

## School life

Hello friends,

This year our school participates as a partner in Comenius program. A group of students and teachers visited the city of Eskishehir in Turkey for the period of 25-30 November. In this first mobility of the project were involved Mr Krassimir Angelov- Principal of the school, Mrs Polyana Mandulova- English teacher, and the students from sixth grade: Tsvetina Stoyanova, Miryana Todorova, Angel Tetimov, Victoria Shindova, Ivan Dikolakov, Jem Abaz, Christina Kjullieva, Vesselina Stoimenova, and Nicky Vladov.

The theme of the first meeting of the project partners was "Hear the voice of Nature". In this context, the Bulgarian group met and briefed representatives of other countries, namely Turkey, Spain- the city of Toro ( the region of Castile and Leon ) and the UK- Nelson City (near Lancashire ). Our students were able to present their country Bulgaria, Bulgarian traditions and customs, the town of Plovdiv, and our school. They were introduced to the students and teachers at Fahri Gunay School which hosted the event. Various issues related to the main theme were discussed.

The program of the project provided for visiting various attractions. The children visited the Archaeological Museum, the Museum of Glass and the Museum of City History, the Mausoleum of Ataturk in Ankara, the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, the Odunpazari houses, the Kursunlu Mosque and the complex, Aladdin park, the Said Gaazi Mosque and the complex, the Midas Rock Complex, The Borax mines and their manufacturing center, the Garden of Japanese culture, the Faculty of Fine Arts at Anadolu University, Haller Youth Centre, the Cocatepe Mosque, the Park of Science and Arts, the Planetarium.

The visit to our southern neighbour was the most emotional for the students who made friends with their peers from the very beginning and remained inseparable with them till the end. The Math lessons and Turkish Language lessons were very interesting. In the Turkish Language lessons the children watched Turkish representation of Turkish life through a puppet show. The most exciting was the visit of the lesson "Ebru Art" - painting on water, where the sixth graders created their own paintings.

In relation to the main theme of the project- environmental protection, the hosts from the Turkish school demonstrated how they use recycled materials in environmental care. As an expression of the general will of nature conservation all participants planted the "Tree of Comenius."

Throughout our students practiced their English as it was the working language of the visit. For all of us it was an exciting and memorable experience.

Polyana Mandulova- English teacher

## Children's art

### Colours of autumn

It was now October, and autumn was knocking on my door. The streets of the big pulsating city were covered with a carpet of leaves. Season gently revealed its colorful dye filled with warm shades. The sun peeked shyly over the hills of my town in the mornings. It was shining, but there were not the hot summer rays I knew, but soft autumn shimmer. The wind was swinging the last dry leaves on the trees, ready to hit the ground to join their companions. I was walking slowly. I could hear the rustle of dead leaves under my feet, as if they were whispering something. Maybe they shared their memories of summer. I enjoyed the wonderful scenery. It could be neither described nor drawn but only stored as a beautiful emotion. Fewer and fewer people could be met around.

I bent over and took a seemingly simple leaf. In itself it hid many secrets. Any color, from which it was made, was a new world, somewhat different and unusual. It was no longer so young and deep green. Over time it had been tinted in pastel colors and the many things it had seen would go with it.

Along with autumn usually occurred the first warm rains. A drop of water fell on my cheek. This was a sign that it would soon rain and it was now time to go home. From the window of my room I was thoughtfully watching the autumn dance.

Martina Garabedian - 7a class