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During the first week of November, a 3-day job shadowing was held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in which three educators attended. I had the opportunity to attend represent St. Albert The Great College.

The job shadowing was held at the Vrtec Galjevica Kindergarten, which consists of 4 units, all in the same area and within walking distance. They are currently building their 5th unit. On the 1st day, we had the opportunity to tour one of these units and observe during a gym session. Throughout the tour we were able to familiarise more on the Slovenian Education System. During a presentation held later, we were given more information about the approach the school follows, known as the NTC programme. We were also able to understand this approach further by participating directly in hands on activities using this system.





On the 2nd day of our job shadowing we had the amazing chance to take part in the Forest School. Together with a group of 24 students age 5 to 6, their class teacher and assistant, we walked to the forest and spent the morning outdoors. Forest school is done once a week, whatever the weather conditions are. The children walk an average of 5km each time they have Forest School. We were able to learn, observe and explore what activities can be done in the forest and how they are delivered to the students.



For our last day, we were able to observe 2 different groups of students from 2 different units. The children were presented with different types of activities and they rotate accordingly. These activities also included literacy and numeracy whilst focusing on various skills based on the phases of the NTC programme.

This job shadowing experience was very interesting and fruitful, as we have learnt new pedagogy and strategies which can be implemented in our classrooms.



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