

## **Linguistic bazaar**

### **("Jezikovna tržnica")**

#### The European day of languages 2010

On 27.9.2010, at 10.35 after the 3rd lesson, the 3rd (a., b., i., j.) graders of our school, set out from our school's bus station, for a linguistic learning experience, located in our capital city of Ljubljana. The event began at 10 o'clock and lasted until 14 o'clock, stationed in the underground passageway in front of the Maximarket.

There were 18 (or more) stands positioned in a straight linear line down the hall till its exit, and half way to the exit there was a small stage, where some ppl were discussing, promoting languages and giving away some prizes. Each stand represented a language which is spoken in the European Union, and on each of the stands there were cards, books, flags, badges, handbills, balloons, pictures and many more specific country related materials. Behind each of the stands, there were young students representing them, we broke a conversation or two, shared some experiences, talked about the language and tried to solve the "puzzles", that were scattered through the place. The "puzzle" was formed of many little slips of paper, which had sayings inscribed on them in all the languages present that day (1 saying in 1 language). We collected them and returned them to which country the language belonged to, come to think of it, it wasn't so much of a puzzle, as it was a ticket for a free badge...so it was child's play for us.

The bazaar emitted a strange, yet a very positive energy into the surrounding visitors and into the individual country representatives, as in some way the world just became a little bit smaller, and we just became a little bit closer to our neighbours, as we learned a tiny piece of their language. Throughout the day it was very crowded, as many other schools and other curious visitors filled the location of this occurrence, and joined in the fun of learning a new language.

This day was a nice continuation of our weekend, and was certainly appreciated among us, even though it was counted as a lesson, it didn't feel as one, which is probably the reason we enjoyed it so much.

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