



Bonjour!

I am Estelle, a 23 year old French girl who loves travelling and to make intercultural experiences – which is one of the main reasons I decided to come to Austria as an EVS Volunteer. Another big reason is that I wanted to learn more about the Montessori pedagogy – this is how I arrived at the KreaMont, now 10 months ago! In my backpack I brought my love for foreign languages (I can speak Spanish, English, and now German), some board games and my passion for dancing, as well as my previous experience working with children in French schools and holiday camps.

Dieses Jahr ist für mich sehr intensiv und voll von unterschiedlichen Erlebnissen gewesen, in der Schule und auch allgemein in Österreich. Es ist immer spannend, neue Leute kennenzulernen und eine neue Kultur zu entdecken – dabei lernt man auch viel über sich selbst und seine eigene Kultur. Ich habe das Gefühl, dass ich in diesem Jahr innerlich sehr gewachsen bin. Natürlich habe ich dadurch auch die deutsche Sprache gelernt, das hat mir viel Spass gemacht!

Estelle Falcoz

At the KreaMont school we had the opportunity to share a lot with the kids. For instance we shared our mother tongues, some aspects of our cultures and countries, as well as our personal skills and passions (music, dancing, games, handcraft...). As part of the daily life of the school we supported teachers and kids, went on excursions, and of course we played a lot with the children, building a great connection with them.

It is always a challenge to go to a new country without knowing anyone there, but we felt both really welcome and integrated in the school. Teachers and kids (and parents!) were very kind and helping, we felt instantaneously part of this family! We especially thank the kids for their patience teaching us German, even if after a year we are still not able to pronounce “Eichhörnchen” (which is unfortunately a word we need here very often!).

Au revoir und até breve!

Olá!

Eu sou a Diva e sou portuguesa! (I am Diva and I am Portuguese). Since September I have been a happy participant of the European Voluntary Service (EVS). Lucky as I am, I chose to be part of this project in one of the most beautiful and attractive countries – Austria. I strongly believe that my decision to accept the challenge to be an EVS volunteer in KreaMont was the best decision I ever made. After 10 months (!) I can reflect about all my journey until here, what I've learnt and the changes I experienced in my personal and professional development. Because I was really determined to do it, I had no doubt that this experience would exceed my expectations.

I feel so blessed, supported and inspired from many people during this period. The teachers from the school, the friends I met in Austria, the parents and the children – everyone has a place in my heart!

During this period I had the opportunity to improve my non-verbal communication skills. Without any German I had no choice in the beginning! But I am amazed how the children can be really good teachers!

Well, in KreaMont I shared a lot of skills and passions: music, Portuguese language and culture, hugs, smiles... I also learnt so much about the freedom of being a child without restricting their creativity.

For me, being an EVS volunteer it was also a spiritual journey, where I could find out who I am. I can say with certainty that I am richer and totally in love with this country!

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