

Monday 3rd June

Road Crossing, Crafts and Settling In

Today saw the start of our “school” and programme of activities for the children.

All children were in by just after 9 and were looking well after their long journey on Saturday and busy weekends getting used to their new surroundings.

First up was English lessons with Katia and Ira as the children got reacquainted with the basic English they had learned before and of course for our 5 new children it was their first words of English.



We then had a session on health and safety which included hall rules, crossing the road, not going with strangers and what to do if you get lost. We went outside and crossed the road in various ways with the favourite being at the pedestrian crossing.

We finished the morning with a long session making thank you cards with some great individual designs with glitter and other nice things stuck on.

The children were so well behaved during these sessions and hardly made any mess.

Lunch was Stovies provided by Ira's host Jean Turnbull followed by yoghurts and most of it disappeared very quickly.

Some quiet time with Ira and Katia followed as they discussed and explained to the children what will be happening at the thank you concert.



With lots of settling in business done it was time to play. So we all headed off to Beecraigs for a long play on all the great equipment there. Zip slides and chutes were the favourites with a water break required to rehydrate them after sweating in the warm weather.

It was a really nice day to help the children settle in to the hall and ease them into the activities programme with some time at the park.



We were ably assisted by Jason and Viktoria from Bank of Scotland for the morning and by host parents Kenny, Anne, Karen and Donald who all did a great job.

Nice Stuff.....

Seeing our 5 new children settle in so well and make new friends and Palina saying a few words at school and having a huge smile on her face for most of the time at Beecraigs.

Funny Stuff...

Kenny feeling so good that he had managed to string 2 Russian words together and one of the children Dasha saying to him in perfect English "very good Russian Kenny"

