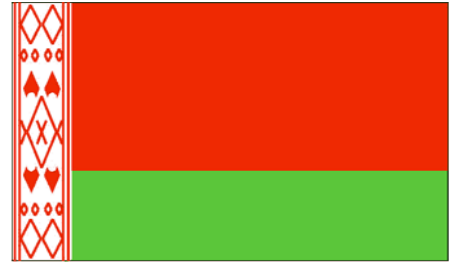


FOCC Edinburgh West – West Lothian



Daily Blog for the group visit ~ 2nd June to 30th June 2012

DAY 5 **Wednesday 6th June – Stoneyburn PS & Motherwell College**

The day started with a quick English lesson and then we visited Our Ladys in Stoneyburn where Vlads host mum Lynne works in the nursery. The school children welcomed us with 6 songs including The Wee Kirkcudbright Centipede and Three Crows.

The Belarussian children also sang a song before all the Scottish children and Belarussian children were paired up for two Scottish country dances. The children picked up the steps very well.





The morning was rounded off with some tunes on the bagpipes from one of the pupils and then we all had shortbread and Irn Bru. A good time was had by all and the children looked at home in a small school similar in size to a village school in the Cherikof region where most of the children come from. Thank you to Mrs Burns, the staff and pupils for a great Scottish morning and for organizing the rain to add to the Scottish feel.

We then made the short journey along the M8 to Motherwell College which a number of children recognized from last year.

We arrived. We had the restaurant to ourselves and had a sit down four course meal consisting of soup, pizza and chips tasters, chicken Milanese followed by meringue, cream, strawberries and raspberries. A beautiful meal, in a lovely restaurant and the children were really well behaved and relaxed. To say thank you the children sang a song and all said thank you very much to the chefs and waitresses. The children were then all dressed up in the aprons ready for the cake decorating.



We were taken through to the bakery where 25 sponges were waiting to be decorated. The children obviously haven't heard of the phrase less is more as they piled on the sweet decorations and came up with some beautiful designs.



The cakes were all boxed up to get presented to the host parents. I can confirm they tasted lovely.



Thank you to Gordon, Maria, Jim, Liz, Tony and all the others in the team who prepared and served such a lovely meal and made the children and adults feel special. KT

Fun stuff – seeing the children doing the country dancing and also making their cakes.

Stars of the day – the students at Motherwell College who came in on the summer holidays to make the day special for the children.– seeing the children doing the country dancing and also making their cakes.