

REPORT FROM 2nd PROJECT MEETING IN LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

SUNDAY 17th AND MONDAY 18th OCTOBER 2021

Sunday 17th October

At 8:45 a.m. we all met (even with our parents) in front of our school Herčikova 19. A minibus came for us, the driver helped us to load the suitcases and we said goodbye to our parents. We left the school at 9.00 a.m. and drove through Mikulov,



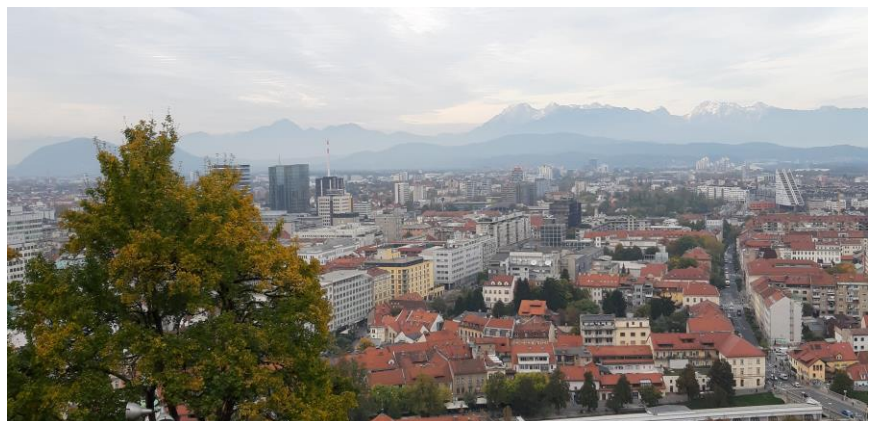
around Vienna and through Maribor to Ljubljana. We had two breaks for about 15 min, both were in Austria. The girls and I discovered a vending machine with crystal hearts, which we later saw many times in Slovenia.



We arrived in the centre of Ljubljana, where we had a meeting with our host families at around 3:00 p.m. Some families were already waiting for us, but we were still waiting for our family. Then we saw a car slowly approaching us. A man with two girls got out of the car. The man was a dad of my hostess Polona and also Nicol's hostess Marjeta came with him. They live close to each other and they were also friends.

We said goodbye to our teachers, Lada and Ellen and went to our new home. We left Nicol and Marjeta in their house and we came to our house. My host father helped me take out my suitcase and Polona showed me the house. I unpacked my things and went to give gifts to the family, which I brought from the Czech Republic. The family was absolutely thrilled! Polona and I then went to the hill, where I saw beautiful Alps in the distance.

Then our host parents called us to dinner. For dinner at 7:00 p. m. we had their **traditional sausage – Kranjska klobasa, mashed potatoes and homemade lemonade**. I talked with family for a while, but I was tired after all day, so I went to bed early.



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Monday 18th October:



I got up at 5:50 in the morning and went for breakfast at 6:10. For breakfast I had **freshly baked bread and jam and herbal tea**. At 6:30 Polona's father took us to the subway, Polona and I then went to the bus

stop. We waited for about 15 min for the bus, we went by bus for about 20 min and then we walked through an empty street, over a highway bridge and a road, at 7:45 we reached the **host private Montessori school**. At around 8:30 a.m. we started the programme in their gym, **the students welcomed us with singing and dancing**. Also **the headmaster and headmistress greeted us in English and Spanish**. At 9:30 we **visited their classes**, everyone visited different ones. I went to a class of **Biology, Math, English and Chemistry**. They learned the same things as we. During the lessons the students made waffles with jam or Nutella. Lunch at school was waiting for



us at 12:30. We had soup with vegetables for lunch. After lunch at 1:00 p.m. we all went by bus to **the centre of Ljubljana to see the most famous monuments**. Slovenian students were our guides in English and Spanish. We were divided into two groups – one with guide in English and the other in Spanish. We saw a bronze statue of the national Slovenian **poet France Prešeren** by architect Max Fabiani.



Opposite the statue was the **Franciscan Red Church**. We saw a famous **triple bridge by Jože Plečnik** and the **Ljubljana castle** on the hill above the city.

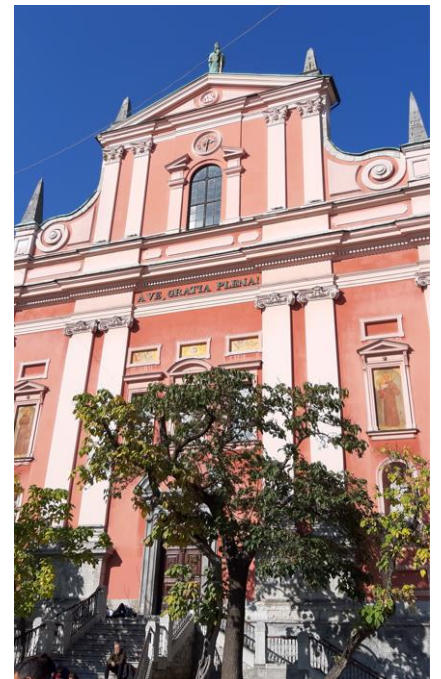
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We visited the **Robba fountain**, which stands in front of **Ljubljana City Hall**. It was made by the Italian sculptor **Francesco Robba**. We walked across the covered and open

market, too. Finally, we went on a tour of the **National and University Library**, where we had to prove we were vaccinations against COVID-19. This library was built by the **Slovenian architect Jože Plečnik**. Jože Plečnik made some adjustments to Prague Castle for president T. G. Masaryk. Then we crossed the main square and saw **the building of Ljubljana university**.

At 5:00 p. m. families came to collect us and we went home. I spent time with Polona until dinner time at 7:00 p.m. For dinner we had **Segedin goulash with bread and homemade lemonade**. After dinner I called my family to tell them the news and Polona played the piano for me, she was very good. Then I went to bed. It was a busy day.



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