



Trim Visits...Hungary



Tuesday 4th December 2012

Hi Everyone!

I've arrived in Pécs at last! It was about 12 o'clock when I arrived at the school after a long, tiring journey. The kids are lovely and Csilla Néni, the class teacher, is really nice and cheerful. The kids introduced me to Dörmi, who was very friendly. He had a silly accident a week ago but he is all right now.



I've already had some experiences at the school. There are some kids who have special maths classes. I tried to help with their tasks but I had to realize I was too tired to concentrate. So I left to watch the girls doing RG. On my way back from the gym I found the door of the Technology door open. I popped in to learn with the grade 5 boys how to hit the nail on the head. :)



I also tasted Hungarian cuisine. It's a bit spicy for me but really tasty. Dörmi said Hungarian cats love sour cream. Well, I must say, they're right!

It's snowing here. Is it snowing back home?



Write to you again soon,

Love Trim x



Wednesday 5th December 2012

Waow! Today was also an exciting day... I looked around the school and I got to know a lot of new things about Hungarian pupils' life. The morning was not very pleasant :((Just imagine, I had to get up at quarter to seven, I'm not used to leaving bed so early! The first lesson starts at quarter to eight, so we had to get to school by 7.30. I ate 'kakaós csiga' that is 'cocoa snail' in English, funny, isn't it? I drank milk with it.



Yesterday I was so tired that I didn't even realize what a big school it is. It's in the centre of Pécs which is a historical town of Hungary with 160,000 people. The school is more than 100 years old, it has got large classrooms but unfortunately not very wide corridors. There are pupils from the age of 6 to 14. In Hungary primary schools have got 8 grades.



We had 4 lessons today. Lessons are 45 minutes long. The pupils take part in a Christmas project, so we prepared and wrote Christmas cards in one of the lessons.

In the afternoon we went to the gym. There was 'Mikulás Cup', a competition where we had to run, jump and do lots of physical activities. I enjoyed it and we won the cup!

I'm in need of a good night's sleep now.

Write to you tomorrow.

Love Trim x



Thursday 6th December 2012

What a busy day! When I entered the school I could see several kids wearing a red cap like Santa wears. I had no idea why they didn't take off their caps inside, but a bit later I realized. 6 December is the nameday of Miklós that is Nicholas in English and on that day Mikulás visits Hungarian children. He comes at night and kids find their presents in the morning at home and at school as well. They polish their boots the evening before and put them in the window of their room. Then Mikulás comes and fills them

with sweets. Naughty kids receive a 'virgács' (golden sticks with red ribbon around them). All the kids I am staying with are well-behaved, none of them had a virgács. :) As you can see, I also received a packet with a chocolate Mikulás in it.

After the first lesson Csilla néni told us to put on our coats and we had to leave the school. There was a surprise from Mikulás but she said she wouldn't tell more about it.

We went to the bus stop and got on the bus. Everyone was excited. Then we got to the theatre, where we saw the play 'Sleeping Beauty'. We enjoyed it very much.



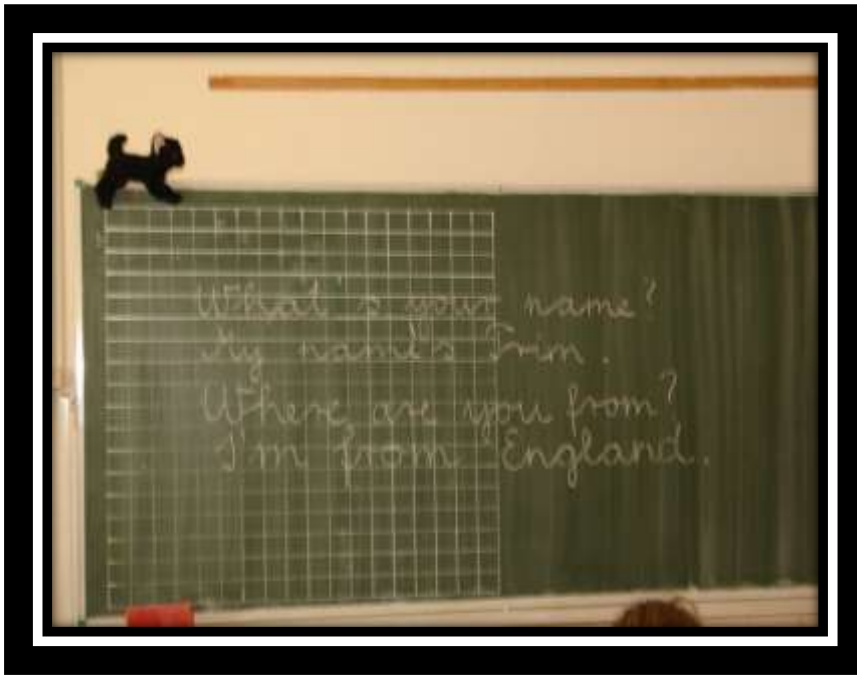
By the time we got back to school a big pine tree was set up in the corridor. So after lunch we put the decorations, which the kids had prepared the week before on the tree. It looks really beautiful now. I also decorated the tree, can you see me?

Love Trim x



Friday 7th December 2012

A really tiring day again... In the morning we had lessons, they were quite interesting. In Art lesson I learnt how to make a stamp out of a potato. The kids cut out different figures, they enjoyed it very much. Then my favourite lesson came, I was happy to understand the teacher. We had fun, sang, played word games and acted out short dialogues. It was great to take part in all of their activities. They can also write beautifully, I was able to observe them from the top of the board.



After English we had a rehearsal. The kids are preparing for Christmas with a play, it's a pity, I can't be here when they act it out in costumes. But I could see the old chest, I wonder where they could get it from. It might have been a toy box of a kid quite a long time ago. I really liked the Hungarian folk motif painted on it.



Then Maths, with lots of difficult tasks to solve. These kids are crazy about maths, I can't understand it. :)



After the lessons we put on our coats to go to the university where the kids have their swimming lessons. First I thought to ask them to leave me behind, you know, I don't really like water. But they were so enthusiastic that I changed my mind. It was quite cold outside, everything covered by snow, but it took just 15 minutes to get to the pool. I was happy that I had joined the kids, I even started to enjoy being there. But to

tell the truth, it was best staying with the girls in the changing room after the lesson. They can chat so cheerfully ...



I am going to spend the weekend with some of the kids, I wonder, who... Csilla néni said taking me home will be a reward for those who worked very hard during the week. On Monday I have to say goodbye to Hungary and these nice kids ...:(, but I am also anxious to meet new friends in Poland.

The Weekend – 8th and 9th December 2012

It's Saturday, so there was no school today. Good luck, as the weather was terrible - strong wind, snow and it was very cold, so we had to stay inside all day. I spent this day with Letti and her family. We played and talked a lot. Letti collects basketball cards and she showed me her favourites. She has got a lot of toys, so we weren't bored. I loved playing table soccer! I also tasted Letti's favourite dessert, it was delicious.



On Sunday morning I went to Enci's house. On the way I could see a beautiful nativity in front of a church, I liked it very much.



When I got to Enci's she told me it was time to open the 9th window on her advent calendar. We found a chocolate angel behind it!



In the afternoon Julcsi came and we went to their house together. Julcsi showed me her bedroom and her toys, we played all the afternoon together. When it got dark we went out to see the Christmas tree in the main square. It was awesome!



In the evening we lit the second candle on the advent wreath. Julcsi and her sister has got a very interesting advent calendar, it's made of plastic cups. I liked it very much.



It is evening now, we have to go to bed early. Tomorrow is Monday and I'll be off to Poland again. I enjoyed my time in Hungary, the kids were very nice, but I'm also looking forward to meeting new friends. I have to hurry as I would like to spend Christmas at home. I think, I will take some photos from the school window before leaving....

