

Ireland Exchange - 1st Day

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The Exchange Group



After the German students met at the Riemenschneider-Gymnasium at 6am, they put their suitcases in the bus and drove to the airport in Frankfurt to fly to Ireland.

When they arrived at Dublin Airport, the group was picked up by Mr. Kennedy and went to the Coláiste Chraobh Abhann School. The principle and the exchange partners welcomed them and gave them a chance to get to know each other. After that they were guided around the school followed by a walk to the beach. On the way and at the beach the students got time together and took a few photos. Then the students went back to school and were divided into two groups: One group did a subject where students cook and bake together, the other group did metal works.

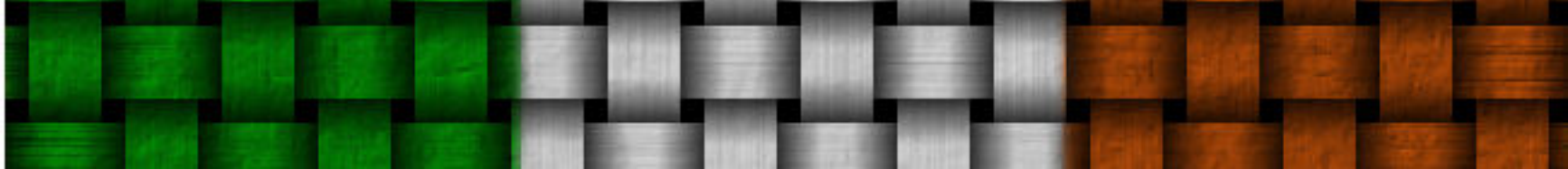
At the end of the day the students finally went to their host families and had time for dinner and getting to know their hosts.

Baking and Cooking



Metal Work



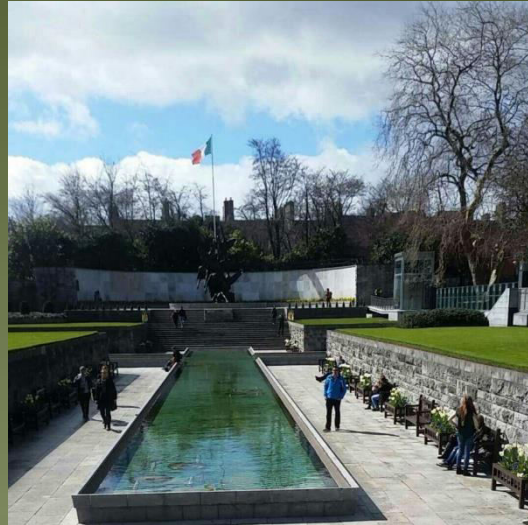


Day 2

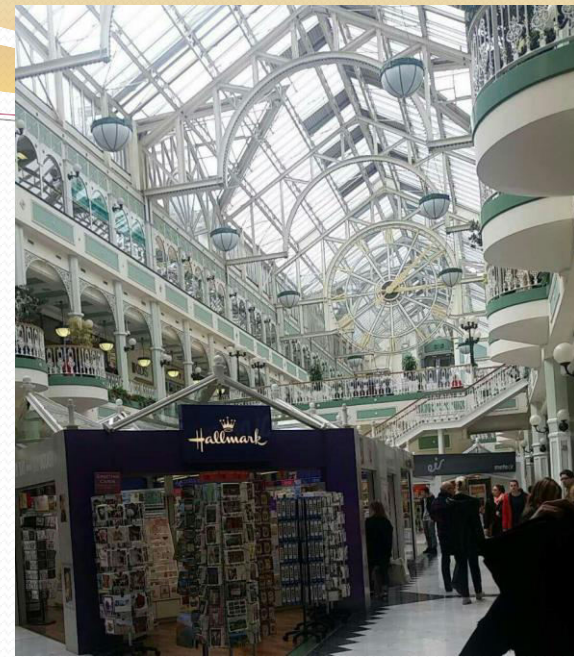
We started our day in school. There we got sorted in four different groups to attend different classes: history, spanish, chinese and business.

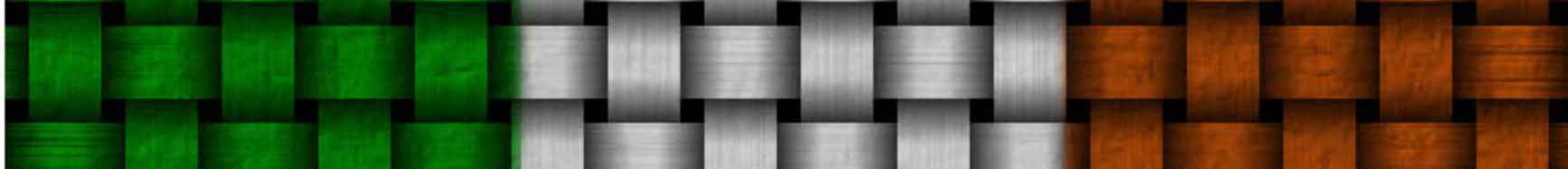
After that we took a bus to Greystones to get to Dublin by train. During the train ride we had a beautiful view of the Irish sea.

In Dublin we first visited the Trinity College, the oldest university in Ireland. We also saw the Bank of Ireland, the Four Courts and the Post Office.



Then we had some time left to go shopping in Dublin. As we got back to Kilcoole, almost everyone joined up in the fields and we played an Irish version of baseball called rounders, and lots of other games, too. It was so much fun! We kept on playing till it became dark.





Ireland Day 3: The cliffwalk & funny activities in school



Picture of the whole group on the cliff walk near to it.

On our third day, first we had breakfast with our host families and then met up at the school to go to the bus station together. We drove to Greystones and went on the cliff walk to Bray, a town near to it.

The view and the landscape was absolutely fantastic, and even the weather was nice. We walked for about one and a half hours until we spread out into groups and went exploring Bray or to find something to eat.



Bray summit cross

Unfortunately, it began to rain so it was uncomfortable to walk around so most of us went to a cafe or restaurant.



Picture at the beach of bray

After an hour, we met up again at a pavilion where we separated and drove home to our student's families to have a late lunch and hang out.

Then, in the evening, there were sports activities at school. We were split up into groups and played football and basketball against the other teams. That was really tiring.

We waited until nine O'clock and went to the assembly hall to have pizza together and to chat. Luke, one of the irish students, began to play the guitar and we all sat in a circle and listened or sang along to the songs he played. The guitar was passed on to students who could also play it and even Mr. Debold played once! :D Nico, a german student, asked for a cajón and then we nearly had a band, which was fun. The evening and the day in general was absolutely amazing and no one real wanted to go home, but we had to because the next day was also full of activities.



Nikolas playing a Cajon

Von Kamali, Katharina und Levi



Day 4, Saturday ,N 53°6'22.58"/ W 6°3'52.509" , Kilcoole, Co.Wicklow, Republic of Ireland

Justus:

I stood up at 10 ° clock and after that I had a delicious breakfast, which is compassed of the typical irish black tea, bacon with eggs and toast with butter.

Then I searched all the things I need for the shopping trip in the shopping center of Dundrum.I reached there with Kili, Grace and Josef by Graces Dad who drove us there.There started the ideally matched trio (Kili,Josef and I) their shopping tour.Whereas that boys are the faster shoppers, because the big enthusiasm don't exist when you walk trough many shoe- and fashionshops,we finished our shopping trip fast and searched for the ugliest outfits you can find in a H&M or primarkt. That we created the ugliest outfits isn't a wonder,because we all can call the same "ugliness-flair" our own.

After the girls have finished their shopping trip too, we went back home.But the way home took longer than expected and so we stood on the street for 2 hours because of snow and hailstorm. When we arrived at home I went home and ate again a delicious meal and went then to the bowling centre where we all came together.

Frederik:

At the first day of the weekend I was allowed to sleep off,so I stood up at 08:30.After I'd taken my shower I went down to the living room for breakfast,where I has a large choose.I decided to eat cereal and sandwiches together with a cup of coffee.Later at 10°clock we went to the bus stop,where I had to buy a bus ticket,which are very cheap in Ireland.

We've driven for 1 hour and then we changed in the train.

Finally we arrived at the departement store and had some shopping time for buying clothes,gifts and eating,where I went around with Jonas.

There we decided to watch a movie called "Huntsman" in the cinema,which was located in the shopping mall as well.

When the movie was finished we had to hurry up,because only a short time later we would meet the exchange group at the bowling [centre](#).So Sarah,Simon's girlfriend (my exchange partner),called her mum for fetch us at the cinema and to bring us to the meeting point.But there was one problem:SNOW!

The result was traffic jam and the route had most of time only one [lane](#).So we arrived delayed at the bowling centre.

Jonas:

I stood up at 09:30 and went into the Beltons' kitchen,actually for eating breakfast.But there expected me the guestfather William and offered me,that we can run around the lakes of Roundwood,because we had talked about running the evening before and William was also an enthusiastic runner. So I put my running shoes on and ran with William about 8km around the great lakes of Roundwood.After this nice run,I took a shower and ate an yummy irish breakfast:Toast with fried eggs,bacon,pancakes and fruits.After this Roisin(my exchange partner) and I got driven to the house of Sinead,where we meet Theresa,Miriam and Aoife.

We got driven together to the big shopping mall and then the girls went shopping.I met Freddy and ate three big chocolate cookies.

After this we bought some englisch movies and watched with Freddy's exchange partner Simon,his girlfriend Sarah and two other german students the bad version of ,Lord of the Rings, called "Huntsman".After the worstest movie ever,we left the shopping mall as an group and Sinead's mother drove us to the bowling centre.The drive lasted for two hours as an result of the snow.(Sometimes snow,sometimes hailstorm and often rain:Thats the typical weather in Ireland).

20:30, N 53°8'56.823"/W 6°4'45.629", Greystones, 15 miles in the south of Dublin

Bowling:

When we arrived at the bowling centre ,we waited for the other people ,who haven't arrived [yet.To](#) bridge over the waiting time we talked to each other and told them, how our day was or played casino games in the big hall.

When everyone has arrived,we build teams for the four bowling alleys.The german teachers (Mr.Barthel and Mr.Debold) played,too.

So it was a big fight, who will win at the End.There were many exciting games.Everyone played with an big smile and so it gets an great [evening.At](#) 10° clock we had to stop playing,because the parents were there to collect their children and exchange students.After this the people round up the day by them self.

Justus:

After the bowling we went to a little party,where we met other irish people,who didn't took part in the exchange.

When I arrived at home deep in the night I instant feel in my bed.I could look at a day,that I really enjoyed.

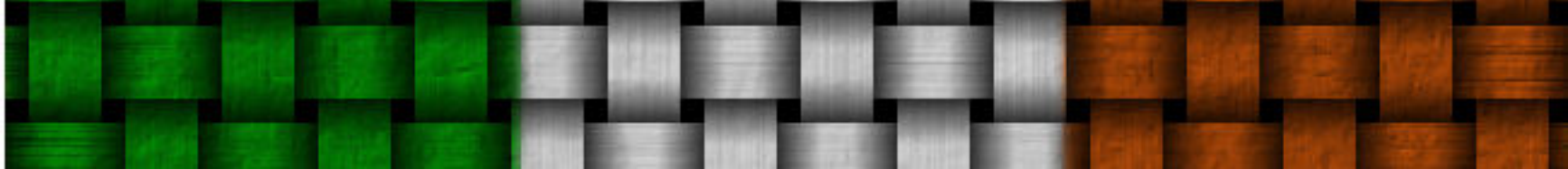
Frederik:

In the evening Sarah's dad drove us home and on they way we took fish and [chips.In](#) Simon's house we ate the brought food and went to bed early,because we had to stand up at 6°clock already for our trip to belfast,the capital city of North Ireland.

Jonas:

After the bowling I got collected by William and we drove home.There I ate lunch and talked a long time with the Beltons.Deep in the night I feel in my bed and look forward to play paintball on the next day.

The End



German Irish

Day 5, Sunday



German Irish

On Sunday we had a free day and we spent our time with our host families.

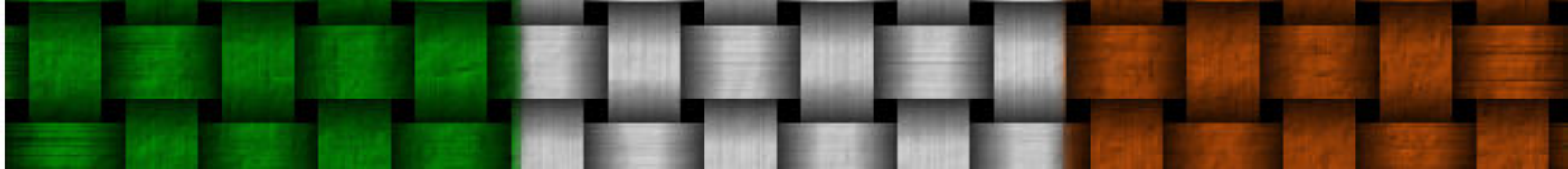
Some of us decided to meet up with other students on the exchange and went paint balling for the afternoon.

After paint balling a group of us decided to head back to one of the irish exchange partners house and we spent the evening there until we had to return home, this helped us to bond as a group and create new friendships.

In my opinion it was one of my favorite days on the exchange.



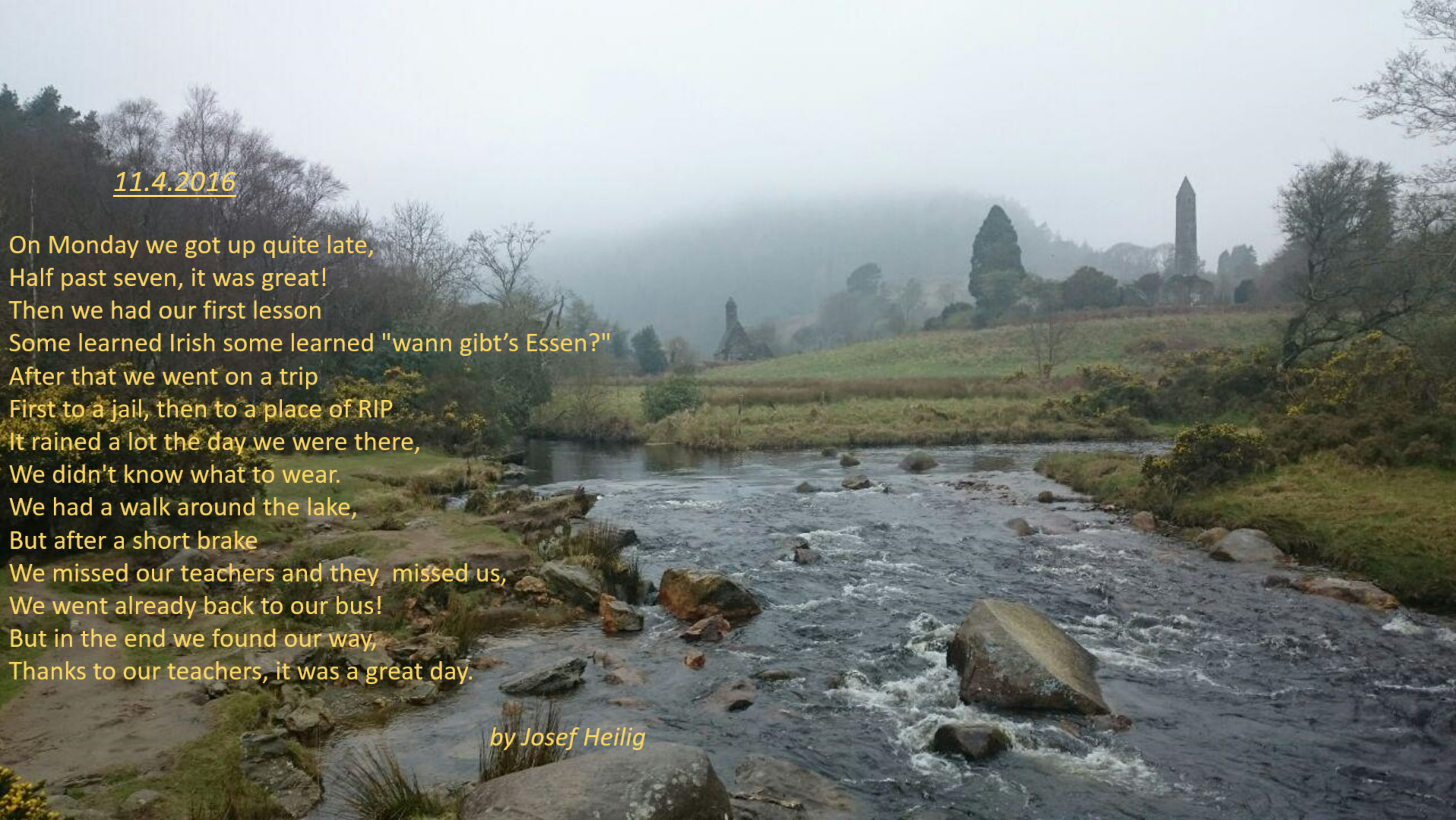


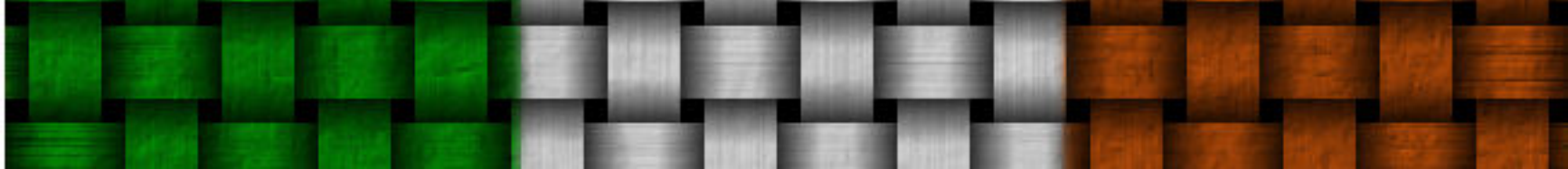


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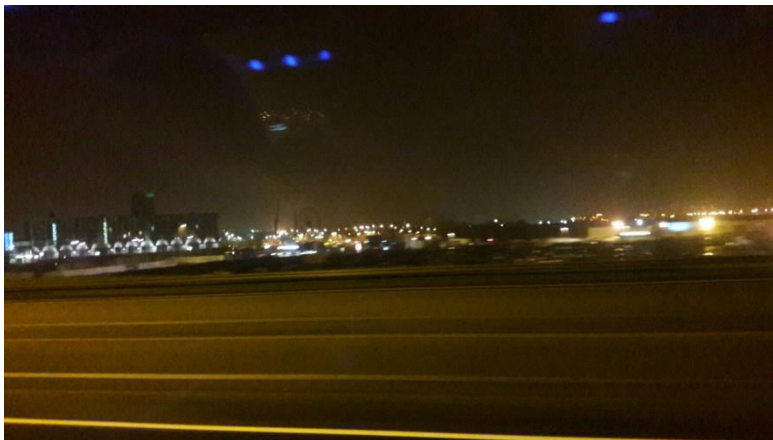
On Monday we got up quite late,
Half past seven, it was great!
Then we had our first lesson
Some learned Irish some learned "wann gibt's Essen?"
After that we went on a trip
First to a jail, then to a place of RIP
It rained a lot the day we were there,
We didn't know what to wear.
We had a walk around the lake,
But after a short brake
We missed our teachers and they missed us,
We went already back to our bus!
But in the end we found our way,
Thanks to our teachers, it was a great day.

by Josef Heilig





„driiiiing driiiiing driiiiing“ my phone was ringing. Way to early. But I knew I had to go up because we will meet in nearly one hour to drive to the airport... so I changed my clothes and brushed my teeth. I was just so sleepy so I went downstairs and drank some tea. At this moment came mary, the mother, and wanted to say goodbye. The father came and said we will drive in a few minutes so I went upstairs again to get my suitcase. My partner also came so we went to the car and the last time I saw back at the big wonderful house. And thought about everything what we did the last week. Maybe I was exhausted but it was a wonderful week and I won't forget it. So after we came to the school we got my suitcase out of the car and I hugged the man with his grey hair and I couldn't imagine I will never see him again. But my Partner and I went to the bus where everyone else was standing and hugging and talking to each other... for most of the guys there It wouldn't be the last Goodbye. We will see the students in a few weeks in Germany. The problem were the parents. We will never see them again. I put my suitcase in the bus and hugged some students and some students and also a few parents I knew because we were at their house and after that I just went in the bus.



I just wanted to sleep and in the bus I was able to do that. So I took a seat and put my headphones in. “Finally I can hear German Music again without getting confused because of the language” I thought and slept in slowly to the guitar sounds. I woke up right before we got to the airport and packed my phone back in my jacket. We got everything and had a few minutes to shop. Most of us just bought something to eat and we went to the plane. Everyone was just to tired to realize something but when we were in the plane and we got threw the safety advices and everything we heard that we have to wait for the start at least 20 minutes. So we did...and waited...and waited more. After we

waited 90 minutes the plane started moving. I never was excited like this because of a flight. It was the best flight. without any problems. Now I was not tired anymore. Just the guy next to me started sleeping and slept threw the whole flight. So we landed smooth like I never thought a plane could and got our suitcases. When we were on the bus I texted everyone that we landed saftely so they won't fear about me longer. Our teacher Mr Barthel hold a talk and everyone listened to him like never a student listened a teachers voice before. He was just so happy that we had no troubles the whole week and talked about the great days we had as a group. So he had an awesome idea: the germans should make a text in a group of three about one day. So we got the last day and this is it. It was one of the greatest experiences I ever had and I'm so happy I was able to make new friends and learned the wonderful culture of Ireland. I hope I can go there a second time and hope many students make the exchange in the next years.



