was so interesting watching all the players glide over the ice so effortlessly. The atmosphere was amazing - you could see the passion in everyone's eyes as they supported their team. At the start of the game, the crowd even shouted the players' names, except for the opposing team. I did get a little tired during the game since I'm not used to staying up that late, but it was still awesome! Sadly, the Blue Devils lost, but the game was still really intense!

October 19th, 2024 - Day 2

On the second day, we had a "Schnitzeljagd" (scavenger hunt). We formed teams and had to complete everything on a list we were given. Almost everyone from the exchange program participated, so there were lots of us. The hunt started around noon, and we had two hours to finish the list. (Spoiler: my team didn't win, but I still had fun, haha!) Later in the evening, Michael (my exchange student) and I went to a restaurant designed like medieval times! Everything looked so cool! We ate with our hands and only a knife, just like in the past. We even sang songs together, like knights before eating. Funny thing, Michael told me we were louder than most pubs he'd passed by. XD

October 20th, 2024 - Day 3

On Sunday, we had our first family day. My family took Michael to the Czech Republic, which is just an hour's drive from where we live. We visited a miniature museum where they had recreated historical buildings! We saw small castles, bridges - everything you could imagine. You could also read about the



history of the buildings. I learned that one of the castles was built in the 1500s! After the museum, we bought Michael a horse's hoof with a cloverleaf. After all the sightseeing and walking, we were hungry and went to a lovely restaurant in Czechia. The restaurant was full of plants and fairy lights, making it look cozy and warm. And the food was even better!

October 21st, 2024 - Day 4



Our Irish friends spent a day at our school, taking a look around and joining us for lessons. From third to fifth period, Michael and Lilia's exchange student joined us. I got to talk to her, and she was so nice, pretty, and loved chatting as much as I do! After school, we went to the Landratsamt (district office) in Neustadt. Along with the teachers from my school and the Irish teachers, we learned about the history of the district office and Neustadt itself. Afterward, we walked down the main street, where some of us grabbed Döner or ice cream.

October 22nd, 2024 - Day 5

Sadly, not much happened on Tuesday, except for the Irish students going to Munich to visit an amusement park. When Michael returned, we played some VR games on my brother's PlayStation 5. It was hilarious because Michael kept making jokes!

October 23rd, 2024 - Day 6

On Wednesday, we took a bus from our school to Amberg at around 8 am. In Amberg, we visited the local TV station Oberpfalz TV, where we learned how things work behind the scenes of our local news. About three to four people, including the Irish students, got to report the weather in German! One of the Irish teachers even joined in, and he was really good at it! After that, we had an interview with a local reporter, and I was part of it! I was so nervous, but also excited. It was my first interview, and I'd be on the news! I tried to stay confident and got through it.

Later we went shopping - I mean, who would miss that chance? We also goofed around for a bit. As always, we ended the day by eating, and what better place than McDonald's? After we ate, we went back home, but Michael and I went out to hang with Florian and Jack (Florian's exchange student). Let me tell you, I've never had so much fun, especially with people I didn't know well! We had a blast just walking around the city and chatting.



October 24th, 2024 - Day 7

On Thursday, we drove to Regensburg to go sightseeing. But here's the twist: the German students had to do presentations about the sights for the Irish students. Lilia and I presented the "Golden Kreuz." After sightseeing, we walked around Regensburg for a couple of hours. Then, we visited the "Walhalla." It was amazing - all I can say is "wow." Around 4 pm, Michael and I finally got home. The first thing we did was relax before meeting Florian, Lilia, and their exchange students to have dinner at Yana's place. Afterward, we were all so full, since it was a buffet (I still love their food, even though I felt like I could roll out of there!).

October 25th, 2024 - Day 8

On their last day, we all danced together to some songs picked by our Irish friends. Everyone said their goodbyes since they had to leave early. Michael came up to me and thanked me for everything and even gave me a few gifts! He gave me a leprechaun plush, which now proudly stands on my bookshelf (though my cats like to play with it - poor little leprechaun). He also gave me a lot of chocolate and a wooden spoon with a cloverleaf on it. That spoon is now hanging in our kitchen. We all said our final goodbyes, but then... they came back because someone forgot their backpack. It was a little awkward, but we got to say goodbye again.

Anyway, I'm so excited (and nervous) to see them all again in March! I'm especially nervous because it's my first time flying... See you in March! :)



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