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The first two days in Izmir were dedicated to exploring Turkey's third most populated city. The Konak area was the starting point of our tour.The Konak area is well known for its touristic sights such as Konak Square, Konak Pier and the Clock Tower.
The Kültürpark which is huge (420000 m²) is a natural sanctuary for 7709 species of trees.
The Kemeraltı Mosque with its outer yellow-pink walls and its turquoise interior is one of the most beautiful sights of the city.
It was a great day and we enjoyed this amazing experience.

28th March

Talatpaşa School in Izmir, our host school, welcomed us with great warmth. We were greeted by the headmaster and the teaching staff. The students welcomed us with traditional songs, dances and dishes. They performed a traditional dance called Zeybek for us.
The school was involved in another Erasmus project and we had the chance to meet students from Macedonia, France, Italy and ..... Romania.
I can't wait for the next days.



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29th March

The day was dedicated to Art of painting. We were introduced in the Ebru style of painting, a traditional Turkish art, known as marbling, of creating colourful patterns using dyes, a water-based solution, and a set of unique tools.



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After creating some wonderful "works of art" we went back to school and joined our Turkish peers in Science, P.E. and Math classes. The Geometry lesson was a bit challenging, but interesting and then we enjoyed playing football with the Turkish students.



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30th March

We were invited to attend a History lesson on a documentation trip to Ephesus, an ancient city, near Izmir. On the way the guide told us about the history of Ephesus which in ancient times was called aflourishing town. Our first visit was to the house of Virgin Mary. Then, we went to Ephesus, founded in the 4th century by the Greeks. We were impresed by its baths, fountains and monumental ruins: the Temple of Hadrian, the Great Theatre or the remains of the famous Temple of Artemis, the Greek goddess of Moon.



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31st March

Today, the first 2 hours were dedicated to a project about our Erasmus experience in Izmir. Then, we participated in 2 Math classes, each of them was 40 minutes long. We improved our Algebra skills by applying algebraic concepts to real-world situations, such as budgeting or calculating distances. Before leaving, we thanked our hosts for their kindness.



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1st April



It was our last day in Talatpaşa School in Izmir. In the last 7 days we learned a lot about the Turkish educational system and a interesting culture. We ate traditional food like manti, mercimek, lokum and sarma. We had classes but we also had a good time playing games with the Turkish students. It was a special opportunity to meet students of our age from other countries.

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It was a unique experience, and we all wish to



come here again.



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