

Comenius project, "Diversity around us".

The meeting in Kramfors: "Taking care of nature".

The Comenius project "Diversity around us" held its second meeting in our school Ådalsskolan, Kramfors, Sweden from 10th -13th mars 2008.

The students in the Technical program were responsible for organizing the meeting, together with the teachers Martin, Annika, Lars, P-O, and Monica. On Monday the 10th the project started with an introduction in the schools assembly hall.



The Headmaster Marianne Öbrand welcomed the teachers and students from Vigo and Mallorca - Spain, Turkey, and Austria.

The students from our Musical program gave a performance with song and dance.

After that the drama teacher Sandra Glenge had organized a workshop for both students and teachers to get to know each other. This was introduced in Vienna, and we thought it was a good idea.

After lunch at school the art teacher Lars Åhlin held an art workshop for the students. They painted together on large papers with acrylic paint.

At the same time the first teachers meeting took place. The first day ended with a tour around the school guided by students from Ådalsskolan.



The second day started with the first of the two student presentations of the theme "Taking care of nature". The students from each country had prepared a of PowerPoint presentation of a national park or an environmental problem.



The afternoon was spent outdoors at a downhill skiing hill outside of Kramfors called "Latberget". Everyone had the opportunity to try snowmobiles, snow sleds, cross country skiing and downhill skiing. The lunch was a barbeque with Swedish sausages. All through the week we had bad

weather with rain and not much snow. Luckily this afternoon the weather was better and we even saw the sun for a while.

The third day we had a Bus trip with visit to “Skule naturrum”. A guide held a presentation of the High Coast World Heritage Area. In the afternoon we were supposed to visit a ranch with Icelandic horses. Unfortunately the rain poured down the whole day, so we quickly arranged a guided tour at the High Coast Bridge, one of the longest suspension bridges in the world.



In the evening Ådalsskolan invited to a dinner for teachers, students and host families. Each participating school contributed with a dessert typical for their region. There was also entertainment that varied from Punk rock to Wienerwalz!

The last day started with the remaining student presentations. It was interesting to see how different environmental problems affected each country. In Sweden the winters are getting warmer with less snow, and in the Mediterranean area there is a huge problem with drought.



At the last teachers meeting we made plans for the Istanbul meeting, and everyone agreed that the Kramfors meeting was a great success.



The week ended with a trip to a local Paper mill, *Mondi packaging*. This was a reminder of Kramfors history when the river *Ångermanälven* and the timber from the forests was the most important livelihood of the whole region.