

Sojourn in Luxembourg!

PSBB-LJBM Exchange Programme 2019

The air was filled with excitement on the 24th of April 2019, when two students, Vishnu Lakshmi and Manjusha Rao from PSBB Nungambakkam and 4 students, Siddarth Sanjai, Malavika Kannan, Khanak Gupta and Abhijeet Balaji from PSBB K.K.Nagar met at the Kamaraj International Airport, all ready to fly to Luxembourg, Europe. They were accompanied by Mrs. Durga Chandrashekar, the Vice Principal of PSBB Nungambakkam.

After 12 hours of travel, the team arrived at the Luxembourg Airport. They were welcomed by the host students and teachers from LJBM (Lycee Josy Barthel Mamer). The weather was pleasant, a welcome change from Chennai's sweltering heat!

The week long exchange programme began with a visit to the school the next day, which was an amazing experience. The students were taken on a tour of the school and were greeted with friendly smiles wherever they went. Sitting through the classes, they gained knowledge in various fields (at the school level) - like civil engineering, arts and music. Despite the language barrier, they enjoyed the learning experience, thanks to their hosts, who translated each and every word.

Over the next three days, the students were treated to a tour of Luxembourg City. Some of the places they visited were- The Viaden (Castle), the MUDAM (Museum), malls and churches, restaurants and bakeries.

It turned out to be a multi-country visit when the hosts took the visiting students on a surprise trip to Brussels in Belgium and Trier in Germany. The best part of the two-hour car journey to each of these places was the hours spent on chocolate shopping once they got there!

The red letter day of the trip was a day of cultural extravaganza. The team from India celebrated 'Indian Night' along with their friends from LJBM, putting up a grand show of music and dance from various parts of India. This was accompanied by a presentation on their country, India and on PSBB Group of Schools.

This year's project for the programme was 'Environmental Issues' and the students gave a talk on the same.

The final day coincided with 'International Worker's Day' and the visitors from India experienced an age-old Luxembourg tradition. Along with their hosts, they made a giant 'Meekranz' (a wreath made out of special leaves) and enjoyed a good barbeque.

Bidding farewell and promising to keep in touch, Team India boarded their flight back home, with wonderful memories of their time in Luxembourg!



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