Saturday, September 24th

At 17.15 when our small exchange group started our way to the Netherlands: from Ljubljana to Trieste by bus, and by plane to Dusseldorf, and finally to Uden. (Rudi)

We have arrived at airport Weeze. It was so exciting, because I flew for the first time. After our landing we went to school where the Dutch partners were waiting for us. There were some cakes on the tables and juice. But we just said “hello” and left home. I had my own room with television and even a shower! (Eva M.)

We had a long trip and when we arrived we were really tired. But still, we went to Ed’s house where we got to know each other. (Eva P.)

Sunday, September 25th: This day was a family day. I and my exchange family went to truck run. This is a kind of celebration for intellectually disabled people, like people with the Down syndrome. They can ride in a truck and have a really nice day. Every year my family helps there, because all the truck drivers and the passengers always come to eat to the spot my partner′s father works. (Karla)

On Sunday we were supposed to have a family day but we decided that we will spend a nice afternoon at Fleur′s house. We had a lot of fun. In the evening we had a little pool party. It is funny because they use only bikes to drive around the city, not buses or anything else. I like that very much. (Tajda)

I spent the morning with my partner and her family when we had breakfast. It was the biggest and the best breakfast I have ever had. There was just so much food on the table and everything looked really good so I just had to try it all! I don't think I have ever eaten so much for breakfast but I really liked it and now I have already got used to big breakfasts.

In the afternoon we went to Roos's place (partner of Eva) to bake a cake and later we went to Fleur's place (the Tajda's partner) where we were swimming in the pool, lying in the sun... just resting, and in the evening we had a barbeque. (Ana)

So we went out with family. Dianna’s aunt and uncle had their marriage anniversary. I met a lot of new people there and I was taking pictures. It was really good, especially the food. I had great time and after this I also knew ”my family” better. Dianna is sixteen and she is very nice girl. She has one sister and one brother. They are both younger than Dianna. They have one dog (Bruno) and a rabbit. (Eva M.)

With another exchange student and his family we went driving carts. It  
was really fun as it was my first time driving carts. (Luka D.)

Monday , September 26th:

First day in the school. Their school is huge! (Karla)

Monday was our first day of school. We went to school by bicycles and there were so many bikes in front of it. (Eva M.)

They start school at 8.45 so you can sleep much longer then in Slovenia. First we were drawing exchange students and it was kind of freaky. Then we had sports activities and we went to park and we played football. After that we went home for a dinner and after that on a party. (Tilen)

At first we were just talking and had a little assignment like speed dating to know each other a little better. Later, we had assignment twice again. It was to draw our partners which I really liked, because it was very creative. (Ana)

We also celebrated Tilen′s birth day with the whole group. (Aljaž)

Dutch students had few presentations about their culture, food, way of life, etc…Then we went into a park where we were chilling on a sun and played football. We also had a pool party in the evening and it was really awesome. (Luka P.)

Tuesday, September 27th we went to Amsterdam. We saw a lot of sights and it was really great. (Eva P.)

On Tuesday we went to Amsterdam where we explored that huge city, it was awesome. (Rudi)

I really liked Tuesday. It was a sunny day and we went to Amsterdam. I’ve never been there before that’s why i had lots of fun. (Luka P.)

Huge city where everything is so relaxed. (Karla)

It is a very big and beautiful city and we enjoyed a lot. First we had a guided tour around the city and then we had a little of free time. (Tajda)

Later we went to Rijksmuseum witch I liked a lot because I adore art, and in the Rijksmuseum was full of it.

After that we just had two hours of free time and I went shopping with the girls. I got a lot for clothes for almost no money, I liked it because we went only to stores that weren't that expensive. (Ana)

It is a big and interesting city. We even saw red lights, but it wasn't really such a big deal. In the evening we went out again. (Eva M.)

Wednesday, September 28th we went to school with our partners, we joined  
their normal lessons. First lesson we just had a computer hour, second  
we had German but they were just working on homework so I read a  
book. After that we had maths. Maths was good, I actually understood  
something but it was a little bit different than ours. The last hour we  
had philosophy. The teacher was nice and made the lesson in English  
and he made it very interesting so it was nice to see how they learn  
here.

After the lessons we went to see some old graves near Uden and  
after that we went to museum where we saw the artefacts that were found in  
graves. We went there by bikes. (Luka D.)

On Wednesday we had to follow Dutch classes and it was really more relaxed than it is in Slovenia. (Tilen)

Students were really nice and teachers too. (Eva M.)

It was a little bit different than our classes in Slovenia but it was good. (Tajda)

We saw the place where they've found the remains of the people that used to live in that area in bronze age. Later we also went to the museum where their findings are kept. (Ana)

This day Slovenian group went by bikes in the historical museum. It is funny that everywhere we went, we went by bikes. It is much better that driving around with cars. (Karla)

Thursday, September 29th

On Thursday only Slovene students left to open air museum Arnhem. We were driving about an hour so we could fall asleep. There were some old houses and we went inside of a windmill. It was really high, so the view was really nice. After the museum we went to the city of Arnhem. We had free time there and I went shopping with others. We came back at five o'clock. Then we joined at Paul′s where we were dancing and had a really great time. (Eva M.)

At 8.45 we left for another museum. It was an open air museum and it was huge. There were a lot of interesting buildings. After that we went to a city and had a free time. I really like Holland cities. (Tilen)

We saw many typical Dutch buildings from their history. (Luka P.)

We saw how Dutch people lived throughout history. It was really nice experience to walk over few 100 years in just one day. (Luka D.)

When we came home I went to a ballet lesson with Marloes and I liked it a lot. (Tajda)

After returning to Uden I was following Roos's football training. It was really interesting. Then we had a big party, and I think all of us enjoyed it. (Eva P.)

I went for coffee in Arnhem with Tilen and Miha because I was so tired I thought I was about to fall asleep standing.

Later, after diner, we went out for drinks. We all went to a pub and we also met a lot of Dutch people that were not in the exchange group. I really liked them and we had a lot of fun. It was just too bad they had school the next day so we had to go home really early. (Ana)

Friday, September 30th

Friday morning the whole group went to the main city of Brabant. We saw the St. Jan Gothic cathedral and it is amazing. I really liked it. Later on we had free time to do some last minute shopping. We returned back to Uden by city bus. In the evening we had a fare well party at school. The food was great but the atmosphere was a little bit sad because we knew that we are living Holland the following day. (Tajda)

Friday we went to school first. We had some time on computers to work on our reports. Then we went to Den Bosh which is a quite big city not far away from Uden. We went there by bus, and the ride was quite long, about 40 minutes. There we saw a nice old church. It had very many details, on outer side a lot of statues and interesting shapes. We saw also the inside of the church and then went shopping and eating. We had dinner with all exchange members and their parents in school. Every family supplied a dish and we really had much to eat. It tasted really good. Later that evening we went to a disco, it was really good party there. (Luka D.)

Saturday, October 1st our last day in the Netherlands. In the morning Dieke and I baked “kruignoten”. Then we met the group in Cafe. At 15.30 we went to school where we said goodbye to our host families and our new friends. We will really miss each other and we are looking forward to see each other in March or in May. (Karla)

Saturday was our last exchange day. All the students gathered in a café to spend the last few hours together. Then it all went so fast, the goodbye in tears, driving to the airport and all of a sudden we were at home.   
This really was one of the best weeks in my life. We were lucky with the weather, and the Dutch students…we couldn’t ask for anyone better! (Tajda)

Goodbye was hard because we had really good time in Uden. (Tilen)

It was a week I'll never forget. Thank you for that experience. (Eva P.)