



Fri 29 May

Scottish Agricultural Science and Advice Centre

Friday saw the end of our first week of activities. The day started with some games before concert practice then around 9.45 we left to go to the Scottish agriculture science agency (SASA) where we were met by Dr David Kenyon and his team. After some juice and biscuits for the children and some tea /coffee for the adults we were taken to one of the lecture rooms where we got to know how potatoes grew and that as a world leader in spotting disease in potatoes how SASA is a testing and accreditation centre and might have tested the types of potatoes grown in Belarus. Then on to learn all about vegetables and whether they would actually grow in Scotland, with all the children getting all but one correct and even the adults were a bit unsure of the dragon fruit (Pitaya). The children also matched up seeds to fully grown fruits and veg, and got to taste many things. Following this we were all treated to a super barbeque lunch, some of the children even managing four burgers. What a hungry lot. Then a short drive back to the hall and some more concert practice and a light snack. A most enjoyable and informative day where the children and adults learned a lot. A lot of the children live in farming areas in Belarus, with parents who work on the farm, who knows one day they might work on the farm too and say I learned about this in Scotland. A big thanks to all who helped but a special thanks to Dima, our oldest boy. He has been great on the visit so far translating and helping with the younger ones and at some point in the future maybe he he can return as an interpreter. So thats it, the first week is over already. So quick. Its been a great week and we hope that all the children have fun this weekend doing activities with their own families or in small groups and we will see them again on Monday for another fun week.

