

FOCC WEST LOTHIAN DAILY BLOG 2014

1st Weekend 24th & 25th May

After a long journey of around 18 hours for some, the children and interpreters arrived safely with us and were reunited with their host families. There were lots of cuddles and smiles and excited children and adults, none more so than Masha Smith, who broke ranks as soon as she saw her hosts and ran across the airport and under the tape at the special area we had set aside, into the arms of her host family, such was the excitement, so nice.

Light dinners, baths and early bed were the order of the evening. Unfortunately for some the early bed and time difference meant an early rise. Including Denis at 3am... a very early rise in anybody's language.

Saturday saw lots of trips to the shops for the necessary clothes and shoes purchases. Wow they have grown a lot since last year.

Saturday also saw lots of time for fun with their host families which included trips to the park, soft play, barbecues, indoor games and football with dads and brothers with the inevitable injuries for over zealous dads! One family had 27, including 8 Belarussians, for a take away dinner on Saturday evening.



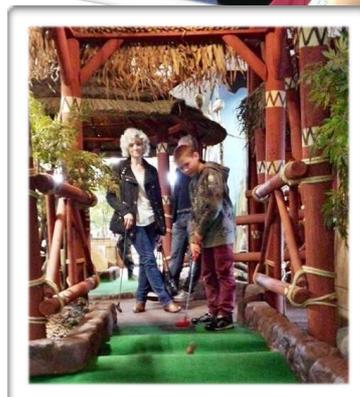
"On Saturday the Gardners (Palina) hosted a BBQ for the Kirklands (Veranika) and the

Johnstones (Dasha). The covered patio kept us dry! On Sunday Palina, Vicka, Krystina and Anya went to Overboard at Polbeth with Katharine and Miya. They had a ball in the soft play and on the Go carts. In the picture they are having slushies to cool off. "



"Andrei spent Saturday with several other kids from the group playing football and the playstation. Sunday was spent shopping and having a game of crazy golf :)"

"Natasha and Lauren had some friends round for a BBQ on Sat and on Sunday enjoyed a Macd's before getting creative!"



"Nikita watched wrestling on TV, gone on the iPad and played in the street with Elvie on their bikes. We also took him swimming at Linlithgow"

"Maxim enjoyed a great weekend of playing with his cousin, Pasha, at Kenny's house and our house. This included the epic Belarus v Scotland football match, which Belarus won. The Belarus team was Maxim, Pasha, Andrei and a couple of adopted Belarussians (Marc Turnbull, Stuart Cuningham and myself)."

