

Comenius Meeting in Gioia del Colle

On Thursday, the 6th of Mai 2010 Armin Klein and myself, Anja Weber, flew to the beautiful Italian city of Bari. Unfortunately we had to fly out to Bari at 6 o'clock in the morning so we had had to get up at 3:30am. We flew out from Graz airport and had a quick stop-over in Munich. We arrived at the school in Gioia del Colle at around lunch time. First, we were welcomed by the local teachers, then we were taken to our host families. Elena (the girl who I stayed with for four days) and I talked a little and then we all went to bed since it had been an exhausting day for me.

On the next day we went to a different school, that wasn't too far away. The teachers and pupils of the school had prepared a Power Point presentation about the poet "Virgil" for us. Afterwards, we went to the city hall, where we met the mayor.

At lunch time we went back to school. The families had prepared a buffet for us. After lunch we went to a distillery. Everybody thought that we were going to see how schnaps was produced but we were mistaken. Everything there was empty.

Next, we went to an oilmill, where they informed us about the fabrication of precious olive oil.

In the evening, Elena and I went to town and met up with a few of her friends.

On Saturday, we witnessed a presentation in the assembly hall, which had been prepared by Italian pupils. There was a band playing, sketches were performed and a power point presentation was shown. The highlight was us signing a huge painting that had been created by Italian pupils. In the afternoon we were free to do something with our host families.

We spent the Sunday in Bari. We visited a "palazzo", the theatre "Petrozelli" and the basilica of Saint Nicholas. On that day, Bari was celebrating their patron "Nicola".

On Monday we had the chance to visit a mozzarella manufactory. Then, we went to see the castle of emperor Friedrich II in Gioia. The guided tour there was, in my opinion very interesting. In the afternoon we took part in the pupils' programme in the computer room and the gym.

In the evening my host family and I went for pizza. The food was very tasty.

On Tuesday we left. Saying good-bye was very sad.

Getting to know Italian people, their culture and art was very interesting for me.

Anja Weber.