

Day 3 in Poland-from Sienna Tomasz, Bob and Cordell

What an early start! We woke up at 6.15am and got dressed. There wasn't time for breakfast as we needed to get the taxi at 7am. Fortunately the hotel had made us packed breakfasts to take with us (we had water, apple, 3 sandwiches and a chocolate wafer bar) we got to school in super quick time and the coach was waiting for us!

As soon as we were on the coach we set off! It's quite a long journey to Wieliczka Salt mines so we had time to eat our breakfast and relax as we drove along.

The salt mines were AMAZING! First of all we had to go down some stairs- we went down 308 stairs all at once but in total during the tour we went down almost 800 stairs! The tour guide told us that it was ok to touch the walls with our tongues! It tasted of salt!

We really enjoyed the Salt Mine and we were able to learn all about how the horses pushed a special machine to help lift trucks of salt to the surface. We saw sculptures made from salt and even an amazing chapel that was carved by 3 miners in their spare time. Now it is used for services and weddings.

After our visit to the Salt mine we got back on the coach and went to Krakow. We met Tomasz's grandma outside the castle next to the fire breathing dragon- we saw it breath real fire but Julia wasn't quick enough to catch it on camera! Tomasz went for a walk and a meal with his Grandma whilst the rest of us went to the Main Square. There was a fantastic row of stalls under the building in the centre of the square with lots of wonderful gifts. Poor Magda, Keshia and Julia had the job of helping us work out if we had enough money to spend on all the superb souvenirs- they were so exhausted by this that we then had to have a sit down and a drink and something to eat!

Before long our time was up and we had to head back to the castle to meet Tomasz and join our friends on the coach. It was a long journey! Some of us had a little sleep.

We got back to the hotel later than we had thought so we had to quickly have some tea. Then all of us had a shower and we all made lovely phone calls home to our families! We are really having a great time and the grown-ups think that we have been really amazing on this trip but it was also really lovely to hear everyone's voices and we are really looking forward to seeing you all on Friday to tell you about our trip and the exciting things that we have done.

