

**REPORT FROM 3rd PROJECT MEETING IN
KAUNAS, LITHUANIA
WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL 2022**



On Wednesday we woke up as usual, had breakfast in the training hotel and went by public transport to school. There was a bus waiting for us because we were supposed to visit countryside and one of the most well-known castles

and the capital city of Lithuania Vilnius. So we boarded the bus and went for about 2 hours through the Lithuanian countryside and villages which were different from our villages to the area of lakes where the castle was. **It was called the Trakai castle.**

It was like from a fairy tale, we arrived at the bus parking and walked along the lake to the castle. **Trakai castle is the only insular castle in entire Europe.** The

castle was built on an island of Lake Galve and was used as a defence fortress. The castle was later turned into a residential building after it lost its defence significance in the battle of Grunwald. After 1430, the castle was turned into a prison and in the 15th century it was completely deserted. The castle now serves as a



historical and architectural monument and is home to a historical museum. Many cultural events and festivals take place in the castle.

We crossed several bridges and entered the courtyard where the guide was waiting for us. She took us through the castle and told us about the history of the



castle and various parts.

We climbed the stairs to different rooms and halls and the chapel and later we walked through the second part of the castle individually. It was a museum with a lot of rooms and with period

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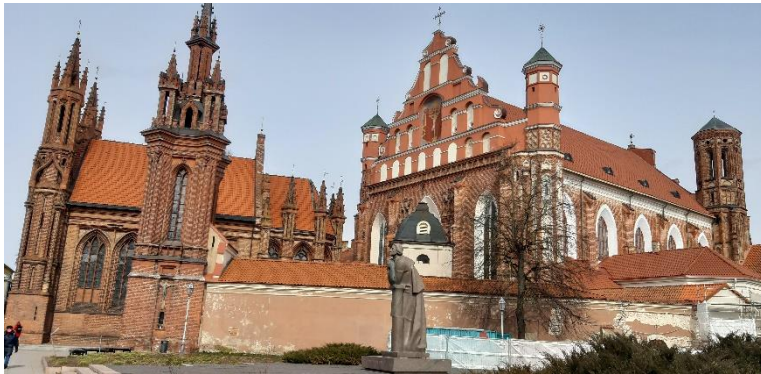
furniture and exhibitions. Later we had free time to buy some souvenirs and walk around the castle form outside. Afte the visit we walked along the stalls with souvenirs to a cottage w here we had a typical Lithuanian food **Kibinai**. It was a pastry filled with different types of meat and served with a type of clear



meat soup to eat with it. It was really interesting. I have never eaten anything like that.

We finished the meal, boarder the bus gain and started for **the Lithuanian capital city Vilnius**. The journey took 1,5 hours and when we arrived we walked through the streets, visited the **Vilnius university, main square, Vilnius cathedral** and had free time there to go to the shops and buy some presents for our families. Vilnius has 570, 000 inhabitants. Today Vilnius is 700 years old.

The Vilnius Castle Complex is located on the left bank of the Neris River. The complex consisted of three castles: the Upper, the Lower, and the Crooked.



Today, the remaining **Gediminas Tower is a major symbol of the city of Vilnius** and of the nation itself.

We saw **St. Anne's Church and the Bernardine Complex** This masterpiece

of Gothic architecture was built in the 15th-16th centuries at the turn of the cultural rise in the city of Vilnius. The church has remained almost unchanged over the last five centuries and is one of the most beautiful and probably the most famous buildings in Vilnius. It is a is surrounded by many legends.



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