Coordinating teacher:

Hello everyone! This is Mrs Frieda Jansen from the Strömberg School talking to you direct from Finland! With me today are fourStrömberg students who will be telling you about our school. Our first speaker is Olaf. Olaf?...

Olaf:

Um…Yes…Hello everyone, … I’m Olaf and I’m going to start with the beginning of our school day. We come to school at about 8. We all take off our coats, hats and boots and the caretaker lights a warm fire in the fire place in the hall to cheer up the pupils. Everyone shouts ‘hello’ along the corridors. We all know each other and we call our teachers by their first names. We have a great relationship with our teachers and we cooperate with them and other students. We also work with the cleaning staff, the kitchen staff, the secretary and the caretaker when we have chores to do.

Coordinating teacher:

Thank you Olaf! Now Kristen is going to tell you about classes and lessons in our school. Kristen?...

Kristen:

Hello, this is Kristen speaking! Um… well we don’t have many books and we don’t have to memorise much! Finnish and mathematics are taught in the classroom but many other lessons are done outside the classroom. For example, we have lots of workshops for magazine making, handicrafts, music, drama and science where we learn by doing things ourselves.

Coordinating teacher:

That’s right Kristen! Now Anna, could you tell us about the gym and other facilities of our school?

Anna:

Of course! There is a well-equipped gym where we exercise and train and there is also a large library where we can go to look up information for our assignments or projects. There’s also a winter garden, where we grow vegetables and plants and there are special rooms for recreation with sofas for reading and chess tables for games. The cafeteria serves free hot meals to all the students everyday and there’s also a specified area where we can do our homework or play when the school day is over, until our parents come to pick us up! Oh!... and outside there’s a large sports field that pupils are free to use for football in the summer and skating in the winter.

Coordinating teacher:

Thank you Anna. And last but not least, Jan, tell us about the responsibilities the students have.

Jan:

Well, we have quite a few chores to do, like taking care of the school plants, the aquarium and the fish, and of course our pet turtle, Pertsa! There is also the recycling programme, collecting wastepaper and working in the library. The school staff guide us in all these chores.

Coordinating teacher:

You certainly have your hands full Jan!

Jan:

Yes, indeed. I’d like to add that our school is open to the local community. Parents often come and talk to us about their jobs. We also visit places of interest or go on field trips and excursions.

Coordinating teacher:

Thank you Jan! Now let’s listen to what our Greek friends have to tell us about their school…