



## MEET DANIEL

Daniel and his Mum, Tania, currently live in Buckinghamshire. They left Ukraine when the war started.

Tania is a project manager for Community Impact Bucks. Tania ran several businesses in Ukraine, the most recent focusing on physical and mental well-being.

Daniel's Dad lives in Ukraine. Daniel last saw him in January; his Dad can't get a UK visa due to his work commitments.

### LIKES

#### FOOD

- A Ukrainian sweet called Mont Blanc
- Varenyky (the Ukrainian national dish)
- Bread called pampushky

#### HOBBIES

- Lego - especially architecture
- Chess
- Computing



What would you change in the world?

"There would be no war in the world.

The second thing I would have is a superpower. I'd have all the superpowers!

I want to run, fly, be strong, be smart".

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### WHAT ARE THE MOST NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCES FOR YOU BETWEEN UK AND UKRAINE?

Ukraine has a lot of sweets! I like sweets from Ukraine very much. My favourite sweet is Mont Blanc, like a chocolate mountain. UK cooking is good, but Ukrainian food is better than all other countries! My Grandma, Mum, and I once cooked varenyky (the Ukrainian national dish) and a soup called borscht. It has carrots, beetroot, water, meat, potato, and cabbage; once we put sour cream in it, we eat it with bread. We eat bread called pampushky

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT UKRAINE?

There are lots of green parks, lots of statues and monuments.

I like the statue of Zakidach - he's a Ukrainian warrior (Zakidach - Petro Sahaidachny - a Ukrainian Cossack political and civic leader).

### HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU LEFT UKRAINE?

Bad because I have friends in the same house. I always tell my Mum we can go to Puzata Hata (an eatery - it means big belly hut). because it is really yummy! When you come to Ukraine you have to try it.

### WHAT DO YOU WISH CHILDREN WHO AREN'T FROM UKRAINE KNEW ABOUT YOU?

I would like them to learn how to cook varenyky! (it's a little like ravioli). My favourite varenyky was potato and sour cherry.

I really liked the Puzata Hata; it was my favourite cafe. There was varenyky; there were meats, salads, and macaroons. It was a buffet!

### HAVE YOU MADE NEW FRIENDS?

I have made new friends in school and other places. Now it's the holidays in the UK, but it is not the holidays in Ukraine! The longest holidays in the UK are 35 days, but in Ukraine, it's 90 days. It's all summer!