

Wed 17 June

Concert rehearsal/church service/soup lunch

This was our last chance to brush up on our concert which will be tonight at 7.30pm.

The day started with us checking that we had every piece of equipment and costume for each child for the various items in the concert. While this was going on some of the host dads were building the background for the concert stage and doing a sound check.

Then it was straight into a dress rehearsal which went well with no major incidents. However we ran out of time before we needed to get ready for the short 15 minute church service at 12. This went very well with the children singing two lovely songs. Dima our oldest boy read the parable of the good Samaritan very well in English and Kenny told the congregation all about the work of the charity and likened it to being modern day good Samaritans and told every one present and everyone who helps us and supports us that they too are being good Samaritans to the children and people of Belarus. The service finished with the song "We'll meet again" and there were not many dry eyes in the place.

We then enjoyed a great home- made soup and sandwich lunch where the children ate alongside members of the congregation and members of the public. I have to say that children behaved brilliantly as they have done for most of the visit and everyone was so happy to see them and mix with them.

We said our thank yous and had to excuse ourselves to go and finish our concert rehearsal before the children started to leave early to get ready for their big night. The children are so excited about performing in the concert and it is shaping up to be a really good one. Its on tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30pm at Broxburn Parish Church so please come along if you have helped or supported us in any way and let the children say thank you to you in their own special way.

