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Au revoir!

By Miss. Ebertz 14th November 2014 11:06 pm

Year 6 have had an exhausting week, but a fantastic experience: we travelled up to the 2nd stage of the Eiffel Tower, where we saw outstanding views of the Paris skyline; visited the Notre Dame and saw beautifully stained glass windows; we explored the Rue De Mouffetard Market to buy our own lunch with our fluent French; and had an amazing time at the Louvre, with fascinating facts provided by Mr Hilton, as well as a chance to see the famous painting: 'Mona Lisa'.

Today we have been travelling all morning on the coach with tired children. When we finally got on the ferry, after it had been delayed for three hours, there were some funny moments with friends and teachers. Joke; Why are French chefs so cruel? Because they whip cream! It was quite a boring stage of the journey, however there were loads of games like Uno and 50 things to do on a plane to keep us occupied.

We are very excited about getting home and seeing our beloved ones! The most important thing we need to do is say a BIG THANK YOU to: Miss Roberts and Miss Ebertz for planning this trip for us; Mr Beckett (our old headteacher) for accompanying us on the trip and giving fantastic tours; and Mr Hilton, Mrs Durkin and Mrs Darnbrough for looking after us.

FINALLY, we are here in England, back at home!

Au revoir Paris et a bientôt.

This blog was brought to you by Grace, Abbie and Louise.

The Palace of Versailles

13th November 2014 9:09 pm

Today we finally had a sleep in because we have normally been woken up at 6:15 am! Today we woke up at 7:30 am. We started the day of with a delicious breakfast before setting off to the Palace of Versailles for a full day's trip. Mr Becket kindly gave us a tour of the palace that King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette lived in before they were unfortunately executed by the guillotine. We found out that King Louis had a huge canal in his garden that was made in his honour.

Mr Beckett told us that Marie Antoinette read a book that said ordinary people were shepherds so she and her friends built a village of small houses called the Hamlet where they enjoyed themselves dressed as ordinary people. Marie Antoinette and

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King Louis had three children who didn't have to go to school, but were taught by a private tutor who came to the palace. With no other children around they got very bored and so Louis and Marie Antoinette built the Petite Trianon and the Grand Trianon. The petite Trianon belonged to Marie Antoinette and we found out that Queen Elizabeth II would sometimes come and stay there with her sister and her parents when she was younger. When we were inside the Petite Trianon we found out that Marie Antoinette could play the harp and the piano. In her garden she had the temple of love in the middle of an island. In the temple of love the roof has beautiful flower patterns carved in and in the centre stands a statue of the god of love, Eros.

In June 1789 a big crowd of women surrounded the King's gates demanding entry. The guards refused to shoot the mob and shortly after the women persuaded the guards to allow them to enter. We actually stood where the mob marched yelling for the king. The king and queen heard the noise and in Marie Antoinette's bedroom there is a secret door where she attempted to escape. Eventually the mob found a way in and they caught Marie Antoinette and took her to prison while King Louis XVI was unfortunately executed.

Later on in our trip we made a visit to the Tennis Court where the commoners had their own National Assembly and swore the Tennis Court Oath. We saw a huge copy of a painting which shows the National Assembly being held. Mr Becket told us that nothing in the Tennis Court has been changed since.

After our dinner we went to Montmartre, had a fantastic view over Paris by night and visited the beautiful cathedral of Sacre Coeur.

We really enjoyed our last day and have to pack our suitcases now...

By Cieron and Maddison

Exploring Paris.

By Miss. Ebertz 12th November 2014 9:33 pm

Another early day for year 6 in Paris. We had another amazing breakfast at 6:45am this morning with pain au chocolat and French pancakes. We then went to the market to buy our dinner and we had to order everything on our own. We spoke French, learnt new words and enjoyed the atmosphere of a French market.

We then went to the Musee Orsay where we learnt lots about Impressionist Art. Miss Ebertz was the expert and she taught us about Impressionist painters like Monet and Renoir. We then went to the Eiffel Tower and had a lot of fun. In the gift shop we bought presents for family and friends. Did you know that the Eiffel Tower flashes silver every hour at night?

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We went for our tea at an Italian restaurant where we ate some delicious food. Then we went to the largest museum in the world - the Louvre. We were lucky to see the most famous painting in the world- the Mona Lisa. We also discovered amazing sculptures such as the Victory of Samothrace and the Venus of Milo.

We are excited about our visit to Versailles tomorrow.

This blog was brought to you by Callum.

Bonjour!

11th November 2014 9:43 pm

Today we got up very early and had a really nice breakfast, to set us up for our first full day in Paris. First we went to see the amazing Centre Pompidou and we drew some sketches of the unusual structure with its outside pipes and stairways. It was really nice and sunny and we walked past the Hotel de Ville which is the town hall, to the Ile de la Cite. We could spot the bell towers of Notre Dame from a distance and were amazed by the fantastic gargoyles and figures that decorate the whole cathedral. Inside Notre Dame we saw huge colourful stained glass windows and learned a lot about the history of the cathedral and Victor Hugo's Hunchback of Notre dame.

We explored the picturesque flower markets and enjoyed our lunch in a little garden on the Ile de la Cite.

In the afternoon we went to the Conciergerie one of twenty one prisons during the French Revolution, where Marie Antoinette was under house arrest before she was executed by the supporters of the Revolution.

After a delicious meal at an Italian Restaurant we did a 'Paris by Night' tour on the coach and Mr Beckett told us some amazing facts about the most important sights of Paris. We saw the illuminated Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and the Arc de Triomphe.

Back at the hotel we are tired, but really looking forward to going up the Eiffel Tower tomorrow!