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26th 2023 March

Dear diary,

After a very long day, we finally arrived in Izmir yesterday. We reached our destination after we had slept on the train and waited for long, tiring hours in the airport. I have waken up late this morning to my teachers' annoyance, but we have had a wonderful day visiting Izmir.

What did I like the most? Kultur Park, obviously. The place is filled with plants- 7709 species of plants and trees. I was intrigued by a pineapple-shaped tree. There wasn't any information about it but it looked very special.

The Clock Tower is another sight which is worth seeing. It is pretty high and there are a lot of street venders trying to sell seeds for the visitors to feed the pigeons. Kemeralti Mosque is nearby, very tiny from what I thought it would be, though the Muslims still go inside and pray.

Now I am back at the hotel and I am working on the selection of the photos taken today and writing a text for the school's Facebook page.

See you tomorrow!



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27th March 2023

Dear Diary,

Breakfast time!!!. Bagels, cheese, butter, eggs, olives, cucumbers and tomatoes, honey and cream cheese. Yummmy!!!.



After half an hour, the bus came and took us to school. There the school principal and the teachers welcomed us with food. We sat down at the table and started eating. The food there was very good, but also very different from ours.

After we had lunch, a teacher led us to the theater room. For the first time, the children welcomed us with a theater show. It was very interesting and also funny. Then followed several children who played different instruments such as flute, guitar and voice. I really liked how they sang. I could see how much effort they put effort into their work.

After the hours spent at school, we returned to the hotel. We had dinner and then started working on the project for the school platform.

See you tomorrow!

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28th March 2023



Dear diary,

Today we have been introduced in the Ebru painting technique.

It was a bit complicated at first, but I managed. I really liked drawing using this technique. It was very interesting.

After the drawing lesson we were asked to split and were sent to different classws. I attended Math and Science lessons. I found both classes interesting, but I think I liked the Math class more. After the two hours we all met again and had Sports together.

After the warm-up exercises we played volleyball, football and basketball. I liked volleyball the most. We played in a group and it was a lot of fun.

After that, we said goodbye to the children and left for the hotel. We took a shower and rested for a little.

In the evening we went for a walk on the main avenue, when we went back to the hotel it was already dark.

We worked on the project and then we went to bed.

Tell you more tomorrow!

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29th March 2023



Dear diary,

We started our day with a delicious Turkish breakfast and then we met our mates for one - day trip to Ephesus.

The guide explained more about the places were going to see on our way.

The first stop was at The House of Virgin Mary, later turned into a chapel.

Ephesus was an ancient place which was destroyed by several earthquakes. We visited the Temple of Artemis, the Temple of Hadrian and many others. My favourite was the Library, one of the most impressive buildings in the Roman Empire.

Our final stop was in Şirince Village, a traditional Turkish village. The next place we. We walked through the small village and were amazed by the houses there. They were all painted in white and the streets were very narrow, but everything looked neat and welcoming.

It took us almost two hours to get back to Izmir, and I fell asleep.

In the evening, we worked on our projects for the next day.

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30th March 2023

Dear diary,

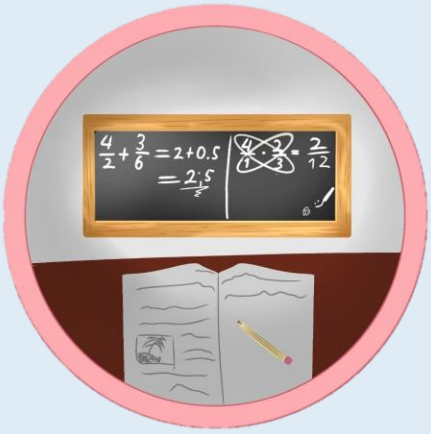
We went to school in the morning where we had to do a project about the places we had visited the previous day. We worked in teams which was fun and exciting.

I drew the flags of Romania and Turkey. It took our team a little bit longer, but it was worth it. Our project turned out very nicely and it was a pleasant experience to work together with our Turkish peers.

After I had finished the project, I went out in the school yard and talked to the children there.

I made new friends and played games together. We had 2 classes of Maths about the algebraic expressions - we did lots of exercises.

In the evening we had dinner at a fine place on the beach.



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31st March 2023

Dear diary,

It was our last day at Talatpasha School. I socialized with my Turkish colleagues, we talked about the Erasmus program and the opportunities it offers to the students. We talked about the school in Romania, about our favourite school subjecta and the time we spent in Izmir.

We all got so emotional when we said goodbye to our hosts, who were so kind and hospitable.

The 7 days spent in Izmir were perhaps the most beautiful days of my life!

Thank you Erasmus+ for this wonderful experience! I could see how wonderful the people around us are and how much we have to learn from each other.

I made new friends and learned a lot about the Turkish culture and school education. I will really miss Izmir!



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