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Comenius Project Xanthi, Greece

Think Greece, think hot sun, clear skies, golden beaches and crystal clear waters. Not on this trip. The party of five who arrived at Thessaloniki airport en route for Xanthi were met by gale force winds, driving rain, sleet and snow. Welcome to sunny Greece!

Our freezing cold arrival was soon warmed by the welcome from our host teacher for the week, Aliko. She quickly arranged for our transfer to the spectacular hotel we were staying in for the night, right on the

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sea front of the ancient city of Thessaloniki. Following a lovely meal in a very stylish and popular restaurant next to the hotel, we retired to our beds, preparing to take on the world the following day.

Come morning the views from our hotel balconies were spectacular with bright sunshine on crystal blue waters for as far as the eye could see. Greece had delivered. Aliko met us at the hotel reception and took us on a guided tour of this ancient port. What was once a very busy docklands area had been developed into a fantastic promenade environment designed to be enjoyed by both residents and visitors through walking, cycling, fishing, sitting or running. We made the most of it!



In the afternoon, we went by public transport to the town of Xanthi, a journey of two hours through spectacular coastal scenery against a backdrop of snow capped mountains.

We checked into our lovely hotel in Xanthi and had an evening sampling the delights of this lovely little town. We also discovered a fantastic little tavern at the end of our street.

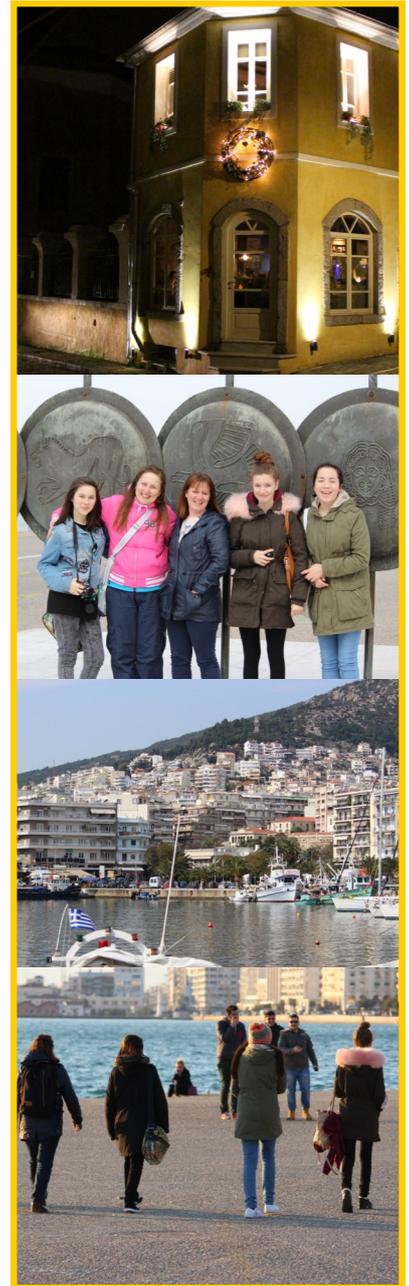


Sunday saw us doing a bit of sightseeing before meeting up with the other groups of pupils and staff from Turkey, Denmark, Greece and Romania. Following a very warm reception, Copley students departed with their host families. These moments are always tinged with uncertainty and apprehension. This occasion was no different. However, generous hospitality and a real concern to make visitors feel welcome shone through and the seeds were sown for the creation of some



The programme for the week saw staff and pupils working together on occasion and at other times they followed separate itineraries as they tried to understand the cultural and historical influences that have shaped Xanthi and the school community.

Days were full and busy and so were the evenings, with a wide range of activities being arranged throughout the week. Two activities were particularly memorable. First, a night trek up into the mountains in the company of mountain guides. On arrival at our destination we discovered telescopes had been set up for us all to watch a night sky that we've NEVER seen in the UK. Having access to hot drinks and snacks whilst we watched also made it that extra bit special. Secondly, our final night in Xanthi and closing celebrations was equally memorable. The food, laughter, Greek dancing and to witness how far many individuals had travelled in cementing friendships with people from five countries across Europe, whilst working on the project was exceptional. The fantastic sense of community being shared by parents, stu-



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All too quickly another fantastic week had come to an end. Tremendous experiences being had by all involved and the boundaries regarding the understanding, tolerance and what it is to be European being extended.

Mr Boyle Assistant Head





Copley pupils are superheroes!

On Friday 15th May all across Greater Manchester superheroes came together to celebrate Key 103's Cash for Kids Superhero Day.

The annual event saw hundreds of heroes don their masks to raise money for kids around the region. This year the charity has pledged to raise £100,000 for Beechwood Cancer Care to sup-

port an existing child bereavement service which will allow them to significantly increase the number of children and families that they are able to support.

The Beechwood child bereavement service operates across Greater Manchester. Any family can use this free counselling service. In the eventuality that a parent has to tell a child that

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someone has a terminal illness, this service is there to support the child through that process. It also works to support children who have lost a family member through other tragic circumstances. The £100,000 will be enough to support the service for three years. The further support and raised profile Beechwood receive as a result of the campaign will enable them to self-fund thereafter.

Key 103 Breakfast presenters, Mike and Chelsea, made a flying visit to Copley Academy as they arrived in a helicopter along with footballing legend Phil Neville and Coronation Street star Brooke Vincent to get involved in the school's fundraising activities.

Copley pupils wore Superhero

t-shirts and colours as part of a non-uniform day, each making a donation to the cause. Mr Aitken set up a superhero photo booth in the LRC whilst pupils created superhero stories as part of a school competition. As part of the wider campaign Superhero Day will create a legacy that has the potential to support over 200 additional children a year.

Angela Gray Fundraising Manager for Beechwood said “We’re thrilled and excited to have been chosen as the beneficiary of Key 103’s Cash for Kids Superhero Day. We’re a small charity doing a massive job and thanks to the support of Superhero Day we’ll be able to support more children when their life is at its most traumatic.

There can be nothing worse than having to tell your child that you are going to die, to explain that someone isn’t coming back, our team help families find the words. With your help we will be able to make a huge difference.”

Chelsea from the Key103 Mike & Chelsea Breakfast Show said “This year we’re helping a charity that’s very close to my heart, it’s an extremely stretched service but with your help we’re hoping to help more children than ever before.”

Miss Atkin Community Engagement Co-ordinator

Wall of Memories

On Thursday 7th May the Copley Charity Committee went to New Charter Housing Trust offices to create a Wall of Memories to raise money towards the Key 103 Superhero Day.

Staff at New Charter Housing paid £1 (or more in many cases!)

per butterfly and wrote on it the name of a loved one they'd lost, a happy memory or wishes of good luck to loved ones battling illness.

In total they raised £108.



Well done Holly Walker, who submitted a fantastic piece of homework this half term. Mrs McIntosh was so impressed with Holly’s poem she submitted it to be published in the Copley Voice.

Tantallon Castle

A lonely widow there she grieves,
upon a bed of tears,
a history of battles fought,
through time, through life,
through years,
the birds that circle overhead,
like vultures for their prey,
her walls are broke
like her heart,
her dark rooms see
no day.

The human life has long since gone,
now only echoes
through the halls,
the whispers
through the tall
dark tower,

at night you hear her calls.

The salty air that rises up,
encrusts the walls around her,
and here she stands for years
to come,
with seasons yet to conquer.

Holly Walker 7EH





Maths challenge

Jasmin Graham, Aarzo Hussein, Tom Singleton-Kelly and Ethan Moss represented Copley Academy at the UKMT maths challenge at Manchester Grammar school. They took part in puzzle rounds, cross numbers and relays in order to try and win a place at the final in London. Unfortunately they didn't win but they managed a respectable 28th out of 37. The winners were Manchester Grammar.



Art class at Holme Lea care home



Year 9 prefects Kieran Wilkinson, Hannah Combs, Arzo Hussain and Ayesha Patel visited Holme Lea Care home in Stalybridge to help a group elderly people suffering from dementia to do some paintings in preparation for a national care home arts and crafts

open day in June. They helped six ladies and gentlemen to do paintings which will be exhibited next month. The residents really enjoyed their company and are looking forward to them visiting again.

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Copley's Music, Art and Drama society

Copley's most recent M.A.D production *Bugsy Malone* was a big hit! Both nights sold out in record time with extra seats laid out by our very own beloved Master of Ceremonies, Mr English. The production was so much fun to take part in and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The cast would like to thank Mr Leitheiser for his continued support and diligent direction throughout the preparation leading up to the



production. Special thanks to Miss Lundberg for her mesmerising musical direction and Mr Kowalski for his prowess on the titillating trombone.

Well done to everyone involved. We look forward to starting the next production, which we are sure we be equally successful.

If you are interested in joining Copley's M.A.D society please come to room 24 every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime.

Rebecca Stewart and Mr Leitheiser Head of Drama



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