

Comenius-week

Germany

Topic of the week:

- Sustainability in architecture
- Task: Inventing a community centre considering the three pillars of sustainability: social, ecological, economical
- Aim: presentation of the floor plan, competition between the mixed groups: Which community centre is the most sustainable?

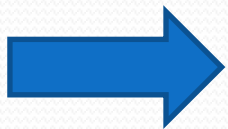
Sunday

- Arrival of Danish and English students
- Welcoming at the train station and first get-together in the families



Monday

- Official welcoming by head teacher Mr. Hellmich, students and teachers
- Games to get to get to know each other
- First project work in groups: collection of first ideas for a sustainable community centre
- Evening: meeting with Nienburg's mayor, city tour

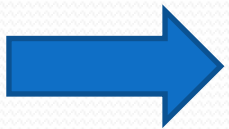


First project day: full of impressions, new people and exciting moments!



Tuesday

- Morning: language courses for lower classes
- Intensive project work
- Learning a German song with the advanced German learners: “Applaus Applaus” by “Sportsfreunde Stiller”
- Evening activity at the bowling centre

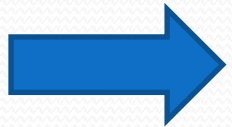


Second project day: We learned much from each other and had a lot of fun but also improved our first ideas for the project!



Wednesday

- Visit of the “Klimahaus” in Bremerhaven
 - 1.7 kilometres through every climatic zone along the 8th meridian
 - From Switzerland via Cameroon to Antarctica
- Free time spent in the city of Bremen

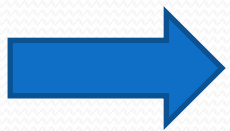


Third project day: We all had a lovely day together in Bremen!



Thursday

- Exchange students went to class with their host siblings
- Work on the projects
- Social games outside after lunch
- Exchange of experiences in the evening: BBQ at the school with students, teachers and parents

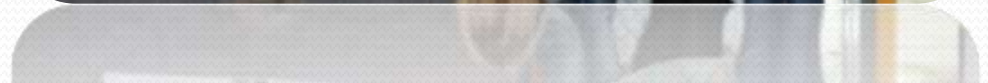


Fourth project day: last get-together with great food and great people from all over Europe who we made good friends with during the week



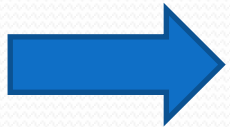
Friday

- Presentations of the seven sustainable community centres in front of all COMENIUS participants, teachers and an independent jury from Nienburg
- Closing ceremony:
 - Photo competition
 - Comment on the presentations and introduction of the winner
 - COMENIUS participants singing “Applaus, Applaus”, school choir singing “Halleluja”
 - Exchange of presents and certificates



What we achieved

- Learned about what it means to build in an architecturally sustainable way
- Made lots of new friends from Belgium, Denmark, England and Spain
- Enjoyed being part of the COMENIUS project



We are looking forward to continuing our collaboration in the upcoming months!