

The SLS Watch^{et} News

Journey to England

Our journey started in Zell am See at 5 o'clock a.m! On the way to Belgium we picked up other students and we arrived in Liege in the afternoon. There we made our traditional stair race and then we went to our youth hostel. We got up in the morning and then we went to our ferry in Dünkirchen. On it, it was windy and cold. At midday we arrived in Dover. After driving 1 ½ hours we arrived in London. The next day we went shopping. At first we were in Oxford Street, it was great but very expensive. Later we went to Camden Town. There we bought lots of things, because it wasn't very expensive. In the evening we went to the musical "We will rock you". It was very, very great. At the last day in London we went to Madame Tussaud's. It was brilliant. We had lots of fun. Our last hours we spent in Hyde Park. Some kids of our group played volleyball and football. It was really funny. After 2 hours we had to say goodbye to London and hello to Watchet.



Madeleine G: I'm here in England because my friend Anna asked me to come with her. The journey from Austria to England was very hard but we had always lots of fun. The teachers (and friends) are very nice and funny. They solve all the problems. The school lessons are much better here than in Austria because we play lots of games, we sing and we have fun!! Watchet is a very nice area and I like the landscape. London was great. Later, when I'm older I will live in London. The food isn't the same as in Austria but I like it.



Julian: I'm in England because I'd like to improve my English. The Journey was horrible for me because it was very boring. Of course I like the teachers, because they are very friendly and nice and we have lots of fun with them. The school lessons mostly are better than in Austria. The differences between England and Austria are that they drive on the left side, the money (pounds £) and the food. London is a great city but it is too big for me to live there.



The Olympic Games: This summer the "Olympic-Games" take place in London. Many of the people are looking forward to seeing it. Some of them are watching the "Olympic-Games" on TV. And a few want to see it live. It's one of the most important events of the year.

Joke of the day

What can jump higher than a house ?



Nothing, because a house can't jump !!!

Halsway Manor

On Thursday we visited Halsway Manor, a really impressive, old and beautiful house with a big garden in front. Actually we wanted to go folk-dancing, but there was a booking mistake. So we split into 3 groups. One went to a story teller, which told us about ghosts who live in the area of Halsway Manor. The second group played croquet and the third group had a drawing competition. In the afternoon we arrived at Watchet and went back to our hostfamily.



Recipe of Scones

Ingredients:

- 50g butter
- 225g all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 30g fine sugar
- 50g raisins, sultanas or chopped dates
- 150 ml milk
- 1 egg beaten with a little milk



Preparation:

- Heat the oven to 205°C/Gas 6
- Generously grease a baking sheet with butter then sprinkle with flour.
- Sieve the flour into a baking bowl, add the cubed butter, the baking powder and salt. Quickly rub the butter into the flour using your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
- Add the sugar and the dried fruits, mix well.
- Make a well in the centre and using a dinner knife, stir in enough milk to make a soft, pliable dough. If the dough is too sticky sprinkle with a little flour.
- Turn the mixture on to a floured board and knead very lightly until just smooth then lightly roll out to 2cm thick.
- Cut rounds with a 7.5cm cutter.
- Place on the baking tray and brush with the beaten egg and milk mixture. Bake near the top of the hot oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown and well risen.
- Cool on a wire rack...

Hillwalk

On the first day in Watchet school started at 8.30 a.m. After lunch we met at the coachpark. Then we went to Minehead, where we walked along a small path. After 30 minutes Niall stopped, because we were on the false way. So we had to climb up a hill. After this hard climbing we were very dirty. We went for a long time, it was very hard and rainy. When we arrived at the bus and we were very wet, but it was funny!!

Watchet Treasure Hunt

On July 20th we had our treasure hunt. At first we split into groups and then we started with the hunt. We had to go through Watchet. It was tiring but we had lots of fun. Some questions were difficult and some easy. And in the end we had to perform a song. It was funny to hear the other kid sing. We also met Sophie. She is an old Austrian who lives in England for a very long time. I think the treasure hunt was very funny and a good idea to do it.

Interview with the best coachdriver of the world(Tom)

To drive on the left side is not as difficult as people think. It's not work and not holiday when I drive to England with you. I have lots of fun with the kids and the teachers because the kids are mostly friendly and the teachers very nice. During the afternoon when the kids have their afternoon programmes, I go to a restaurant to drink tea and read a book.



The lucky boy (Eric)

On the way to England Eric Dengg lost his wallet on the ferry. In the wallet there were 160 £. We all thought that the money was gone. So we gave him a little bit of our money. When we were in Watchet Eric told us, that he found his wallet! We all were really surprised because we thought that the wallet was stolen. Then we asked him where it was and he said, "The people who work on the ferry found it and wrote an email to my host mum!" What a lucky boy!



Interview with our course leader Didi

How did you become the leader of the Somerset Language School?

DIDI : Gebi is a colleague of mine and he asked me to be a teacher here. After 2 years I became the leader of the SLS.

Do you like working with children?

DIDI: I love it. It is the best job in the world.

Do you have own children?

DIDI: Yes, 2 boys called Lukas and Philipp.

For how long have you been the leader?

DIDI: For 7 years already.

Are you also a teacher at school?

DIDI: Yes, I teach Sport and English at the Nordic Skihauptschule Saalfelden.

How many languages do you speak?

DIDI: English, Italian, French & German.



Interview with ALEC the towncrier .

For how long are you doing this Job now?

Alec: For 25 years.

What is a town crier?

Alec: I have to tell the people what's going on.

Why are doing this job in modern times of radio?

Alec: Because it is a tradition.

On which days are you doing this?

Alec: Always when it is necessary.

Why are you wearing this uniform?

Alec: Because it's a special and traditional uniform.



The Star Inn

The Star Inn is a Pub in the middle of Watchet. It looks like a very old building and has also got a beer-garden for the summer and sun lovers. The Star Inn exists since 1879. The first owner was Josiah Watts. The Star Inn became "Pub of the year" in 2012, because the different types of beer and of course it's brilliant food. The name of the latest owner is Ross.



Explore @ Bristol

On Monday we went to Explore @ Bristol. It's a kind of science museum. We were allowed to go inside for one hour and a half. There we could try out interesting experiments like producing our own animation film, making a big soap bubble, walking in a womb or doing different quizzes on computers. It was great fun

1st full day excursion

At first we went to Lynmouth walk. At the end of the walk and looked down more than a was an amazing view! After Beach. There some of us went and there were big waves that was cold. Later we played volleyball. In the evening we arrived in Watchet



by couch. There we did a cliff we climbed on a rock in pairs hundred meters into the sea. It this we went to Woolacombe into the sea. But it was so funny nobody noticed that the water volleyball, soccer or tennis. In the again.

Archery

On Thursday the 26th of July we did archery. There were two women and one man who explained the safety rules and things like that to us. One girl is called Amy and she is the junior champion in Archery of Somerset. When we all knew the safety rules, we had three test shots and then we did a competition. And because there were two groups, there were two winners. In the first group it was Tamina Resch with 45 points, and in the second group it was Markus Kerschhaggl with 42 points.- CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Tropiquaria

On the 26th of July we went to Tropiquaria where we could see a lot of reptiles. We also could caress a snake a turtle a skunk and some kinds of lizards. There was also a parrot which could talk. He said "hello" and "bye" to us. Then we could walk around in the zoo. There were a lot of fish and in the outside area were earthmonks, ostriches, a peacock and lots of other animals.



2nd Full day excursion

On the 28th of July we went to Torquay. At first we went shopping. We had 2 hours time. Then we were on the beach in Paington. It was great fun. The water was as cold as in Woolacombe. Some of us played volleyball and football on the beach. After 3 hours we went to Brixham with a boat. There we saw The Golden Hind of Sir Francis Drake. This day was one of the best days of the whole there weeks.

The Fossils in England

In England you can find some places where there are lots of fossils. You also can find them on the beach near Watchet called "The Fossil Beach".

Eva Kerschhaggl found three fossils there. They look very fantastic and interesting. My fossil is an ammonite as you can see on the picture. I'm sure you can also find some of these interesting fossils in England. Good luck!



Bowling and shopping

On the 25th of July we went shopping and bowling in Taunton. At first we had one hour time and went to the main street of Taunton to do some shopping. Then we went bowling which is a bit different to ours in Austria. Here they do a 10 pin bowling, so you have to hit one pin more than back home, but it was easy to manage and big fun for all of us. On the end of this day we had an award ceremony. The best kids got a prize for being the bowling champions of Somerset Language School 2012. The best of the girls was Nadine Rudinger with 117 points and the best of the boys was Eric Dengg with 116 points. – CONGRATULATIONS!

Dunster Fair

Dunster Fair was a festival in the area of Dunster near Minehead. It only took place on July 25th. A lot of shows with horses, dogs and other animals took place. But the absolute highlight was the bird show from the local falconry. They had two falcons, three owls and some other interesting birds. After all we can say this afternoon was great for animal lovers.

Interview with Guggi

Why did you want to be a teacher?

GUGGI: Because I like to work with children.

How many girlfriends did you have?

GUGGI: It would take me too long to answer, next question ☺.

Do you like to work at the SLS?

GUGGI: I love it.

What are you teaching?

GUGGI: I teach English, Sports and Biology.

What do you like best in Watchet?

GUGGI: I like our happy kids most but also the narrow streets, the little shops, the pubs, the steam train and the harbour.

Police visit

On Saturday 3 policemen, Simon, Paul & Peter, visited us. They told us about their work in Somerset and about the main things police has to do. They also showed us a video and pictures. In Somerset only 2 out of 200 policemen carry a gun. The others use a stick, pepper spray, handcuffs & of course their voice. At the end some kids could take a ride in a police car with a policeman. We also saw a very old police car from 1971.



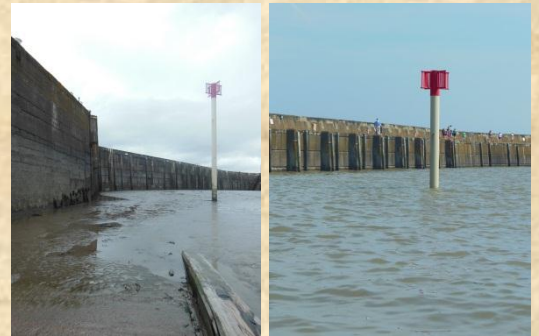
Fishing

On Saturday 20 students went deep sea fishing in two boats “Seafire” and “Scoopy-Doo-Too”. The weather was windy and the sea very rough, so that nearly everyone got sick. Only the fishermen were used to it. The 10 students on the “Seafire” caught 18 fish and on the “Scoopy-Doo-Too” 20 fish were caught. But on the “Seafire” Anna Reiter & Anna Hochwimmer had really much luck and caught a very rare dragonfish – after 40 years...



High Tide & Low Tide

Here in Watchet you find one of the world’s biggest differences between high tide and low tide. At low tide the water is about 0.8 metres deep and about 100 – 200m away from the harbour. At high tide the water in the harbour is above the 10 metre mark. On Monday July 23rd the water was measured 11.1 metres in depth at 22:34 and 0.9 metres at 16:07 o’clock.



West Somerset railway

From 1857 – 1964 the West Somerset Mineral Railway transported iron from the Blendon Hills to the harbour of Watchet. The railway is 11 miles long. More than 200 men worked there in former times. It was opened to transport people in 1865. Today you can take a trip from Minehead to Bishop’s Lydeard. Our hostdad called it the “Harry Potter train”, because it looks like the train in the Harry Potter films. I am sure that going with this old-fashioned steam-train is big fun and gives you a brilliant impression of the beautiful, typical landscape of the Somerset area – “big like - KLiCK”!!!



THE END

Dear writers, photographers, editors and layout-guys.... A big thank you for your effort you put into the production of this little “newspaper” in my diary lessons! As you told me, you liked it a lot and so did I – and I am sure everybody else will, when reading YOUR SLS WATCHET NEWS!!!! (Guggi)



I would like to take the opportunity to say many many thanks to all members of the editorial staff especially to Mr. Guggi the mastermind. You did a wonderful work and I hope everyone will enjoy this newspaper as much as I did.

You all were a gorgeous, awesome and superb group. Thank you for your behaviour, your discipline, your humour and your way of talking with each other.

Take care, enjoy your holidays and I am really looking forward to meeting you all again in November!

Gebi