

## **Diary, Berlin 11.09. – 15.09.2017**

On Monday we exchange students had exceptionally already at 11:45 am school closing. At about 3:00 pm we made our way to Tegel. The flight from Malmö was delayed and our Swedish guests landed at 5:30 pm instead of 3:50 pm as planned. It was a happy reunion and there was a lot to talk about. After that, everyone went their own way from the airport. While some let the evening end in the host families, others went out to eat in a restaurant.

On Tuesday our exchange week started. We had to be at school at 9.15 and our director Mrs. Brandenburg brought us to the library where she gave us a short welcoming speech. After it we showed the Swedish students the school, the campus and the gym. Before we ate lunch at 11.30 in the canteen we had done some competitions in the gym. We had been visiting Bernau from 12.30 to 3.00 then. With it some students made a guided tour through the small city and we visited the executioner house and the gas boiler as well. In the afternoon we had free time. Some of us went to the Fun-Jump Bernau and the others just stayed at home.

On Wednesday we met at 10.00 am in front of the Park Inn hotel in Berlin. After everybody had found it we went to the 40th floor on the viewing platform. Despite the not really good weather conditions, it was an experience for everyone. From 150m height you got a first impression of Berlin. Then we explored the city again with solid ground under the feet at a city rally. In small groups, we had to solve a variety of tasks and were able to discover the most diverse corners of Berlin. At the Potsdamer Platz the rally ended and we had free time. Most of them used it for shopping and lunch. At 4:15 pm the next program point was planned - the Reichstag. After we had all left the security lock we climbed the stairs to the entrance of the Reichstag. There, our guide was already waiting for us. We got a guided tour through the building and learned a lot about the history of Berlin. Then it went up again, to the roof of the dome. After much enjoyment of the sunset, it was time again for the way down. At the same time, the daily schedule ended, so everyone was able to organize the evening himself.

On Thursday we had a boat trip. At the shipping company Riedel we entered the boat which guided us on the Spree through the historical Berlin. After we had finished the tour we went to the Görlitzer Park. There we played blacklight miniature golf for 2 hours. In the evening our group of 40 students and 6 teachers went to an Italian restaurant and ate together. After we had eaten delicious pizzas we finished the evening and the week. A German student invited a lot of us to her home and there we sat in her living room and played funny games and amused.

On Friday it was time to say goodbye. But before everyone had some free time again for visiting some last sights or just to go shopping another time. Then, at 3.00 pm, our Swedish guests took the train from the main station to the airport where they took the flight back to Malmö at 5.00 pm.

And so, the Swedish exchange 2017 ended.