

Viktor Goossens - 3We - diary

Tuesday, March 17

Today was the second day that I was at home instead of being at school because of the coronavirus. I thought that I could play on my Playstation all day long but my teachers were so annoying to send us lots of schoolwork. That means I've been working on my school tasks most of the day. My parents were talking about a possible lockdown tomorrow. My mum hurried to the supermarket to hoard some food. To protect herself from the virus she put on plastic gloves. Right now I'm waiting for the new government guidelines. This whole situation worries me, especially because I fear I won't be able to go out and eat fries anymore. Fries and burgers are my favourite food! I couldn't possibly stay alive without fries for several weeks!



Saturday, March 21

All this bad news on the television makes me worry. When will everything turn back to normal? When can we go to school again and see our friends? I would love to play football again at the club instead of in my backyard on my own.

What about our plans for the summer holiday? We booked our tickets for a 3-weeks trip to China months ago. Now it looks like this holiday will have to be cancelled. Will my parents lose all the money they already paid? My dad is already unemployed because of this crisis. Right now that is not yet a big problem but if this situation remains the same for several months, it will be a big problem for our family. Because my dad is self-employed he can not benefit from any of the allowances the government is offering now.

And what about my Kazou-camp with Robbe in August? We would go to Spain together but at the moment the situation in Spain looks even worse than in Belgium.



Sunday, March 22

Grr, I don't get some people. They seem to think the rules don't apply to them, as if their family members can't get sick. Some people all want to have a walk at the same park or forest all at the same moment. Or they meet in secret in some pub with the curtains closed. Are they stupid? Don't they understand that their actions are a threat to the whole population, including their own grandparents and babies? What part of "stay at home" do they not understand? I get the impression the chinese people do a much better job in listening to their government than the Belgians.

Luckily, my football club is helping us to get some distraction from our worries. Every few days we get a new challenge. Everyone gets to practice the new football trick at home and then we can film it and they post it on Instagram. It's funny to see my friends like this.



Monday, March 23

The new week starts with another bunch of schoolwork, sigh.... My parents have their own work to do and they also have to help my little brother from time to time. I wish we could just go to school and have normal lessons. On the TV you see all these people who have loads of spare time and don't know what to do with it. I don't understand that. In my house, everyone is very busy and we have less spare time than we have in normal times.

Since this morning, my mum has a soar throat and muscle pain. Let's hope this is not the beginning of the virus.

In the newspaper today I saw an italian granny of 95 years old who is cured from te virus! The doctors and nurses must be very happy to be able to save this patient. It must be hard for the health care workers to see so many people fight for their lives and there is not very much they can do to help. When someone gets better they probably have a little party to celebrate.



Saturday, March 28

Today, the sun was shining again and me, my brother and my mum made a mountainbike tour to get some exercise. We rode through fields and forests for about 25 km. We started at our house in Kemzeke and rode to Sint-Pauwels and Sint-Gillis. Along the road we counted how many walkers and cyclists we passed. We counted exactly 200 people! Apparently, corona makes people more sporty.



In the afternoon I watched a documentary called Virushunters. It was about several other epidemics, like for example Ebola-outbreaks in Africa. It showed that the actions of 1 person can have major implications for millions of others. There was a white man who was infected with Ebola but he demanded to be dismissed from the hospital. The female doctor managed to keep the patient in quarantine so was stopped from spreading the virus. This way she prevented a major disaster.

