



Fri 5 June

## Swimming/Bowling

Today's activities brought to an end our second week of the children's 2015 visit. Can you believe it, two weeks have passed already!

We eased into the morning with some concert practice until snack time. After snack we had a great time at Broxburn swimming pool. We split our section of the pool in two, with Luda taking the children less confident in the pool for some instruction. The rest of the children had fun playing with the 'noodle' inflatables, with the improvised game of the day appearing to be gather as many noodles as you can.

Today was Dima's 13th birthday and at lunch time, we celebrated by everyone gathering round him, picking him up and throwing him in the air 13 times. We then sung happy birthday in Russian. Dima seemed to appreciate the gesture.

In the afternoon, we had a wonderful time ten pin bowling at Deer Park in Livingston. We spread the group over four lanes, with one lane for the youngest of the group, who played with the aid of the rolling machine and the fantastic supervision of Dasha. Some of the kids in the other lanes had strikes without the aid of bumpers! The highest points scorer of the children and adults who played was Vadzim, who was crowned champion with 111 points. We then returned to the hall for snack, clean up and pick up. Another great day was had by all.

