

A trip to Finland with Erasmus+ club

This scholastic year 2019-2020 will surely remain a special one. I am a member of the Erasmus+ club and so I was eligible to form part of a small group to visit a school in Finland. Tiffany Galea, Sebastian Portelli, Haley Xuereb and myself joined our teachers Ms Jo-Ann Azzopardi, Mr Jesmond Scerri and Mr Robert Vella for the trip. The adventure started on Saturday, 30th of November 2019. We had to catch two flights on our way to Finland and three flights to come back but it was worth it after all! We stayed in Helsinki which is the capital city of Finland. My friends and I were hosted by families. I was hosted by Jouni and Saana and their two daughters Pauliina and Sini. I went to school with them on foot every day. I noticed that Finnish people have such a healthy life style! They eat healthy food and walk rather than use their car to go almost everywhere! We joined other children and their teachers from England, Iceland, Denmark and Turkey. We attended lessons and had lots of activities at school and we also went to a zoo with the students and teachers from the school in Helsinki. My friends and I made a presentation about Gozo and its history and our school. After school hours our host families took us to interesting places. I visited the skywheel, a cathedral and the Prime Minister's palace. I also tried ice skating for the first time! It was harder than I thought!! My host family and I visited another city called Poorvo. It was lit up for Christmas and there were lots of small Christmas shops! We left Finland on Friday, the 6th of December. Although the weather was

always very cold and it grew dark around half past four in the afternoon, it was an amazing experience and I hope that I will get another chance to go abroad with Erasmus+ club in the near future!

