

# Self reflection

Hello, I'm Iris Corremans from Belgium (Antwerp). I started this program with many expectations. I was curious to meet the people, to see the children, to do this program. I was very excited that I can do this program.

Since the beginning I felt myself very well, I never thought 'I want to go home' because this became my new home.

The program was very good, I have learned so much about people from other countries, and about myself and about the nature with children...

I want to start with myself.

I was very surprised because of my behaviour it was surprising that I was very social from the first day because normally I don't trust people that fast but this time it just happened. We had a very good group with very nice and kind people. The atmosphere was very good and you can always feel it.

It was also surprising that I spoke that good English. My French was shoking because I have learned that on school two years ago and I just forgot everything. I was very proud of myself with my English.

I was this summer in Thailand and there I have learned that you can speak whit your hands. This is now comforted. I did it again with the children and just put a smile on and they understood what I meant.



On the picture you can see that everybody works together. We were a good group.

About that intercultural aspect, I think this is one of the best things you could see here.

Because everybody speaks another language, everybody has another idea about things to do with the children, about the school system, about food, about... But it wasn't a problem. Because we have spoken with our hands and in English or in French and we helped each other.

We have learned many different kinds about food. Every time it was different but it was always good.



On the picture you can see different food from over Europe, from all our countries.

I also learned different new words like :

In English : Hello, everything alright.

In a couple of different language

Hungary : szia, minden rendben

Portugal : Olá, está tudo bem?

Lithuania: labas, viskas gerai

Denmark: Hey, hvad saa

Germany: Hallo, ist alles klar?

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There are also other new words.

We have also seen the different school systems, we learned something about every system. I think this



was surprising because every system is different but we can learn from every system.

When we were in groups for the toolbox, we could see that it was different in every school.

The last part is the professional part. I have learned so many things to do in my class. I have learned new ideas to use in my class. I will try to go as much as possible with the children into the nature. Because it is such a great place to be with children, and they can discover so much about the nature. And they can learn so much in the nature. I think that a school system that goes all the time outdoors is such a rich school, because children learn so much about themselves.



Here we were making are bodies with natural material. It was just the beginning and we were still thinking how can can do it the best?



On this picture you see an artwork by some students, we had to make something and tell a story about it. I think my children also would love to make something like this.



Here we had a challenge, We had to change places in the order of our birth dates.

We have learned so many new experiences, and learned to Use all our senses. I'm happy that I did this program, because of all the new friends I have made and all the new things I have been learning.