**POLAND**

**Fifth meeting in Słupia Jędrzejowska**

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Roman Czernecki Secondary School in Słupia participates in international programme - Wordcrossing . This project is fullfilling within the framework of Comenius Programme – Partnership Schools Project. In the period from 24.02 to 01.03.2014 students and teachers from partner schools in Spain, Greece, Turkey, Italy and Romania were hosted in our country. On Tuesday, February 24 Roman Czernecki Secondary School in Słupia Headmaster Zofia Stachura officialy welcomed at the school all visitors . In English was presented a video promoting Świętokrzyskie Voivodship . In addition, guests met with Ms. Anna Stepien and Jolanta Szczerba who are local handicrafts makers. The meeting was accompanied by interesting exhibition , which we all watched with great interest and admiration. During this day , participants from the partner schools went to the Municipal Office in Słupia where they met with Secretary of Municipal Office Mrs. Elzbieta Wrona . Then all the visitors went to the local church of the Holy Trinity. After returning to school there was a karaoke show in English and the languages ​​of the partner countries . Another day, after a meeting at the school and students' presentations there was a trip to the Mikolaj Rej’s Manor House in Nagłowice, Cistercian Abbey and Clock Museum in Jedrzejów . In addition, guests visited the exhibition of paintings by Richard Kasperek at Cultural Centre in Jedrzejów .

On February 27 was a day trip to the State Museum Auschwitz - Birkenau . On the way back visitors stopped in Krakow . During their stay guests also visited the Wieliczka Salt Mine, which is the biggest tourist attraction. After their return there was school disco in which everyone had a great time . The whole school community is very happy and proud that could host such wonderful people. Students thanks for this kind of experience and the opportunity to enrich the knowledge of the customs of the partner countries and learn about their national heroes and to develop the ability to use foreign languages. The program, which has been prepared for the meeting with the guests was impressive as they evaluated it themselves. Organizationally and substantively school , students and parents were prepared at the highest level . Turkish delegation was surprised that such a small school can participate in this international project which is Comenius and presents such a high level . Secondary school community hopes that the patron and donor somewhere in the afterlife is proud of them .

Secondary school students wanted to thank for help and organisation of this meeting to our Headmaster Zofia Stachura , Roman Czernecki Foundation , Municipal Office in Słupia , host parents , mrs Jolanta Szczerba , mrs Anna Stepień , mrs Janina Kiernicka , mrs Katarzyna Klimas , mrs Edyta Warot , School Parents Council and the students from our school.

Delightful impressions and memories preserved in memory of the students who hosted their peers from abroad :

“Comenius is a program thanks to which I met many interesting people. My partner was Sara from Spain .She is a very nice and friendly girl . We became very good friends. Sara told me a lot about the culture and customs existing in Spain . But I was telling her about Poland. I met even a few words in Spanish and Catalan . We communicated each other without any problems . Sarah was indeed my soul mate . There was no time for boredom . We visited in Poland, together with the whole group a lot of stunning locations that will stay for long in my memory. We all find that Poland is a beautiful country . Some our guests even are planning to come back in the near future to visit us . Time spent with Sarah and other participants in the project is the best time of my life . I will never forget the moments that we spent together . We were crying at the end . Certainly we wil not break off our contact with each other, we will always be friends even though many miles separate us . Thanks Comenius we met people after whom we will have beautiful memories. Those students are just like my second family .”

“Arrival of students and teachers from our partner schools changed a lot in ou lives.Some of us were learning new English words and the others were studying new customs and cultures of other countries.I should also admit that all of us made new friends what is realy important for us.I hosted Gemmy at my home and that week was really amazing for me.Each day was different, we were visiting new places and we were having a lot of fun.The beginning was not so easy but when the tme was passing by we felt much beetter.We had really great time together and we liked everyone especially Samuel who is a fantastic person.I have to confess that I miss my new friends really much now I hope that we will meet again in future. It was really great time spending together with our friends.”