



Name: Karin Dietrichson

Age: 49 years old

Birthday: 15th October

Nationality: Swedish

Family: Three children

Childhood

Karin grew up in northern Sweden together with her younger sister and her parents. At the age of eleven they moved to Stockholm. Her parents felt like they lived too far away from a lot of places and things that they were in need of.

She had a fun childhood with lots of music. Both her parents played instruments which made her interested in music as well. ABBA

was her favorite music group. When she turned eight years old she started to take piano lessons, now it is her favorite instrument. She can also play other instruments such as violin, guitar and bass guitar. Karin studied for three years in the music high school, five years in college, but began teaching when she was 32 years old.

Previous occupations

Karin worked at several places with different occupations before she began teaching. She worked as a nurse, but the job had bad working hours and she didn't get the opportunity to participate in deciding. Café, home care and a supermarket were also some places she worked at.

She has worked in four different schools, nowadays she only works in two. Karin is here in our school twice a week and the rest of the week, she works in the other school called Jensen education. She likes that it's a nice atmosphere in our school and that all pupils are kind.

Some other facts

Karin is a member of a band called Vildirheart, they are five band members and have played since 2008. They look forward to touring with the band, there's not a set date. Karin sings, plays piano and also writes the songs.

By: Suzanne and Angelina

My mother Medea

The theater My mother Medea is a play about a brother and sister who carry a big secret.

The play took place in our school. The main characters of this play are the two kids of the famous parents. The kids are siblings and tell us about their lives as children of two heroes. The siblings often get bullied in school. Both of the kids have a hard time to fit in and they talk about it.

The secret behind their parents is that they are very famous. Their father was a hero with a demanding job but gave it all up for his new family. Now he lives with his family on a secret location. Their mother was so jealous of the father's new family so she did the worst thing a mother can do, she killed her children as revenge and committed suicide.

By: Manpreet

Swimming test

In Sweden it's very important to have knowledge in swimming.

That's why you go with school to an indoor swimming pool and the PE teacher can see if you've got the ability to swim at least 200 m breast swim, 50 m backstroke swim and CPR knowledge.

From 6th-9th grade, this swimming test is included in your grade and if you get a really low grade, then the PE teacher is going to give you a month to take your own responsibility to go to a indoor swimming pool and train on those skills you didn't know

Eriksdalsbadet is the biggest swimming hall in Stockholm. The outdoor pool was built for the 1962 European Aquatics Championship, on the site of a former sewage treatment facility. The new Eriksdalsbadet was built 1999 and was designed by an architect called Björn Thynberger.

It has:

- A swimming pool that is 25 m long and has a depth of mostly 2.5 m but it varies due to a specially-constructed floor with changeable height.
- Hosts FINA Swimming World Cup and Arena Diving Champions Cup annually.
- A pool, 50 m long, with a depth of 2.20 m at the edges and 2.60 m in the middle of the pool. This pool is the one used for championships.
- Outdoor pool area
- Jacuzzi
- Baby pool

By: Adam R



5th graders visited a church

About three weeks ago the 5th graders visited St. Görans church in Stockholm. During their visit they learnt different things about the church today and how it was in the past in a Christian church.

The class visited the church porch, which is a small room where they kept weapons back in time because the church is a holy place so the priests didn't want to have weapons everywhere in the church. Afterwards the students went on a tour in the church, but not a normal one. During the hole tour a priest and an organist sort of performed a play and the children were able to ask them questions. The priest and the organist taught the 5th graders about the Christian faith. They learnt about Jesus. The class said that this was a much better way to learn because it was more fun.

Then they met a person who was dressed up as a painter who talked about the special ways the wall paintings were painted in.

They learned that a service, since it is a Christian church, could take a whole day and they also learned that in the past the wealthy people were more deserving of sitting on the benches in the front of the church during a service. And when a rich person passed away he/she were buried inside the church while the normal people, the workers and the poor people, were buried in the cemetery outside of the church.

Before they left each one of them were given an apple that tasted well but didn't smell so good. According to them the apple smelled like poop, which made it hard to eat the apple because all you could focus on was the terrible smell.

After their visit the 5th graders started working with the religion Christianity.

By: Clara

Girls will make you blush!

The 6th-9th grade went to the theater "Girls will make you blush". The theater is about when girls become women.

What happens to the girls during puberty? Are they proud of their period, their breasts or ashamed of it? Why are the girls not as open minded as the boys are? These are some of the questions that the theater brought up.

The theater mostly consisted of the time when girls go through their puberty and how they and their body react. Some of the girls said they had cravings, that they need chocolate and sweets so the girl's blood pressure can sink during the period.

In the theater all of the actresses were girls.

It was funny and many students laughed and the time pasted by fast but in my opinion some of the children were to young for things like this. The six and seven graders shouldn't be there. The theater was in Kulturhuset nearby T-Centralen and some other schools also attended the play as well.

By: Adam Q



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The English theme week: Alice in Wonderland

The English theme week is a special week when all the pupils in the school do various activities, an example of one of the activities is watching a movie and writing about it.

During the English theme week you are supposed to have most of your lessons in English. The themes vary each year. Last year it was Romeo and Juliet and this year it was Alice in Wonderland.

You may ask why we have the English theme week and it's because it's a Swedish school with an English profile. 4th Grade watched Alice in Wonderland, talked about it, made posters about England and its Queen Victoria.

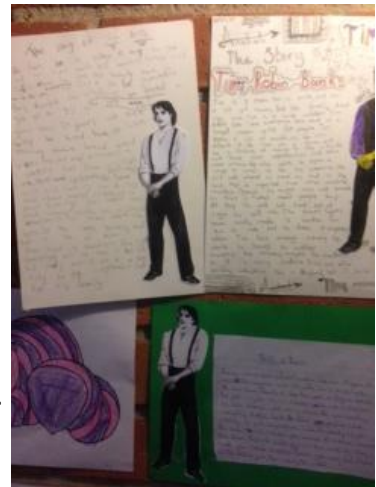
They thought it was really fun and enjoyed the theme they had that week and that it was better than last year.

8th Grade had English breakfast, watched Alice in Wonderland, wrote about England and learned about the industrial revolution.

They didn't think it was that fun this year, last year was better.

9th Grade also watched Alice in Wonderland, answered questions about the movie, made posters and wrote about a made up person that lived during the 19th century. They got a bit of knowledge about the writer of Alice in the Wonderland his name is Lewis Carroll and they also had an English breakfast.

The rest of the school did similar things.



By: Chanel Hoskins



Our teacher at a conference in Italy

Our English teacher will attend a conference about E-twinning in Italy in Rome in the early morning on Thursday next week. She will go there because she has worked with several projects for six years, at her previous school they worked with art and now in our school we are writing a school newspaper. Thanks to her great students she got to go on this trip. Our teacher has received the schedule and all the members will have a guided tour. She will come back late Saturday evening.

By: Luis



Grade 6-8 went to a theater called Ankarbarnet

Here are some questions I asked a boy called Ushed in 8th grade and a girl called Sabrina in 7th grade.

What did you do there?

- We just sat and watched the theater. The theater was about three refugee children. One of them was an "ankarbarn", which means that your parents send you to another country to get green card and then came to Sweden to live here.

How was it?

Both of them thought it was a bad theater. They don't like things like that and thought it was dumb. They shouted too much, the effects were bad, the bass was dead, no one could sing and it was irritating according to the students watching.

What the theater was about:

It was about a girl's life so they played another theater in the real theater. In the real theater she told the other children about her life, then in the other theater they played about her life in another way so they changed it a little bit.

The message with this theater was that you should worry about refugees, but Ushed thought it was stupid because all the people inside were immigrants.

By: Sevin

15 in Switaly

In our first lesson, our English teacher Nataša told us that we will start working with some Italian students and that we have to write them a letter about ourselves because each one of us will get a pen pal. When we all finished our letters we sent them to Italy.

Later on we all got our own account at the website that we were supposed to use. This website turned out to be some kind of meeting place for us and the Italian students. Some got to know who their pen pals were right away and contacted them. We asked *Chanel Hoskins* about her thoughts towards this project and her pen pal.

Do you know your pen pal and if you do, how did you manage to contact her?

- On my profile on Twin space I wrote my Instagram account, Instagram is an app where you can share your pictures, without the knowledge who my pen pal was and one day I saw that one of the Italian students started following me on Instagram. Later on I got a comment on one of my pictures from a girl called Dalia, she wrote that she was my pen pal so I got her Snapchat, which is an app where you can share pictures and chat. We started contacting each other there. Later on we started to write to each other on a messenger app called Kik.

How do you feel about this project?

- I think that it's really cool and great, we got the opportunity to get to know a pupil from another country in a safe way. If I would contact someone from another country by myself it could be dangerous. It's also a great way to work on my English skills.

By: *Diana Reza*

Job mentors

The 8th and 9th graders were divided into four mixed groups. About ten volunteers in the age between 34 – 55 years old came to our school as job mentors.

The mentors came to our school and explained what they've studied and what they work with nowadays, they even told us about their earlier jobs.

Each group had 30 minutes together with one or two of the mentors at a time. The mentors had the chance to present themselves, tell the students about what they studied in Swedish high school, and we started planning our future. The adults wanted to give us a chance to think about what we want to do in the future and that it won't always go as planned. The mentors came from an organization called mentor.se, they cooperate with different schools. You can read more about it by clicking on this link:

<http://mentor.se/>

By: *Natali.M*

Halloween

On November 5th, the 6th graders organized a Halloween party for all the students in the school. The party went on for approximately three hours and the whole school had been decorated with spider webs and other Halloween themed decor.

Halloween is a holiday celebrated annually on October 31st in most parts of the Western world. The word "Halloween" comes from a Scottish term for All Hallows' Eve. The Scottish word for evening is even, which is often contracted to e'en. Over time, All Hallows' E'en was contracted to Halloween, to make it simple to both read and pronounce. Halloween is thought to have been influenced by old Celtic and Irish cultures, and even though it's originally a religious holiday, it's more seen as a fun celebration nowadays.

Usually, kids go trick-or-treating and lots of people dress up in spooky costumes and throw Halloween themed costume parties, and that's what the 6th graders did.

They organized a big Halloween party and invited the whole school. They decorated most of the school with pumpkin-like balloons, spider webs, black and orange paper festoons and lots of other spooky decor. The 9th graders also helped decorating by carving some jack-o'-lanterns. Most of the younger students, as well as all of the teachers, attended the bash dressed up as monstrous and mysterious creatures.

At the party, you could dance, walk a ghost walk and enter a "Best Costume" competition. The 9th graders helped out a bit by being in charge of the snacks, punch and popcorn, as well as the music.

Usually, a Halloween party is thrown in the school right before the Fall break, but this year it was held after. The reason being the UN Day, which was celebrated before the break.

By: Leon

Photo by: Ann Viio



Malala Yousafzai

Malala is a Pakistani school girl who, when she was 11 years old, started writing a BBC diary about her daily life under the rule of the Talibans.

It was then that she started to get noticed by the public. Her blogs were from when she still lived in her hometown of Mingora, which is in the northwest region of Pakistan, which she calls “her swat”. She fights for every girls’ rights to education in the society of today.

Malala was sitting on a school bus with her classmates in Mingora, they were preparing to drive home when according to witnesses, a bearded man entered the bus. He demanded to know where Malala was. When she came forward he shot her at close range in her head and leg. Two of her classmates were also injured. Malala was rushed to the hospital, it was stated that the bullet had missed her brain but had lodged itself into her neck, her condition was critical. But in the end, she miraculously survived the shooting.

In 2009, the government resigned control of the Swat Valley, which is a beautiful spot loved by tourists, to the Talibans. This meant closure of many girl schools, men being forced to grow a beard and the beheading of their opponents. That was when Malala started writing her blogs. She used the pen name Gul Makai and through this secret identity she expressed her anxiety and fears about what was happening around her. The fact that she might not longer be allowed to go to school scared her.

After a military offence in Swat they were able to clear out most of the Talibans from the area. Malala was awarded the country's first National Peace Award and appeared on national television.

"I don't mind if I have to sit on the floor at school. All I want is education. And I'm afraid of no one," she told one station.



By: Naemi & Johanna

Nobel Prize 2014

This years prizes awards important discoveries about how the cell transportation system is organized.

The Nobel prize is actually a fond made out of Alfred Nobel's fortune. Every prize given is from this fond. You can get a prize in medication, literature, physics, chemistry, economy and peace.

On June 29, 2000, the Nobel foundation celebrated it's 100th anniversary. The foundation and the first Nobel Prize was awarded in 1901.

There are many prizes that are inspired by the Nobel prizes as a model, for example, the Japan Prize and Kyoto Prize - both financially in a class with the Nobel Prize - were established in 1985 and their statutes directly refer to the Nobel prizes. Donations from these and many other sources have reached the Foundation over the years. These are this years prize winners;

Peace price

Kailash Satyarthi

Malala Yousafzai

Literature

Patrick Modiano

Physics

Shuji Nakamura

Hiroshi Amano

Isamu Akasaki

Medicine

Edvard Moser

May-britt Moser

John O'keefe

Chemistry

Eric Betzig

Stefan Hell

William Moemer

The unknown trip

The preschool and 1st-5th grade in our school watched a theatre about a girl's missing dog. The theater was about three people looking for the dog. Two girls who watched the play, Navi from 5th grade and Rama from 2nd grade, were interviewed by the 9th grade.

What was the theatre about?

- The theater was about three friends , two boys and a girl. The girl's dog was missing so the three friends started looking for the dog, who's name is Rocky. We went around in the theater together with the persons that performed the theater. We saw a pirate who started to splash water on our faces, and it was incredibly fun. After that we continued and the actors gave us some gingerbread cookies. The actors who performed the theater went into a place which is like a pre-school. They started to fight with each other because the two boys said that they were tired of looking for the dog, and they fell out with each other. The two boys didn't want to help the girl to find Rocky so they started to shoot each other with guns. A few minutes later a troll came by and put a spell on the friends so they wouldn't fight anymore. They became friends again and then in the end, through the smoke, we saw a balloon with a picture of the dog. It was like a path where it said "if you find the dog then call us!". Actually they never found Rocky.

How was the theatre and what did you do after the theatre?

After the theatre everyone started to play a game. They had a balloon and they played music. Everyone had to dance when the music was on and when the music stops you should catch the balloon. The one that has caught the balloon got a price which was a box of chocolate and a drink. The theater was really interesting and fun to watch.

How long was the theatre?

The theater was approximately one hour but the time passed quickly because we had a great time.

How did you get there?

We went by bus to the theater and it took about 20 minutes.

By: Nesrin

Photo by: Ann Viio



United Nations Day

Friday October 24th was dedicated to the United Nations, we got to know more about the UN and what it stands for.

The United Nations is an organization established in 1945, shortly after World War II, to prevent other wars of breaking out in the future and to promote international cooperation. Today with 193 members the UN helps to solve disputes between nations, conflicts, climate issues, pollution issues, human rights abuses and many other global issues.

The 9th graders got to read a bit about the United Nations to get to know more about the UN and it's purpose. The class also played a card game. You got some cards which had the necessary things in a good life and then you had to pick the absolute necessary cards and remove the rest. In the end there were only a few cards left and you had to explain why you've picked the cards you've picked.

By: Rasul

The 1st graders and the 2nd graders went to the Opera House. They went by bus to the Opera House, it took about 20 min to reach their destination. They were amazed when they entered the building, they thought it was a really good looking place. They toured the Opera House for around 50 minutes, they thought the play was really good and that the tour was interesting. The 1st graders tried out instruments while the 2nd graders tried out some costumes from the Opera House's prop room, and then they left the building. After the visit they went back to school to discuss the tour.

By: Alex

Photo by: Maria Gonzalez and Helen Karlsson

