



BELARUSSIAN NEWS



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The Guides in Belarus have been out and about enjoying nature this autumn.:

One weekend spent time in a forest visiting what is said to be the oldest Oak in Belarus - 46mtrs high, 2mtr circumference. and which scientists from the forest institute determined is more than 800 years old. There are many more stories connected to Oak. Including if you touch the oak, it will bring good luck. The girls, with respect, hugged the oak and made wishes. As well as the hike, forest games were played, they learned to recognise traces of animal tracks participated in a game requiring them to answer 56 questions about nature, found a beaver dam, and ended the day by cooking sausages.



Another weekend was spent at a local Nature reserve, with a representative from the Republican Biological Reserve showing the girls around what is one of Europe's lowkey swamps. Anya in her description of the event said: "the girls learned about plants and birds living on the swamp, climbed a tower and listened to the silence and breathed fresh air." They also looked for bird 'life through binoculars.



On 11th October - International Girls Day - the older girls explored a map of Belarus finding out about their own Country and were tasked with translating some words on cards into English - and then writing: **50 reasons to visit Belarus.** It will be interesting to see the result!

The Association of Belarussian Guides are certainly getting themselves known and coming to the attention of organisations who have been helpful in taking the girls around places of interest and teaching them about their Country.

THANKS FOR ALL THE SUPPORT FOR THE BELARUSSIAN LINK.

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