

Nordplus Junior

Mobility week in Finland – such a great week with our Icelandic and Faroese friends.

The Day 1 Monday – Through the camera

After a long, long journey of our guests, we had a nice morning with a welcome speech and ice breaking games. After lunch, we started to work on the theme of the project: Closer to the Nature, what you know you respect. We did it with photografer Harri Tarvainen. He told us how to see one's surroundings from the different perspective with a camera in hand. We already took some beautiful photos yesterday and we will continue to observe the environment in Rovaniemi. In the afternoon students went skating and sledding and teachers made a nice little walk in the snowing weather to the city center.

The Day 2 Tuesday – The Arctic Circle



We woke up very early this morning and started our trip to Rovaniemi. At first we visited in Santa Claus Village in Arctic Circle. The visit was very nice despite of the snowing and a little short time for everything. Some of us were lucky enough to meet Santa Claus himself in the Arctic Circle.

After that we visited Arktikum, the Science Center and Museum, where you can get to know the northern nature, culture and history.

After visiting Arktikum we had some free time in the center of Rovaniemi.

And for those who didn't meet the Santa at the Arctic Circle, there was another chance in the city center.

Such a nice day!



The Day 3 Wednesday - Ice fishing afternoon

We started our day by following lessons, the guests were with their hosts.

Before lunch we had a lecture by Jussi Tomberg, advisory teacher for sustainability. He told us very interesting things and details about Bothnian Sea, about it's nature and research, cultural heritage and different kind of sea level-phenomenon. This was all an introduction to the outdoor education.

In the afternoon we went to Nallikari, walking on the ice, drill a hole to the ice and measuring ice thickness. In the afternoon we visit in Timonen - nature and sustainability school. We walked in the forest and played with the snow. So much fun!



The Day 4 Thursday – The day of STEAM and ice swimming

Each student had to draw a picture of one significant object in nature. Then the group created a new image based on the ideas of the group member. After that, some computer work and a short story behind the drawing. In the end they printed and ironed the picture on the fabric. After Steam workshop, we took a nice little walk by the river to Tuira beach. It was the great weather (-16 degrees and sunny) for ice swimming.



The Day 5 Friday –

The exhibition and farewell dinner

It is the last actual working day. The day started with presentations by students dedicated to their home countries and schools. After that, the students continued with the Suomi-emojis and the teachers with the discussion about special education. The photo assignment that was given on Monday, came visible yesterday morning. The photos have been printed and put on the wall - and we had the opening of the exhibition

before the lunch. We raised a toast and got a speech from our photography guide, Harri Tarvainen and three student-photographers. The photos were so great, and the exhibition was excellent. After lunch there was a few hours (shopping) break. In the afternoon, we met again with students, families and teachers. We had songs, dance and games. And very good food, made by the host families.

During the week, in addition to many other skills, language skills, ease of listening and ease of speaking developed. Since language is a matter of communication, the most important thing is that we speak, ask and answer.

A wonderful week! Lots of nice memories in our pockets! Many great experiences ahead!

We hope the friendship will continue even after these Nordplus weeks!

Thank you ❤️

