

## Posts for e-twinning

**October 2**

We are off!

Our IDEAS Erasmus Project is starting on October 4!



**October 3**

Just arrived at Dinkelsbühl.

It's a picturesque little town whose houses date back to the 17th century. Not surprisingly it's a well-known tourist destination. However, off-season visitors can enjoy a pleasant laid-back atmosphere.

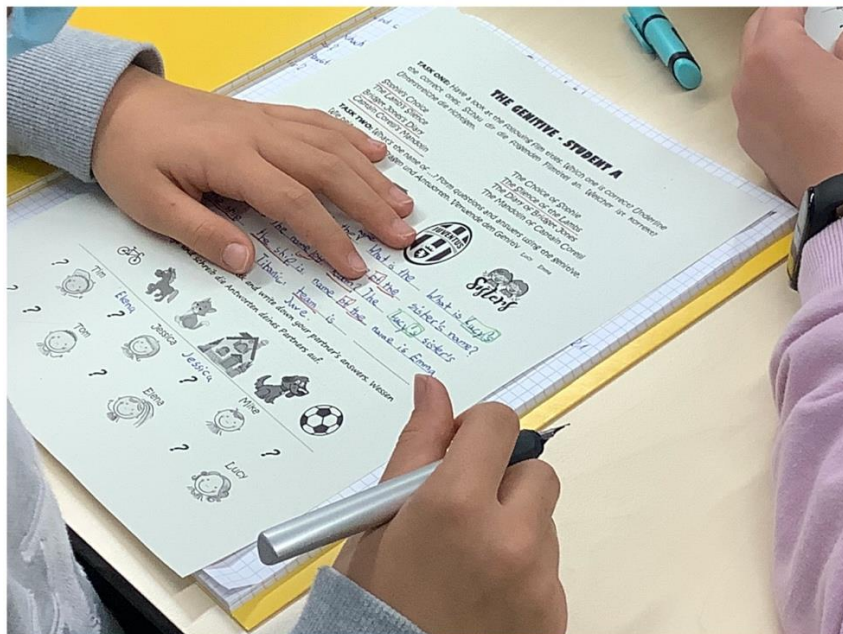
Tomorrow, "Day #1" of our *job shadowing* activity.





## October 4 - 2

Day #1 at Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule, Dinkelsbühl  
Second lesson: English. 11 year-old pupils doing an information gap activity about the use of genitive. The teacher honoured my presence by inserting a nice detail (see arrow). I was delighted to see that such young pupils were able to reply to the question "What's the name of the team?"





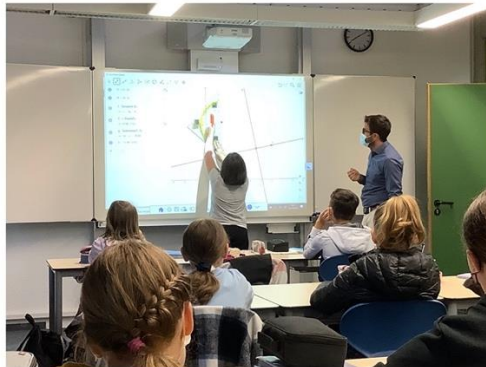
## October 5 - 1

Day #2 at Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule, Dinkelsbühl  
Meeting the school headmaster, Mr. Welder. He told me about school organization and also gave me much valuable information about the Bavarian school system, which can differ a lot from other schools of the country, depending on which state of federal Germany it is located. States (the Länder) enjoy a great deal of autonomy as far as education is concerned.



## October 5 - 2

Day #2 at Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule, Maths lesson.  
Below, the teacher gets the students engaged by frequently calling them to the IWB, where they have to interact with it. In doing so they learn by solving problems. Bottom, students put their textbook on a stand to share it. They take it in turns to bring the book to school.



## October 6 - 1

Day #3 at Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule, Berufsschule  
I spent the whole morning in the Vocational School branch, located in the old town. Here I attended the German language class for migrants. These guys come from Afghanistan, Moldova, Greece, Benin and Romania. Every Wednesday they have language class, while on other days they learn more practical subjects mainly related to constructions. These students have a positive spirit, they are motivated, humorous and interact a lot (essential ingredients for a foreign language class). You can feel that in the picture we took together. Next to me is the teacher, Mrs. Olga.



## October 6 - 2

Day #3 at Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule, Vocational school

In the late morning I joined a class of hope-to-be furniture designers and carpenters. The first part of the lesson is in the pc lab, where they learn how to use *Vectorworks* for designing. First the teacher shows some software tools and functions on the IWB and then gets students to work on them individually on a pc (photo below).

Later on the class moves to the “wood laboratory” (bottom photo), as the teacher likes to call it. He explained to me that in order to do this job in the future, one must really love the wood and work on it with passion. These students seem to have that!





## October 7

### Day #4 at Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule

Probably the most intriguing subject that this excellent school boasts is Übu Practice Firm. It consists of a two-years long engagement in Business Studies, from Class 9 or Class 10 (the graduation year), which I both attended. It is based on simulating all the operations that are carried out in order to run a company, a trading business and even a bank. A class is a company and has to do “business” with another company, that is another class in another school belonging to a large network of schools that stretches from Bavaria to Austria as far as Italy’s South Tirol. Übu is the name of the portal specially designed by the Bavarian Education Board (photo below) to let students carry out “real work” tasks. At the end of these two years they acquire the competences required to start working in a bank or start doing business. The classroom layout replicates that of an office and students work in teams (middle photo). At school there are two classes, one is a company called Lewa, producing office furniture; the other is called Sport4fun, producing sportswear and sporting goods (bottom photos). Business Studies have never been so real at Dinkelsbühl!



The image shows a login page for the 'Übungsunternehmen an Wirtschaftsschulen' portal. It features a logo with a green 'n+' and the word 'portal' below it. The main title is 'Übungsunternehmen an Wirtschaftsschulen'. There are input fields for 'Benutzer:' and 'Passwort:', followed by a 'login' button. Below the login fields, it displays 'IP Server: 85.10.215.19' and a 'Datenschutzhinweis:' section with a link to 'Impressum'.



## October 8 - 1

Day #5 at Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule. Final day, unfortunately...

Mr. Ballbach is the maths teacher, but he is also in charge of the school management. He uses a software called Untis to make his work much simpler. Here he is explaining to me how he deals with a lot of things and problems such as a sudden absence by a teacher. He possibly finds a substitute teacher who can teach the same subject (teachers here are supposed to teach two subjects and that makes it easier to find one who can hold the lesson). The change will appear on a monitor in the teachers' room and by a pop-up in an app that every teacher has. Students are also informed of changes in lessons on a monitor located in the hall.







## October 8 – 3

Day #5 at Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule. Great conclusion!  
The school has invited Prof. Ritam Garg for a lecture on Intercultural Awareness for the Erasmus students, who are leaving for Ireland at the end of the month with Prof. Chytiris. At the end of the lecture the school Headmaster, Prof. Welder, suggested that we take a photo in front of the school.





## October 8 – 4

Day #5 at Staatliche Wirtschafsschule. Time to say goodbye  
What about playing a football match in the school's entrance hall once everything is done?

Left team: Prof. Sieglinde Eiber (Information Technology) and Konstantin Cytiris (English, Head of Language Department)

Right team: me and Headmaster (Preside), Prof. Andreas Wedler.

