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20-25 JANUARY 2020 – WELCOME TO TURKEY

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1. We did a museum Day

We chose a theme for our thematic museum room. Our theme was "Occupations". Researching our theme in many perspectives, we decided to take one single occupation to show how occupations has evolved in time.

We have chosen barbering as barbering has been a research subject for social sciences :

1. Barbering has a deep history: While a lot of jobs have come to an end, barbering has evolved. (In past, it had functions like being a dentist, doctor and a circumciser. Those functions are taken apart now , old people, however, think that they're still the journalists and psychologists of their neighbourhoods.
2. Barbers have been a symbol of culture: Following the historical development of barbering gives us the opportunity of analyzing the cultural change of our country.
3. In our culture, barbering has an important place. Even our childhood stories begin with the riddle of "Develer tellal iken pire berber iken" .Thinking that the word "barber" is common almost in all languages, collecting pieces (songs,riddles,ads ...etc) about barbers provides us with an awareness on cultural and linguistic diversities and with a respect for eachother

And barbering only takes place in career museums. Our museum has been the first Barbering History and Culture Museum.

While studying our theme we had desk researches and paid visits to people and institutions actively working in that sector (We visited the Chamber of Barbers and signed a protocol ; we found the oldest barber of our region and made his one day a documentary)

Learning more we bought several tonsorial objects used in past and objects currently being used. We formed a unique collection of tonsorial books, comics and magazines and designed our museum room with those collections and had some tonsorial songs and our documentary played and shown in the background. After finishing physical arrangements we improved workshops regarding our theme .

1. Shave Balloons: Barbers used to choose their apprentices with the test of shaving balloons. We competed to shave the balloon to get ready for the workshops and enjoy the topic
2. Make Lip Balms and soaps : We learnt to make lip balms and soaps with some natural substances and methods. They were both put into the museum and given as a gift to their doers
3. Simulate Pictures : We tried to draw the same moustache and beard as of pictures onto our peers' faces . It was the real art.
4. What did a barber tell another Barber ? : We practised tonsorial riddles which was a big fun (Have you ever tried repeating a riddle in a different language ? You should !)

2. We did an Open Air museum Day

Our topic in Turkey was :

" How to turn objects into exhibits - open air history. Europe is huge, why should museums be small? ".

That's why we organised one lunch where you can see an open air train museum.

The Openair Train Museum (Emil, AT)

It was an amazing place where many photos with my new friends i met came to existence. The old machine were really interesting to be because of the engines and the engineering behind them. But i think that the people i met in turkey were more important. I hope i'll see you all again.



And we had a guided tour to Ephesus (the biggest open air museum in Turkey) .

For almost anyone Ephesus is one of the favourite ancient sites. So much history and beauty . It is so overwhelming. It is a must see place



It is exciting to know that once a thriving port city and home to the Apostle Paul this city had a sophisticated running water system, library, temples , baths and a population of about 250,000.

To our surprise much of the ruins, estimated 80%, are still buried but we will remember the Artemis Temple, Library of Celsus and also the amphitheater , the gates of Hercules and the stone relief of victory goddess Nike which inspired the Nike swoosh. And paved streets, houses, plumbing, courtyards and not to be missed communal toilets. And friendly CATS



Regarding our trip to Ephesus we organised a photo hunting activity and some further follow up workshops (poster activity). We turned posters and photos into an exhibition in a big area where both participant pupils and all school community can see and exchange ideas on posters to support the topic of the Turkish visit "How to turn objects into exhibits - Europe is huge, why should museums be small?"

The significance of education (Oguzhan, AT)

It was an unforgettable experience to see the ancient culture and common life. Regarding to this, the Celcus Library overwhelmed us by its architecture. But it shows us also the meaning of education - the centre of mankind.



The place of democracy (Photini, GR)

There were many moments and many pictures that I liked a lot, they all belong in my "personal museum" and it is difficult to choose one exponent... let say that the picture of our group in "Odeon" summerizes the values of our project.



Amazing view of Ephesos (Efe,AT)

It was very Incredible to see such a beautiful city with my own eyes.



I saw Ephesos only in the Internet and I Pretty much liked it, but after this trip I fell in love.

It was a very good experience and I recommend everybody to see it.

Awesome!!!

Ephesos (Hüseyin, AT)

Just beautiful! I am really impressed of Ephesos. It is a great travelling destination ,which I saw only on TV before: Then beeing there live was a special experience I will never Forget.

I think everybody should be in Ephesos for one time ,maybe more often.

Thank you Manisa!

Ephesos (Beadin, AT)

It was beautiful! Ephesus is so an Amazing Place. When our teachers spoke about ephesus their eyes was shining and i always thought they exaggerated. Now I am able to understand their enthusiasm.



It was a great experience

3. Everything was not that sweet : WE held stiff COMPETITIONS

- We had another workshop on Traditional Dances which makes some strong reference to cultural diversities and really arouses sympathy for different cultures. We , as pupils, competed with our teachers and worked our magic on traditional dances (or rather , our teachers did). Knowing that they could not beat us in modern dances, our wise teachers chose traditional dances to their advantage . When that happened, the result was inevitable. And the winner was TEACHERS - Another stiff competition was our logo competition. The winner logos of their own countries competed . We voted for our favorite logo. And the winner logo is



by Austria .

Congratulationssss.

And they say that " May all who came as guests leave as friends " They came to Turkey as our guests but left as our friends.





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- I can talk to with my European friends about several issues
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- I can trust my European peers.
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Thanks to WWW.Amuse(u)ment.EU we had visits, workshops, observations, lectures, presentations,surveys, discussions and cultural event ; we learnt, discovered, exchanged and enjoyed. We felt good , sometimes busy - absorbed in activities, relaxed, proud, safe, at peace , close and connected with each other . We felt more like each other and more European

We are pleased to share some of the impressions of our guests about their trip.

Quotes from our Italian friends:

"I was really impressed by our hosts' great hospitality: we felt as at home!"

"What was really important for me was to have torn down the mental wall between Western and Estern people based on prejudices!"

"I saw as friendship can strongly develop overcoming cultural or linguistic limits and as the lack of time is not a limit but it gives more intensity to our experiences as we recognize that a single moment is unique!"

"Travelling brings us something new always and it changes us. These days inspired me to do my best as they did for us. We'll try to do the same when they will come in Italy and to make them feel as at home without any fear to be a great and united family!"

" Sharing with the other it is not always easy, expecially if they have different culture and life style, but it is a stimulus to find sharing view; this is a necessary skill to be part of a society!"

"Especially, I'll remember of Y..., who always showed us his cultural traditions and taught me to smile more often and to be grateful for what I have!"

We had a wonderful time:!!!
A colorful experience !!!
Our hosts wonderful people very warm and openhearted



team Italy <3
We are really grateful, don't forget us.

Vaughn Hochheimer

A lot of good impressions! Beeing in Turkey is so much fun! I'm getting to know a lot of new people, all friendly and nice! Only car drivers are insane... :D

KONSTANTINA TSENE

It was very nice. First of all we enjoyed the hospitality, the local food similar to greek and the gathering of all the partners. We have to admit that our hosts helped a lot to "overcome cultural or linguistic limits"...



my friends (Aspa, GR)

I miss all of you guys i hope to see you again!! Thank you for your hospitality, you gave us a great time in Manisa!!!ε> It was for me an unforgettable experience.I will never forget all the moments ,we had passed with you guys ε> We will meet you next October in our school in Greece. Thank you for that epic time you gave me in turkey. I hope all of you stay healthy! ☺



Alain Delon of Turkey (Annie, GR)

An unexpected meeting with a unique person of Manisa... sharing the common culture of donner...

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