

**Our diary in Finland written by Luca Damanti, Alessandro Fratus, Aldo Dade, Ciavarella Denny, Mauro Andrea and Petrella Luca.
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1 Day Monday

In the morning of 2 March we met proff Sarpa at Cadorna Station at 9:30 a.m. We took Malpensa express and when we arrived at the check-in the flight was cancelled. After one hour of discussion, the SAS airline reserved the flight for Copenaghen-Helsinki at 7:45 p.m. We landed at 1:30 a.m. and we met Mr Makinen Comenius coordinator. He gave us a lift to a hotel Tikkurila. We went to bed very tired.

2 Day Tuesday

On Tuesday 3 we got up at 7:00 o'clock and had breakfast (eggs, omelette, orange juice, sausages... etc.). After breakfast we went to visit Vantaa school. The school is attended by students aged 16-18, boys and girls, who study: fashion and design, painting, mechanics, security, electricity, catering. After visiting the school with the students we went to have lunch in the school canteen on our own. We visited Helsinki by car and we walked on the iced sea. The landscape was white covered of snow and it was very beautiful! Then we came back to the hotel and we rested until 6:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we went out for a pizza in a small restaurant then we went to bed!

3 Day Wednesday

After a good breakfast Makinen gave us a lift to school where we met the Finnish girls from the hair dress department with their teacher Aria Voss. We introduced our PP about Milan, our school and safety. Then we started the conversation face-to-face with the Finnish girls. The girls were very pretty, they spoke basic English and we understood each other. At 10 o'clock we had a break with them. Then we met the students from the mechanical department. Every class is composed of about 15 students. They attend English classes in the English lab. At about 12 o'clock we had lunch in school. Then we visited mechanical company "Metso Automation" located outside Vantaa. This company deals with different types of valves which will be used in different fields such as pneumatics, electronics, oil and hydraulics. After the PP presentation about the history of the company the manager showed us the different departments. The company organizes "stage" for the Vantaa students. In the afternoon we visited Vantaa with the Finnish girls; we visited the shopping centre and some restaurants such as Chico's, Wayne's coffee, Torello. The Finnish girls usually go to fast food or cafeteria, we had dinner at Mc Donald's with 4 girls. After dinner we went back to the hotel.

4th day Thursday

After breakfast we visited Kavica. This company uses only stainless-steel to make equipment for restaurants, hospitals, ships, submarines. After lunch at school we worked with safety and security students and then we visited Grundfors company which makes every kind of pumps. Then we went to Helsinki by train. In Helsinki we visited the Dome of Helsinki, Lutheran church, the Harbor and Stockmann department store. We decided to have dinner in an Italian restaurant

5th day Friday

We woke up at 7:00 and at 8 we met Mr.Immonen. He took us to visit Keravan Terasmies. We were back to school at 10.30 we worked with safety and security students. In the end after the lunch h we worked with art students, and then we went back to hotel at 14.00.

6th day Saturdaty

Saturday was our free day. In the morning we took the train and we went to Helsinki to visit the town. We visited the market square then we took a ferry to Soumenlinna island. There we visited the island which was very beautiful and characteristic. Then we ate and we came back to the hotel, in Vantaa. In hotel we packed our bags and then we went to Helsinki where we had dinner.

7th Sunday

So our last day in Vantaa!! We woke up early to be ready at 8 o'clock to move to the airport.

After the chek-in we waited for the flight of 10.15 am and it arrived Milan at 12.15. Fortunately we didn't have any problem . The flight took 3 hours and the weather was sunny and we saw a wonderful view of our Alps and then we came back to our family.

What are these sentences in Finnish and in Italian? Learn to pronounce them, too.

Hello!	Moi	Ciao
Good morning!	Hyvää umentä	Buon giorno
Good night!	Hyvää yötä	Buona notte
Goodby!	nakamiin	Arrivederci
How are you?	Mitäkullu	Come stai?
I'm fine	Voin Hyin	Sto bene
Thank you	Kiitos	Grazie
You are welcome	Ole hyva	prego
I'm sorry	Olen pahaillani	scusa
How much does it cost?	Palion maksaa?	Quanto costa?
Where is the cafeteria?	Missa on kahiba	Dove è il bar?
I love you	Mina rakastan sinua	Ti amo
One,two,three,four,five,six,s even, Eight,nine,ten	Yksi, kaksi, kolme, nelja, viisi, Kuusi,seitman,kahdeksan, yhdeksan, kuhmmenen	Uno,due,tre,Quattro,cinque,sei, sette,otto, nove,dieci



Our diary visit to Vantaa Finland by Alessandro, Andrea and Matteo 4CR
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Sunday

Hello, we are four guys of aeronautical institute of MAXWELL. So our names are: Matteo, Andrea, Alessandro and Simone. We have the possibility to stay in Finland for one week, because we take part in Comenius Project. This project, provides that some schools in Europe, organise some meetings in order to explain the different specializations and to learn English very well. Our team is composed of eight students and one teacher Ms Giovannini (English teacher). So our school visit started on 11th February at Malpensa airport. We met at 5.00 and at 7.00 we caught our flight to HELSINKI. We were very excited because it was our first journey in Finland. After three hours we arrived in Finland, where we met our guide Juha-Ville Makinen, Comenius coordinator. He is a teacher and a European coordinator in Varia vocational school and he is very friendly. Then we arrived at Tikkurila Hotel, near Helsinki and we decided to visit the city of Helsinki. We stayed for four hours in Helsinki and in the evening we were very tired so we decided to make a Sauna, because it is typical in Finland and it was very nice and relaxing.

Monday

In the morning we went to the Varia Vantaan Ammattiopisto where we had the possibility to meet the other Finnish students. At ten o'clock the English lesson started and every day we took part in this lesson with different classes, for example a day we worked with the hair-dressing students' English lesson, another day we met the catering students. In these lessons we were divided in different groups with the Finnish students and we could speak and learnt the Finnish culture and traditions and by this project we had the possibility to become friends of the foreign students. During this lesson we explained them our Power Point presentation about the History Of Flight and the safety while the Finnish students explained us their Power Point presentation about their school, with the organization and their courses. On Monday afternoon we went Helsinki where without the teacher we went around sight seeing the town to visit museum and the numerous cathedrals in Helsinki or to visit the shopping centre. In the evening we organized to meet the Finnish students who had in that school in the morning but we had to come back home at ten o'clock.

Tuesday

After the morning that we spent in the school we had the possibility to visit a special school who trains to prepare air traffic controllers. This school starts every day at eight o'clock in the morning and finishes about at four o'clock and during this time the students study and participate to the lessons in the different classroom and laboratories in order to enter in this special school the people that want enter must get through different tests. They are very difficult in fact only the best students can enter in this school. In this school there are two different courses:+

- Junior: it begins when the students are 19 years old;
- Senior: it begins after the Junior course and about two or three years.

When we visited this school, we saw the different laboratories that there are inside the school like air traffic laboratory, air navigation laboratory and there are some simulator for pilot and air traffic controller during the senior course the students get different stage in the Finnish airport where they can work in the real tower and real airport. This school is very important in Finland because the Avia College (it is the special school's name) is like our university in Italy that prepares, after a wide selection, a lot of new air traffic controllers. It is like E.N.A.V. in Italy. After this guided tour we came back to the hotel where we spent our evening with the Finnish students.

Wednesday

On Wednesday, we got up at 9.00 and then with Mr Makinen, we went to Helsinki, and then we visited the city and the typical monuments of Helsinki. We saw the Orthodox Cathedral, the Harbour of Helsinki and the Finnish Parliament. So after that we went to Suomellina island where the Swedish and Russians, made a military fortress to rule over Finland. So only in the nineteenth century, Finland could take this island under its reign and now the island is open for the tourist visits.

Thursday

In the morning we went to Vantaa Vocational School and we introduced our Power Point presentation about the History Of Flight and the Safety to Arja Voss' class (Finnish teacher of English). The students were interested in our presentation. This day we visited the aviation museum too. Inside the museum there were many a/c of every age: ancient and modern. The Luftwaffe's aircraft are very rare. In this museum there is the history of flight because near a flying machine there is a jet plane! We saw a lot of interesting a/c. In my opinion the best is the DC-4. we have taken a lot of photographs and we have played to be air traffic controllers. There were only beautiful a/c: there were cockpit , military weapons and traffic towers. There was a sector dedicated to the space mission and to the Space Shuttle too. There was a very funny jet simulator: You could be a great pilot and see your jet on the monitor we saw all the stars in the planetarium. There is a big collection of engines: we could see the engine inside. A jet's engine is very big and powerful. This museum is very interesting in Vantaa.

Friday

This is the day when it is time to come back home. We left Tikkurila Hotel and we went to the Vantaa Helsinki airport. This has been a beautiful and very interesting school visit: in this trip I could speak English every day and I met a lot of different people (not only Finnish). We want to improve our English and this is the most suitable way. Together we spent a beautiful time in Vantaa and Helsinki. We will remember this experience thanks to our Finnish friends!





