

Program to the Forest week event

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On October 20, 2021 we visited the forest week event, organised by the Drava Valley High School. In the beautiful castle park, in the field and in the exhibition halls they showed the flora and fauna of the forest and the machines and tools used for forest works were presented.

Our way first led to the lumberjack presentation where we tried on the protective gear and they cut little wooden rings for us that we could take home. After that we could pet and play with the hunting dogs, the Hungarian and German vizslas.

They also told us what conditions they need to become an actual hunting dog. At the so-called soil section pit we observed the layers of the soil. Then we made chemical experiments and with the help of a soil drill we made further investigations. An overview of the most important edible and poisonous mushrooms was studied on a sophisticated field table and then we discussed the most important rules of mushroom collection.



In addition to showing the wild life of the forest and the work done there, our visit was made truly memorable by a playful rest. We could try archery and air rifle shooting. SEFAG Zrt and the Danube-Dráva National Park also participated in the programme. At their stations we learnt about the forest and the works done there. Now we know the duties of a forester and the difference between different tree cuttings and why the trees are marked with paint. They talked about bird ringing, migratory and resident birds and winter feeding.



There is also a preparatory study group in the school. The completed works could be seen on an exhibition, evoking the atmosphere of the autumn forest. We had the opportunity to view the school's butterfly collection and we could also look around in the preparatory workshop. We saw stuffed animals and wonderful trophies. We learnt what is the difference between a red and a queen deer, how their antlers grow. We were glad that the station leaders allowed us to touch them. In the apiary room they showed us the old and new method of honey extraction and we also could taste some. Before the last few stations we stopped for lunch. The organisers offered us fatty bread and hot tea which went pretty well after the cold air in the forest.

