

**REPORT FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> PROJECT MEETING IN  
LIPNIK, POLAND  
THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

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A programme for Thursday was to visit a **Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz**. We were learning about **European history** which is very important now when there is war in Ukraine so close to our countries. At 8:15 we got on a bus outside the

school and picked up the others who stayed at hotels or rented houses. We drove for about two hours and then we had a short break at a petrol station. **At around 11:30 we arrived in Auschwitz** and went to a restaurant called “Smaki dziencinstwa” for lunch. We all had a **tomato soup and chicken with mashed potatoes**.

After lunch we had an opportunity to chat with students from other international teams and then headed back to the bus. **At 1:30 pm we arrived at the concentration camp called Auschwitz-Birkenau camp**. Exploration of the first part of the camp took us an hour and half. **We were in a group with Swedish and Italian team and we saw the original buildings and railroads**.

We were taken into old cells and saw many rooms that were reconstructed to look how they used to be before. **The most shocking thing was to see all the realia: photos, shoes, suitcases and other personal belongings**. It was really heart breaking.

**The second part of the camp is called Birkenau** and we got there by local bus. **The tour in Birkenau took about 45 minutes**. We saw the old chimneys that were the last thing still standing from the original buildings used for cremations. There were also



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barracks where people used to sleep with bunk beds in three levels.

**We learned about the poor conditions that prisoners had to stay in.** We also visited the building that served as a bathroom and toilets. It was all made of concrete with a lot of holes

really close to each other. People had only around 5-15 seconds to use the toilet and they were allowed to use it only twice a day, in the morning and in the evening.

**On the way back we were thinking about the horrors of Nazi ideology and about suffering of all the Auschwitz victims. It was a very strong experience for us all.**



Some students stayed in Polish families but my friend Adriana and I were hosted with a Polish teacher. After dinner we had a nice talk with her son so we had another opportunity to practice some English.

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