

A SCHOOL TRIP TO SCOTLAND

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Utazásunk elején arra kértük a tanulókat, hogy hazaérkezés után válasszanak ki egy fotót, amellyel valami olyasmit örökítettek meg, amit a legmeglepőbbnek, legfurcsábbnak, legváratlanabbnak vagy legemlékezetesebbnek találtak az utazás során. Az alábbiakban a kiválasztott fényképeket és a hozzájuk fűzött magyarázatokat tekinthetik meg az érdeklődők. Bár nem volt kikötés, hogy angolul írják meg választásuk történetét, a nagy többség a kirándulás szelleméhez igazodva megcsillantotta idegen nyelvi tudását, ezzel is bizonyítva az út sikerét.

Mikor azon gondolkoztam, hogy mi az a hely, ami leginkább eltér a megszokott környezetemtől, rögtön a skóciai felföld jutott eszembe. Pontosabban a Glencoe-szoros, ez volt a legkülönlegesebb. Az út során nagyon zavart, hogy minden város tömve volt turistákkal. A völgyben viszont teljes mértékben egyedül voltunk. Edinburgh zajos belvárosát pedig felváltották a hatalmas hegyek, amik minden hangot elnyeltek. Az egész napos rohanás és sorban állás okozta stresszt átvette a nyugodtság érzése. Jó volt kicsit megállni, a pillanatnak élni és próbálni megjegyezni a völgy minden egyes részletét. (Ádám Zsófia 8.B)



This picture was taken when we walked by a 3 floor tall bicycle parking lot in Amsterdam. It was really interesting to see that many of them. (Ádány Balázs 8.A)



I chose this picture, because it perfectly describes (in my opinion) the natural Scottish feeling. Cloudy, a little bit sunny weather, fresh green grass and old stones. In one picture.

(Árvai Zita 9.A)



Ebből az útból számomra nagyon nehéz kiemelni bármit is, jó akár rossz oldalról is. Ez az egész kirándulás olyan nekem, mintha egy álom lett volna, és nagyon nagy örömmel tölt el, hogy ilyen szép helyekre jutottam el. Ám van számomra egy hely, ami felemás érzéseket kelt bennem. Ez pedig nem más, mint a London Eye. Sajnos, az óriáskerék előtt egy nagyon hosszú, kígyózó sor állt. Itt eltöltöttünk legalább egy másfél órát, aminek örülhettünk, hogy csak ennyi lett, mivel Máthé Ildikó tanárnő elintézte, hogy a jegyüknél egy korábbi időpontban menjünk fel. A hosszú sorbaállás után végre feljutottunk, ahol egy bámulatba ejtő látvány tárult elénk. A várost 135 méter magasból szemlélhettük. Ez a kilátás mindössze fél órán át tárult elénk, amit nagyon sajnálok, mivel ezt akár egész nap is képes lettem volna nézni. A hosszú sorbaállás miatt sajnós nem volt felhőtlen az örömöm, mivel én hosszabb

időre számítottam, amit a magasban fogunk tölteni. De az a gyönyörű kilátás mindenért kárpótolt. Összességében nagyon örülök, hogy feljutottam „London Szemére”, hiszen nem biztos, hogy még egyszer lesz ilyen gyönyörű kilátásban részem. (Balis Dominik 8.B)

I chose this picture because Hub is the most beautiful cathedral I've ever seen in my life. While we were walking on Royal Mile, we stopped to take some photographs of this amazing church. Unfortunately, we weren't able to go inside. Hub was my absolute favourite building during this trip.

(Bán Noémi 8.A)



Amsterdam - When we arrived and I saw with my own eyes that there were really a lot of bicycles there, I was already captivated by the city, and it is because I really like riding a bike and when it is possible and the time is right, I love to go out. On our way to the city, Erika (our guide) said that there were more than one million bikes in Amsterdam, but then I didn't realise how big number is that, and what it really meant, but when we walked by a bicycle parking lot, I understood everything and it really amazed me. This whole trip was truly amazing but if I had to choose the most memorable part of it, this would be it.

(Bodor Milán 9.A)



Én nem kedvenc képpel, hanem kedvenc videóval készültem. Nekem egész London nagyon tetszett, a sok kultúra találkozása egy helyen, a gyönyörű építészeti megoldások, a felhőkarcolók. A videó a sebességével szerintem azt is jól szemlélteti, hogy Londonban sosincs pihenés, megállás, ami személy szerint nekem nagyon szimpatikus. (Börönte Bence 9.B)

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I am going to talk about the most interesting monument of my trip in England. First I found it difficult to point out only one thing but then a sculpture came to my mind. It's really special as it is made of knives. Moreover, it's not only spectacular but it also has a serious meaning. Every single knife of it was used by a criminal in the past and all of them had a victim. It's hard to even think about how horrible it could have been for the relatives of the victims. And I really hope that the criminals paid for their sin. I decided to choose this one because of its deep meaning. It's hard to think about how bad crime is in our world and how many lives had been taken uselessly before this statue was built. I think that was the purpose of the artist who created it. This experience was unforgettable and I'm sure I'm gonna go back one day and check it out again.

(Börönte Kitti 7.A)

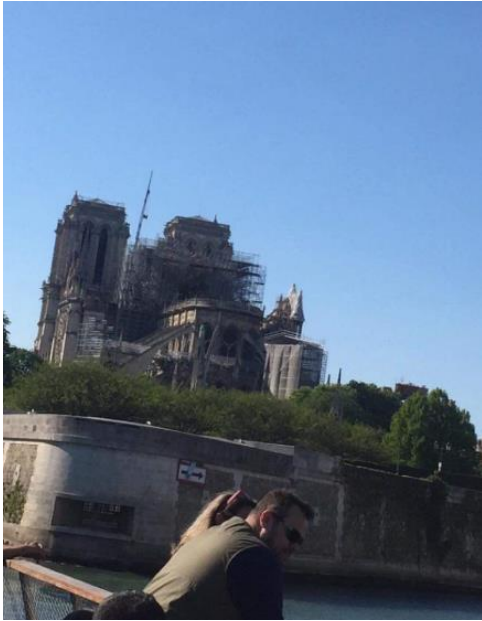




Even though the weather was really bad, Scotland was my favourite place. This is Glencoe, a very- very beautiful place that I cannot really just describe with words. I think everyone should visit this place at least once in their life.
(Borza Botond 9.B)



My best experience was the ferry. The ferry was very big; there were a lot of things: cinema, restaurants, cafés, shops, etc. I watched the sunset with my classmates. The view was incredibly beautiful. We had fun during the voyage. We slept in a cabin, although the cabin was tiny, but it was okay. In the morning we had breakfast and it was delicious. The ferry rocked all the time and it was a bit weird and unusual, but it wasn't scary. What I regretted that we didn't see dolphins and sea-dogs. Maybe next time. ☺ So many thanks to the Organisers, it was unforgettable experience.
(Bulla Jázmin 10.B)

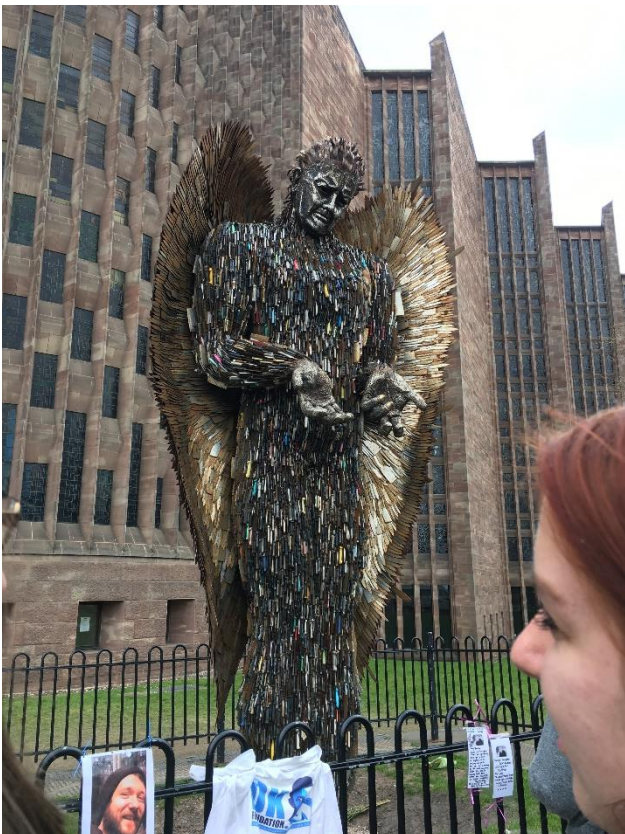


(Csikai Virág 8.A)

These pictures show the burned down Notre-Dame. That was the saddest thing during the trip because it burned down a few days earlier than when we arrived in Paris. It will be rebuilt but it's not the same, we can't see the old Notre-Dame. When we were on a boat trip on the Seine we just saw the remains but it was beautiful.



Knife Angel



This statue was made by artist Alfie Bradley at the British Ironworks Centre, in 2017. Before Coventry it was displayed in Liverpool and Hull. Now it's in Coventry, in front of the new, modern cathedral. It's the monument against violence and aggression. The 8m tall Angel sculpture is made from 100.000 blades. In England and Wales there were exactly 21.484 offences. This is the highest number since 2009. There are some pictures of the young people on the bar who died by knives. For me it's very interesting and a little bit frightening. That's why I chose this picture.

(Dér Olivér 8.B)



It amazed me that such a gorgeous piece of art was created from weapons. – Blair Castle
(Fragó Dóra 11.B)

A kedvenc képem a Coventryben látható “Knife Angel”-ről készült, mert az embernek két különböző ok miatt tetszhet. Először is, láthatóan egy elég egzotikus szobor. Nem sok olyan építménnyel találkozhat az ember, ami több ezer késből készült. A másik ok pedig a rejtett jelentése, amit szimbolizál. Mivelhogy ez a szobor az Angliában hatalmas mennyiségű erőszakra, pontosabban a késekkel való erőszakra hívja fel a figyelmet és sok másik szimbolikus művészi kreálmánnyal ellentétben az átlag ember is nagyon könnyen észre tudja venni a párhuzamot a testtartás és az arckifejezés miatt. Ezen ok miatt ez volt az a látványosság, ami a coventry-i kitérőt nekem emlékezetessé tette.

(Fragó Tamás 9.A)

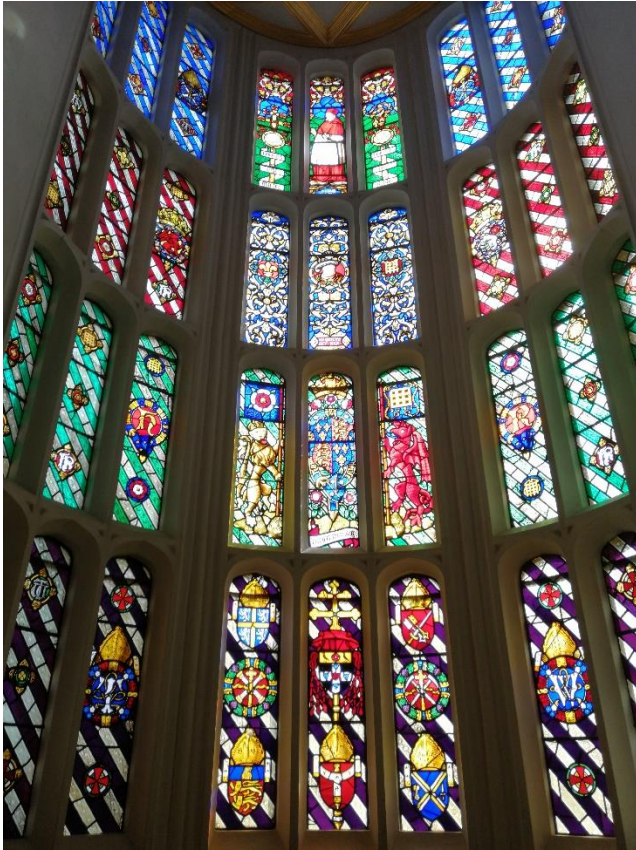




It is very friendly because of the last sentence. This is a very old cannon and it deserves very much respect for what it has done. (Farkas Lilla 11.B)

This statue made a big impression on me. It was built in Coventry, next to the famous cathedral. Its real name is 'Knife Angel' but it is also known as the statue of knives. It is a sorrowful angel made of knives, a monument against violence and aggression. It was built in 2017, not a long time ago. Every single knife that is in the statue took a young or older, clever or untaught but most importantly innocent human's precious life. Around the monument were a lot of subtitles on the ground, every one of them said: „Do not take anyone's life!". It is a sad part of the beautiful Coventry, but it belongs to the town's history and unfortunately to its present. This angel is a proof of human cruelty but at the same time evidence of the desire for a better world. (Fehér Enikő 10.B)





The most colourful picture. These stained glass windows you can find in Hampton Court Palace in London. I like such windows because they make the room special and the motives seem to say something.
(Gaál Adrienn 8.A)

My most shocking experience in Coventry

This trip was an amazing and instructive experience for all of us. I learned a lot of things about other nationalities, and saw how different life could be in a foreign country. For me, the most memorable thing was this box, which I saw in Pool Meadow Bus Station, Coventry. It was in a public toilet, and at first, I didn't even recognize it. Then I realized that it was a part of the needle exchange programme. The needle and syringe programme (NSP) is a social service that allows injecting drug users to obtain hypodermic needles and associated paraphernalia at little or no cost. It is based on the philosophy of harm reduction that attempts to reduce the risk factors for diseases such as HIV/AIDS and hepatitis. This memory is lasting for me because at that point I realized that Britain is much more advanced than Hungary. I have never seen such a thing in any bus station in Hungary, but it should be widely disseminated. The British are exceedingly open-minded, care about these people and try to help them. Eventually, this whole trip and experience opened my eyes in a lot of ways, and I think I have become more empathic and open-minded.

(Giblák Adél 10.A)





The whole trip was amazing as it was, making choosing one thing that was the most memorable a real difficulty for me. It's possible that I'll never have the chance to get to these places ever again, so I'm extremely thankful for being able

to be part of all this. At the end, I picked London Eye, as I was quite surprised when first seeing it. I didn't know how tall it exactly was, so I thought it would be much smaller. Even though the cabins were made of mostly glass, it felt really safe up there since we were moving really slowly, so I wasn't afraid of the height at all, as I expected I would be. So it's safe to state that London Eye was one of my favourites... well, excluding the queuing.

(Györke Noémi 9.A)

This is Hampton Court Palace, Greater London, England. I chose this palace because the garden was calm and one of the most beautiful places I have ever been to. When I walked into the palace as if I went back to the past.

(Herczeg Nelli 8.A)



One of the most interesting things that I saw was this three-storey parking garage in Amsterdam. It is incredible how many people use bicycle to go to work or just to travel in the city, this picture is the evidence. There are a lot of cyclists on the streets. If they didn't use bicycle, there would be much more air pollution. It's good to see that they care about their environment. It is against the climate change. It would be great if we also used our bicycles here in Hungary. Hopefully, this way of travelling will be also very popular here soon.



(Herczeg Zsanett 11.B)

The most unforgettable memory

I had the piece of luck to attend a wonderful trip with my school. We travelled by bus so 4 days after the arrival we finally arrived in Scotland which was our main destination.

In that magnificent country we spent our first day with exploring the historical capital, Edinburgh.

After seeing the castle, we had an opportunity to discover the special city on our own. Some of my friends and me decided to go somewhere to eat, because by that time we had been hungry for hours and although we enjoyed the sights so much our stomach couldn't be stuffed with them. After a few minutes of walking we finally found a place to eat at.

The outside look of the restaurant was really great so we hoped the food would be at least as fine. By the time we walked in an indescribable smell hit my nose and I immediately knew it was the perfect place to eat. When I got the menu card I was as happy as a child when he is taken to the toy store.



20 minutes later, when the waitress came with my order, my happiness was endless. My first look at the 400g double-patty hamburger with caramelized onions, blue cheese and the BBQ shredded chicken special mixture between the beef was the most special moment of that day, but probably of the year as well. It was such a beauty that I could hardly eat, but of course after the first bite the burger became irresistible. Every piece was a piece of heaven.

You might think eating that perfection was the most incredible and unforgettable memory for me but you are wrong, because after I finished eating my super lovely friend told me my meal was on her. (Ipacs Kornél 10.A)



My favorite picture in the whole trip was made in Hampton Court. I always loved the beautiful, huge gardens and specific plants. When I saw the amazing garden from the castle's window, I was amazed. I had never seen such an enormous arbor before.
(Iván Molli 9.A)

I not only chose this picture because it shows how much inequality there once was in our society, but because it also shows what a lavish lifestyle the ruling class lived in that era. I've been lucky enough to go to London several times, but this is by far my favorite place so far. The picture doesn't give back the never-ending feeling the garden had. Hampton Court Palace's garden had countless numbers of trees, and each and every one of them was trimmed the same height from the ground. This is such a tiny detail in the overall picture, but I can confidently say that it had a huge impact on me. This small detail which I'm sure the gardeners did on purpose, made you able to see every square inch of the garden from anywhere you were standing, and how little of this incredible place you have seen. After my friends and I were done with our little garden tour, we went over to the park which is left to the main building of Hampton Court (as the locals would call it). After all these magnificent places people tend to forget, that people actually live here, and they aren't just there for Asian and central-European tourists to take photos. As I walked into the park I saw lively and happy families who were just enjoying a lovely afternoon picnic with their family and loved ones. (Józsa Kristóf 9.A)



One of the biggest experiences for me was the Changing of the Guards in London at Buckingham Palace. We were in the right place at the right time. It's one of London's most

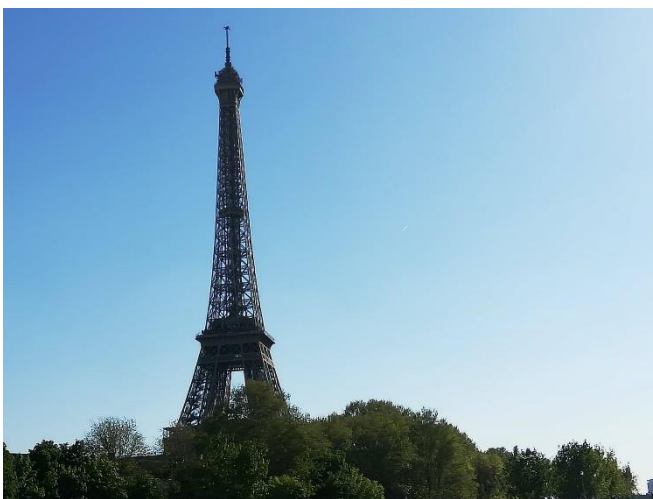


popular attractions. It was like I was in the past or in a tale. I don't know how it feels when a whole guard takes care of your dreams. But honestly, I was a little bit jealous. Every girl wants to feel like a princess, that's what I also wanted at that moment.

Their uniform was red and they wore an enormous black helmet. They walked very disciplined, it was a bit

scary. The band was playing serial music, I had fun. The ceremony started at 11:30 at Buckingham Palace, and lasted about 45 minutes. The crowd was very big, but it was worth it.

The most dumfounding experience was the red-light district in Amsterdam. Obviously I didn't take any pictures. I can't understand how those girls can live a life like that. I think nobody should treat anybody like a subject. We all are human beings, and that's what many people forget sometimes. I'll always remember this. (Józsa Tamara 8.B)



For me, the most memorable building within these 11 days was the Eiffel Tower. Ever since I can remember I always wanted to visit Paris, more specifically the Eiffel Tower. When we first reached the city I started searching for that specific building. The whole day was spent with taking pictures of it, that's why I have more than 170 photos just of my favourite building ever.

(Kása Zita 9.A)

The most special experience for me

The most unique experience for me was when we lived with a family in London. I have never stayed at a different home where everybody was a stranger, so this was the first time for me.

I was a little bit scared because I couldn't imagine how it would be, whether the family would be nice or not. When we arrived at the meeting point, and my classmates and I met our host woman whose name was Chasna Chowdhury, all my fears went away. She was so kind from the first moment and I knew everything would be alright.

She lived in a semi-detached house with her husband and with their son and daughter. When we arrived, she helped us take our suitcases upstairs, to our rooms. While we were unpacking, she made the dinner, which was pizza with fish and chips. Everything was delicious and after we had finished it, we got ice cream too.

Their house was lovely. There were a living room and a kitchen downstairs, and three bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. My classmates and I got separate rooms, Gréti and I stayed in one, and Lili and Brenda stayed in another one.

The name of the daughter of Chasna was Aisha and she was 7 years old. When we asked her where they came from, she said that her mother had come from India, her father had come from Bangladesh, but she and her brother were born in England. She had a beautiful British accent, I loved the way she was talking, she was really funny and nice. Once we asked her to sing for us, because she said she had a nice voice. She sang an Indian song which was one of her favorites. After she sang it, we had to sing too, and we sang Tavaszi szél, but it was awful I think. She laughed at our voice but she lied it was beautiful.

Her brother was Taseen and he was 10 years old, but we didn't talk with to him much because he always played on his Ipad. We also didn't talk much with their father because he worked every night in a reastaurant, and he arrived at home after midnight.

But Aisha and her mother were so lovely and they made our stay happier and more special.

Summarizing, this experience which I got there is unforgettable. Like I mentioned I have never been in a situation like this where I had to live with strangers, but it was exciting and funny, and I am so thankful that I had a chance to try it. Also, we asked if we could take a photo with them and they said yes

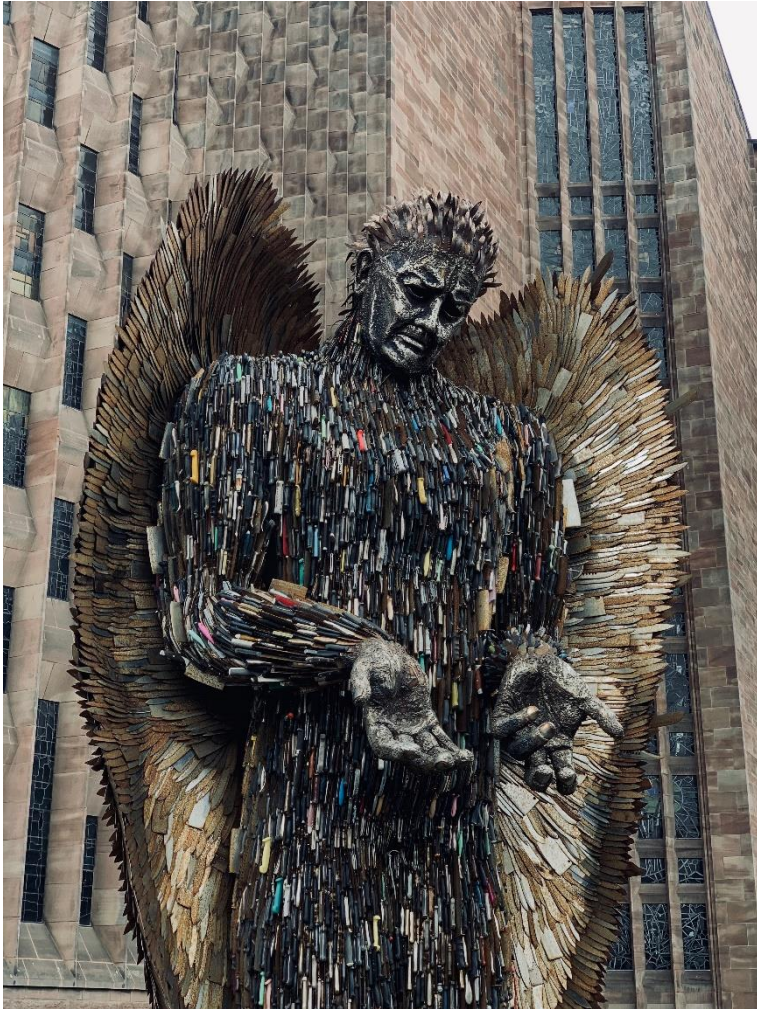


I want to thank the school for this trip and for the chance to meet this lovely family. I enjoyed every part of it. (Kaiser Nóra 11.A)

When I think about London, the first thing that comes to my mind is the giant “wheel” where you can see most part of the city (for example: Big Ben, Palace of Westminster, Parliament etc.) The height of the look-out Tower is 135 meters. It is located on the bank of Thames. Next to the London Eye you can find London Eye Museum where you can watch a short film. (Koffenstein Dóra 8.A)



The most surprising place was Amsterdam for me. I was not very excited about it, but I ended up loving Amsterdam. It is uniquely beautiful in my opinion and it was very easy to navigate through the streets. Also, there were shocking amounts of bicycles everywhere which were so aesthetically pleasing. (Kollár Gabriella 8.A)

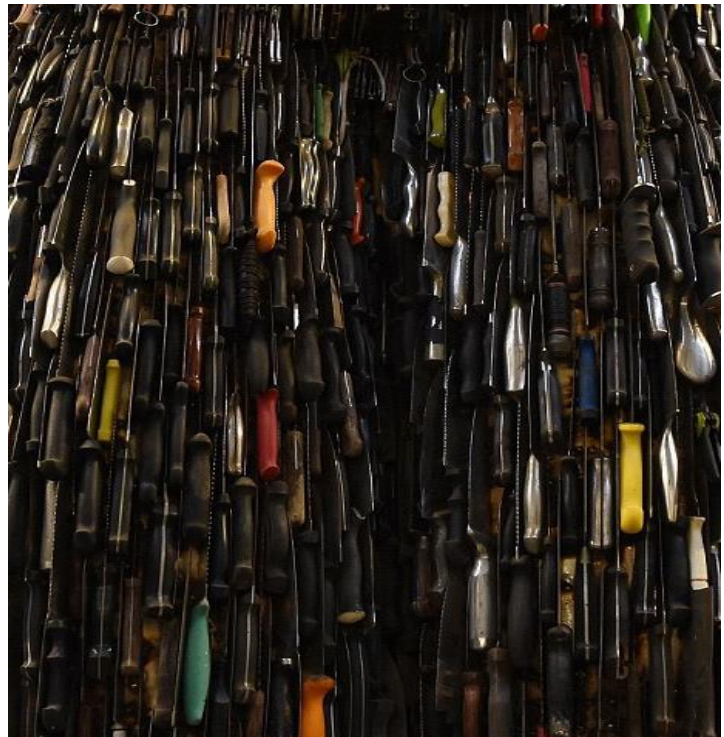


I would like to write about the Knife Angel sculpture. We saw this statue next to Coventry Cathedral while we were travelling from Edinburgh to London.

For the first time, I could not recognise the material of this sculpture. Shortly, I found the answer for my question. The 8m tall Knife Angel sculpture is made from 100,000 blades handed into police across the country. Mr Bradley, who created it at the British Ironworks Centre in Oswestry, Shropshire, said it was "a memorial to those whose lives have been affected by knife crime".

All in all, local people created this building because of the high number of stabbings. In 2018, there were nearly 22 000 offences in this area.

Nowadays, it is unacceptable to have nearly 22 000 offences in such a small area. (Kovács Bence 10.A)





The traffic lights of London

When we walked next to Trafalgar Square I noticed something really strange. On the traffic lights there wasn't that simple man walking alone across the street, it was different. I couldn't take a good picture of it, but I tried. Then I read after this thing. These traffic lamps were made for this year's Pride. On some of them there are girls holding hands with a heart between them. Others symbolise the LMBTQ community signals. They wanted to take these down after the Pride, but then they let them there forever. They are proud of their

LMBTQ community said the local mayor. I think it's really important to accept others that is the reason why I chose this picture. That's not a long composition, but I hope it has a deep mind. (Kovács Hanga 9.A)

The reason why I chose this picture is because if we look at it we can see the sun shining, the blue sky and the green plants and trees. Seeing this, we would think that the weather must have been warm and sunny but in fact I was freezing to death. For me, the most surprising thing was the Scottish weather. I was told that it's going to rain but instead it was stone-cold (for me), what is more, I saw a lot of people walking around in sweaters while I was cold wearing my coat, scarf and hat. (Kovács Hanna 9.A)





The best and most amazing experience wasn't Scotland or England, not even Paris, but the people. Those who came with me from Hungary and whom I met there. I do not mean the four boys in the picture but in general. There were nearly 80 of us on this trip and we had a common voice. We could even have fun in a little alley. This „friendship” was my motivation. I got up every morning to travel to beautiful places with this group. In my opinion, it wasn't just me who felt this way. I saw that every one of my travel partners woke up early but happy, tired but with full of joy and this gave the basic feeling of the whole trip.

“Sweet is the memory of distant friends! Like the mellow rays of the departing sun, it falls tenderly, yet sadly, on the heart.” – Washington Irving.

This quotation represents our trip. It was good because the people, sort of friends, made it good. After our little journey, we got more separated and we wish, or at least I do, to be back there and have a wonderful time together. I wish it could come to that, and I hope that the following trips will be just like that.

(Mák Zoltán 11.A)



Ez a fénykép a Hampton Court Palotában készült. Azért választottam ezt a fényképet, mert ez a csodálatos kert különleges formáival teljesen magával ragadott. Gyönyörű virágok, a formára vágott fák, bokrok, szobrok és persze a palota csodálatos látvány nyújt minden látogató számára. Ez az a hely, ami a kirándulás alatt legjobban tetszett számomra. (Merena Gábor 9.A)

Hampton Court Palace, the beloved palace of Henry VIII, which is located right next to the peaceful water of the River Thames, is one of the oldest buildings in England. Seeing rooms from the time of Henry VIII was an unbelievable experience. One of my favourite parts of the building was the kitchen, as it remained almost completely intact and we could see how the food was made in the 16th century.

The palace's garden is considered to be one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. Despite its huge size, every part of it is well-maintained. It is also home to the world-famous Great Vine, which is thought to be the oldest and largest in the world. England's oldest tennis court is also located in the palace, as well as the oldest maze. (Mihalik Bálint 9.A)



The most surprising thing:

I have seen many fascinating sights during our trip, each more and more breathtaking. However, there was one specific activity that I did not expect to be so enjoyable. It was the journey.

At first, I thought sitting on a bus for more than twelve hours would get very boring very quickly. For this very reason, I packed 3 different power banks. I had even avoided sleeping



prior to traveling so I would spend less time awake on the bus.

However, after being on the bus for a few hours, I started to really enjoy the experience. In today's day and age, doing nothing means not doing something. For this reason, doing nothing is often associated with wasting time and negative emotions. Despite all that, on the bus, these kinds of negative attachments are gone. After all, you could not have been doing anything more productive. This put me in a zen-like state of relaxation, one that I do not experience very often.

As soon as we hit the three-hour mark, I was very much "in the zone". I found myself to be in a cycle of listening to

music, sleeping, reading a book and repeat. The monotony was broken up by random conversations, the occasional bathroom break, or me being hungry and eating something.

Sadly good things do not last forever. This trans-like effect had a diminishing return so by the end of the journey, I was getting a little agitated.

When I asked around if anyone had the same experience, the answers were quite interesting. At first, I noticed that about half of the people I asked felt the way I did. I thought there might be some kind of similarities among people who liked, and people who disliked it, but I have found none.

Overall, the journey itself was a pleasant surprise, and it made the entire trip so much more pleasant and memorable. (Mihalik Dániel 11.A)



The most interesting place

I think the most interesting were the castles in Scotland, from those mostly the Glamis Castle. I think it is beautiful inside and outside. The guide told us many interesting and spooky stories about the castle which make it my favourite. (Mihalik Sára 7.A)

It was difficult to choose what the best experience was during the trip. Finally, I decided to write about the 135 meter high, 19-year-old London Eye.

It was my favorite not only because of the amazing view, but also the great company. During the 30-minute journey, we made a lot of pictures. Since the Big Ben was very well visible from the Eye (which was already covered with foil), we also photographed it.

But what I liked the most was that I made acquaintances with new people and I don't think that only with the English family, but with students of Bányai as well with whom I spend a lot of time in school, but I don't really talk to them. (Nagy Anasztázia 8.A)





The Scottish Parliament building was designed by an Italian architect, Enric Miralles, who died before its completion. This is the home of the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood, within the UNESCO World Heritage Site in central Edinburgh. The building is modern in style, and it's opposite the

Palace of Holyroodhouse, which was built in the 17th century of stone. I think that the Parliament Building doesn't fit into its environment, and to be honest, I don't like it all.

(Nagy Lőrinc 8.A)

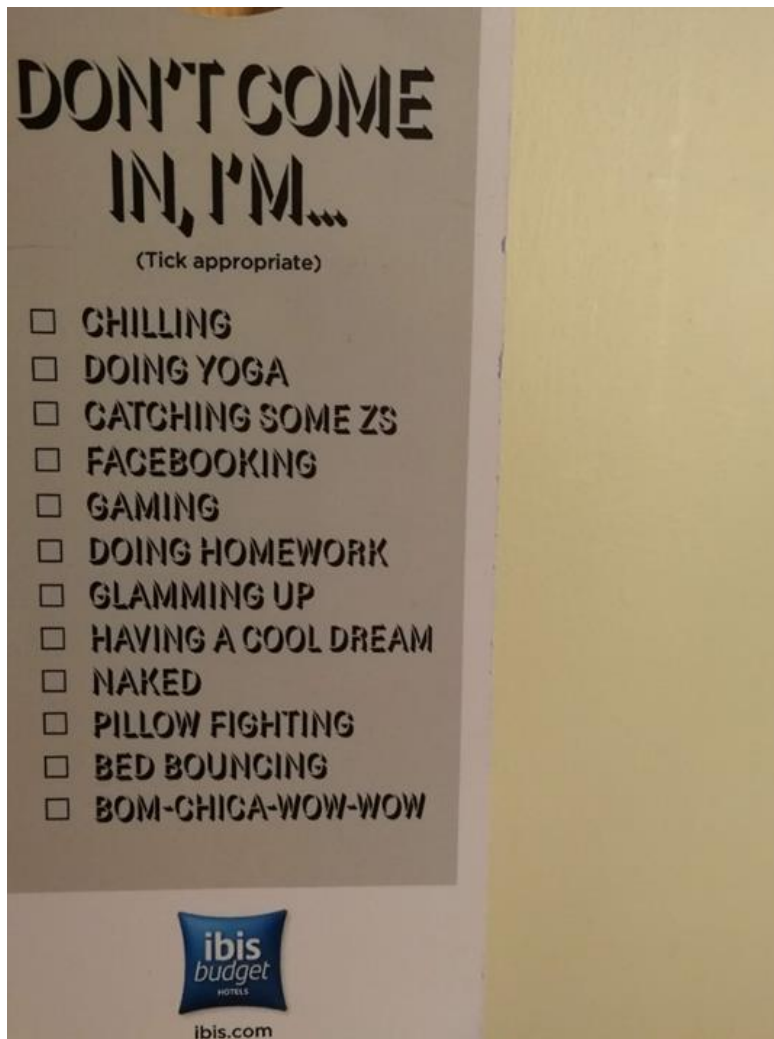
We spent unforgettable 12 days in Amsterdam-Scotland-London-Paris. We saw so many beautiful places and learned a lot about other cultures. We had many experiences during the trip and I would like to share one of my favorites:



The best team

The atmosphere couldn't have been so good without them. We had so much fun and we are still in contact up to this day.

(Négyessy Júlia 11.A)



It gave me a hard time doing this task and not just because I took great pictures during our journey and did not know which to choose, but because all my pictures have a different story. When it comes to talking about our school trip, I stay oddly quiet at first. Then bright fragments of memories overwhelm me and I start talking. What I say may sound senseless and is difficult to understand but it is only because my mind is still in Edinburgh, London, Paris, Amsterdam, or wherever I talk about.

Moreover, when the task was changed from 'The most surprising thing' to 'The most...', I fell in despair and I was like 'Alright, I have no idea what to do!' Fortunately, I have found a solution and in

the end, I decided to hand in this one with the title of 'My funniest picture'. I could have chosen 'The most beautiful' or 'The most sublime', but I thought it would be more interesting this way.

It was taken in our accommodation in Edinburgh. The hotel was newly built, the staff were helpful, the food was great, but what I found the most amazing was how friendly and cosy everything had been. The final struck was when I bumped into *this* hung up on the door handle. I thought it was utterly funny. (I still do not know why guests would do yoga in their hotel rooms, though. I have no idea why someone would spend time doing homework in Scotland, the most beautiful place on Earth, either. And also... Is bed bouncing not the same as bom-chica-wow-wow?)

(Nyíri Anna Eszter 11.A)



These pictures were taken in Gretna Green. And this made me smile. There were at least 16 toilets just for women but...

...one was out of order and they think there's need to say "sorry for any inconvenience". And I love this in Britain.



It's bare and a bit colourless but somehow I think the Scottish Highlands is the most beautiful place in the whole world. And I'd really like to live in that house. :)

(Nyíri Kata Luca 7.A)



This is Canterbury Cathedral. I chose this picture because I have never been to as beautiful a place as it was. The windows, the huge spaces and the atmosphere of the place amazed me. I also liked the city, and the park in front of the cathedral. (Oltyán máté 8.A)



It might be a stereotyped phrase, but this was the most beautiful place I've ever seen. I'm talking about Glencoe Valley in the Scottish Highlands. The valley was full of enormous rocks and was hugged around by giant mountains and volcanos. At first I was a bit sceptical about this detour, but when I got to see the wonderful view I felt shocked. It was definitely worth it.
(Palásti László 9.A)

I chose this picture because it was taken in the London Eye. You can see the Westminster Abbey and the Big Ben which is unfortunately not in its best look. You can also see the river Thames which is the biggest river in England. (Pallagi Judit 8.A)



The place I most liked was Hampton Court Palace. It belongs to London, but it's further from the busy centre. It was much more different to me than the other palaces we saw. It wasn't a regular building. It isn't small in itself, but its garden is huge. On the day we visited Hampton Court the weather was sunny, and it was quite warm outside, so we could spend the most of the time in that large garden. It was full of different types of flowers. I could recognise tulips for example. All of them were beautiful, and smelt great. There was well kept grass everywhere. This place was really peaceful despite the lot of people there. It was very impressive for me to see the gardeners there, who took care about the plants, because this is such a big place with a big amount of flowers, and all of this is taken care by people. We saw the world's longest grape vine called "Great Vine". Inside the beautiful garden there



were many interesting trees. They looked exactly like mushrooms. Their shapes were really special, I haven't seen anything like that in a palace before. There were lots of fountains too. It was really harmonic to hear the voice of the water and see the flowers and trees at the same time in the sunshine.

We went into the building too. There was a room called Chocolate kitchen, which I really liked. We could see

more kitchen scenes too.

I found the tennis-court interesting. We could see the development of tennis through pictures and objects on the wall. Interesting that people still can play tennis there today. I got a few pieces of new information about tennis in the earlier times.

So all in all I loved this place, because of many reasons, and once I would be willing to go back there. (Papp Ildikó Hanna 9.B)

Számomra a legjobb része a kirándulásnak a skót felföld volt, egyrészt mert nagyon szeretem a hegyes vidékeket főleg mivel hazánkban ez nem nagyon adatott meg, másrészt pedig azért, mert még a hegységes vidékek között is nagyon egyedi. A szoros, ahol megálltunk, szintén nagyon gyönyörű volt az elképesztően tiszta vizű patakkal együtt, ami végig csorgadozott a közepén. Sajnos erre a megállóra csak 20 percet kaptunk, de így is sikerült egész nagy részt bejárni gyors tempóval, akkor is, ha a gyönyörködésre csak kevesebb idő jutott. (Piroska Ádám 10.B)



This is Concorde Square, one of Paris' most crowded squares, but in this picture there is absolutely no one. I think this was one of my most shocking experiences on the trip. (Sárkány Zorka 9.A)



A kingdom of mountains and grass

These enormous mountains hide many secrets, even secrets of the past. A clan of Scotland took revenge, a bloody one. After three days of festivities, they massacred their hosts who showed nothing but hospitality towards them. You may ask what the link between this story and the valley is:

The clan, after murdering the other clan's men and looting their territory used this valley as a natural crossing point over the mountain ranges. They were moving with thousands of sheep, which made it hard to manouver, so a high amount of casualties among the sheep were caused by the freezing cold of the night between the mountains.

As far as the eye can see, there is nothing but mountains and grass. But under a small bridge lies a beautiful secret: A relatively hidden spring. Its water crystal clear with small waves caused by the harsh winds, the spring lies just beneath the bridge, 3-4 meters lower than the valley itself. Having stumbled upon such hidden wonder, I pulled out my phone and took a picture that could mirror the beauty of the hidden spring.

The third picture was taken to showcase the sheer size of the Glen. If you compare my height to the hill behind, you can get an idea about the size of the valley.

Definitely the most beautiful part of our whole journey, Glen Coe will remain a good memory.

(Piskolti János 9.A)



A place where to go to have some rest in a busy city

I was wondering what to write about, and it seemed to be a very hard task to make a decision and choose one thing from all the beautiful places we visited. I wanted to write about something which is not too typical, so I chose a tiny but lovely experience.

One of the places I loved the most during our trip was the St James' Park. It was pretty surprising to see a park like that in London's most popular area. London was crowded by tourists, especially around the Buckingham Palace. And yes, there were also a bunch of foreigners in the park but there were a load of people who actually lived there and went out with their friends since most of them live in a flat and don't have the opportunity to spend time in the nature. It was nice to see youngsters while studying, reading a book or playing with their dogs. The park was surrounded by blooming trees and colourful flowers, so the air was fresh and pleasant. Its atmosphere was amazing. In my opinion it's so curial to have big green spots in a city like London.

Unfortunately we spent there a very short time. But I feel like it couldn't be enough anyway.

(Seregély Bora 8.A)



Párizsban egy fárasztó, rengeteg sétálással teli nap végén végre eljutottunk a hajóhoz, ahol leülhettünk. Mivel rendkívül meleg volt, Olivérral úgy gondoltuk, nem kínozzuk magunkat és inkább lent maradunk a hajó aljában. Valamit ennünk is kellett, így hát a félig megolvadt ajándékba szánt édességeket áldoztuk be. Miközben nyalogattam az ujjaimról a szétolvadt



karamellás csokit, észrevettem, hogy egy kb. velünk egykorú lány folyamatosan minket figyel. Először azt gondoltam, biztos azért bámul, mert össze vagyok kenve, ezért elmentem a mosdóba, hogy lemossam az arcom. Visszafelé jövet viszont láttam, hogy még mindig Olivért és engem bámul. Körülbelül 10 másodpercenként hátranézett, és akárhányszor én is arra néztem, mindig összetalálkozott a tekintetünk, ami egy idő után kezdett nevetségessé és kínossá válni. Nem tudtuk eldönteni, hogy odamenjünk-e és megkérdezzük, hogy mit néz ennyire rajtunk. Végül kikötöttünk a hajóval anélkül, hogy bármit is tettünk volna. Így sosem tudtuk meg, hogy mit akart a lány, ami még néhány napig nem hagyott nyugodni minket.

(Szabó Bence 8.B)



I really enjoyed our Trip to Hampton Court. The Palace itself is very impressive but for me the gardens were the most amazing. It was amazing to be able to walk around where they lived and be surrounded by the things they used. I couldn't take my eyes off the details on the ceiling and the tapestries which were incredible.

When I stepped out of the palace I immediately stopped because I was stunned. As far as the eye could see there were huge trees that looked like mushrooms. I continued walking along the trees just to arrive to a fountain. When I passed by it and went onwards I reached the turn of the path where I went to the left. Alongside the path were beautiful flowers and soon I arrived to the maze.

Even though I expected a lot from the maze it was kind of easy. I found my way out in about 2 minutes which was a lot shorter than I thought it would take me to get out. Despite this disappointment it was still enjoyable.

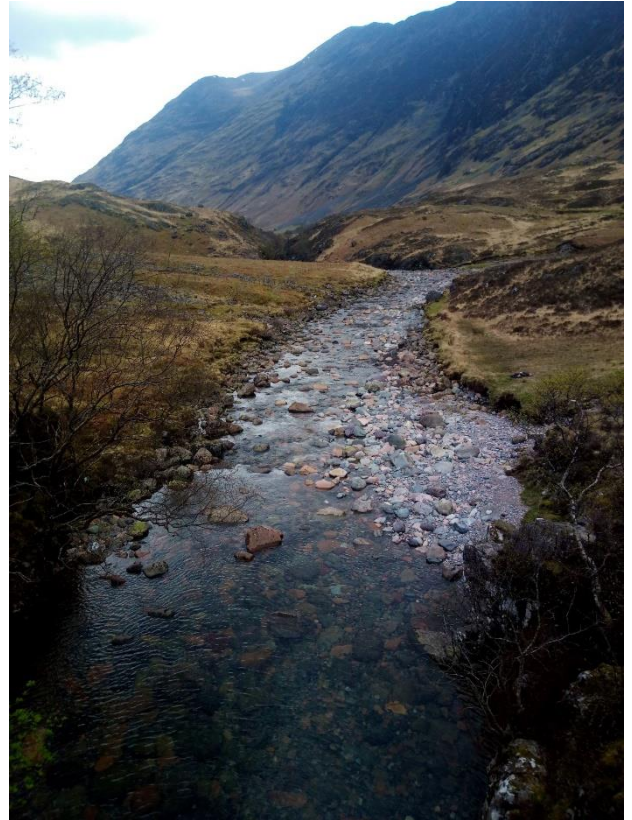
Then I walked around the palace to the garden on the other side and that was the point where I just stopped and gazed on the beautifully arranged flowers and trees and of course the fountain in the middle. After I finished gazing at the garden and the largest grape vine in the world it was time to go out and meet the others.

I spent a lot of time walking around the gardens which I enjoyed more than the palace itself. I think this was an experience I will never be able to forget.

(Szabó Gréta 11.A)

I chose this picture because it was made in the Scottish Highlands which was my favourite part of the trip. We went there after a lot of castles and it was very restful because I was a bit fed up with the museums. Unfortunately, we had only 20 minutes there to walk around. I think we could have more time there and less in the castles but it doesn't matter now. We ran up to a hill and just enjoyed the amazing view. The weather was damp so the ground was muddy and our shoes got wet but we didn't care cos of the landscape. We stood there surrounded by very high and bare mountains and we were amazed. We rushed down and there was this amazing brook with its crystal clean, blue water. Sadly, the time was up so we had to go back to the bus. 20 minutes is not too much, but these were the best minutes of our trip.

(Szabó Marcell 10.B)



The ruins of the cathedral of St. Andrews next to the sea. Probably not as gorgeous as it was once, but still shows its enormous size and different parts of the building. The whole building consisted of a church, an abbey, the St. Rules tower (probably a building for the bells) and a graveyard. It was built in the middle of the Middle Ages because the people believed, the relics of St. Andrews, an apostle of Jesus Christ had been taken there by St.

Regulus. The cathedral was the centre of the Scottish Catholic religion because Andrew cross can be found in the Scottish flag. In the 16th Century the building was ruined by the followers of John Knox. After the protestant revolution, the cathedral was abandoned. Nowadays a museum works next to the abbey and it is visited by thousands of tourists every day.

(Szabó Konrád 9.A)



There were so many incredible places but if I have to choose one I would describe the most majestic palace I've ever seen. Hampton Court Palace.

The inside of the building wasn't that interesting, it was just like the other castles we've visited. We didn't spend much time in there. Finally we got to the huge garden. It really blew our minds...The gigantic trees looked amazing and there was also an enormous fountain in the

middle.

The other part of the garden reminded us of a jungle, it was completely different from the first. It had a maze, unfortunately there was a big queue so we went along.

It was a really awesome experience which I will never forget. (Szabó Péter 10.B)

I chose this picture of Concorde Square in Paris as the most shocking thing for me on our journey. It was stunning to see this usually busy place so empty on a Saturday afternoon. Afterwards I learnt the circumstances and that there was going to be a demonstration later that day. I didn't think that the level of dissatisfaction was this high in France. (Szász Attila 11.A)





For me the most astounding and the saddest thing in this trip was the dog cemetery. I haven't seen that before. It has been used since Queen Victoria's reign as a burial place for officers' dogs. I think it is a really nice idea. It is really stunning that they respect and love these dogs. It is in a castle of Scotland. This place is perfect for this cemetery because the view is beautiful, and a lot of people can see this. There are about twenty graves.

We visited it on the third day of the trip. So, I didn't think there was one. (Szász Réka 7.A)

The photos were taken at the garden of Hampton Court Palace. I chose them, because this place was both the most unusual and beautiful thing I have ever seen in my life. The palace was ok too, but the garden, it was wonderful! First we took a look at the inside of the palace, but when we stepped out on the tail gate, our breath stopped for a moment. The trees were trimmed, the flowers were arranged, and the whole garden in its whole picture was prodigious! There even were signs of the wild life, because there were a lot of animals, including that duck family in the picture. In the middle of the garden there was a huge fountain. You could walk around the garden using the nicely developed pavements, and if you'd like to just stop and enjoy the view for a second, there were many benches to sit on. As a summary, it was so beautiful, it's actually indescribable. You have to be there to feel the energy of the garden.



Thank you for the trip, it's an unforgettable memory for me! (Szécsényi Szabolcs 10.B)





Personally I believe the whole journey was amazing. We visited some of the most popular places in Europe. The places we saw were gorgeous, there were many fascinating sights but the statue I chose is not at all like this.

I chose an appalling creation, The Knife Angel, a sculpture which is erected in front of Coventry Cathedral. I had never heard of it before. It illustrates a sad angel made from knives, with which lot of people were killed.

I find it special but it's very exasperating.

I will never forget this statue.

(Szilvási Adrienn 11.A)

A legjobb élmény számomra a Dundee-i Discovery hajó volt, ahová az utazás hatodik napján látogattunk el. A helyszínen megtekinthettük a hajóról készült múzeumot és betekintheztünk a hajó belsejébe is.

A hajó és a legénység története nagyon érdekes és izgalmas volt. A hajó kiváló faanyagból készült az 1900-as évek elején. A hajó kapitánya az angol származású Robert Falcon Scott volt, aki tapasztalt és képzett hajós volt. A legénység nagy részét ő gyűjtötte össze, akik között voltak tisztek, tengerészek, tudósok és civilek is. A hajó 1901-ben indult útnak és csaknem fél évig utaztak, amire odaértek úticéljukhoz a Déli-sarkhoz. Az expedíció célja a felfedezés és a kutatás volt. A hideg és a járványok miatt a legénység közül sokan az életüket veszítették. Ezek után 1904-ben újra vízre bocsájtották a Discovery-t és hazatértek.

A hajó belsejében láthattuk hogyan és hol aludt, evett és szórakozott a legénység. Járványok esetére volt orvosi szoba is. Valamint közös terem is, ahol a legénység együtt vacsorázhatott. A termek kicsik voltak és teli voltak rakva bábukkal, így még életszerűbbé téve az utazást. Ami szintén tetszett, hogy a hajót úgy tekinthettük meg, hogy az közben a vízben volt.

A Discovery hajó összeségében számomra kimagaslóan a legjobb élmény volt, mert láthattuk, hogy hogyan élt a legénység a hajón és megtapasztalhattuk a felfedezés élményét is. (Szórárt Béla 9.A)



Nekem erről a képről az jut eszembe, hogy mindenhol azt hallottam, hogy a London Eye nagyon magas, és ezért féltem is tőle. Azonban amikor megláttam először nem az jutott eszembe, hogy hú, de magas. Első gondolatom ez volt: Úristen, de hosszú a sor!



De nem aggódtam sokáig, mert észleltem, hogy elég gyorsan halad. Amikor be kellett volna szállni a kapszulákba, akkor eszméltem rá, hogy a víz felett kell felszállni, de nem volt sok időm ezen gondolkodni, mivel gyorsan felnyomtak minket a mozgó kis dobozba. De kétség kívül csodás volt fent a kilátás, úgyhogy szerintem mindenkinek megéri elmenni oda!

(Tormási Tícia 7.A)

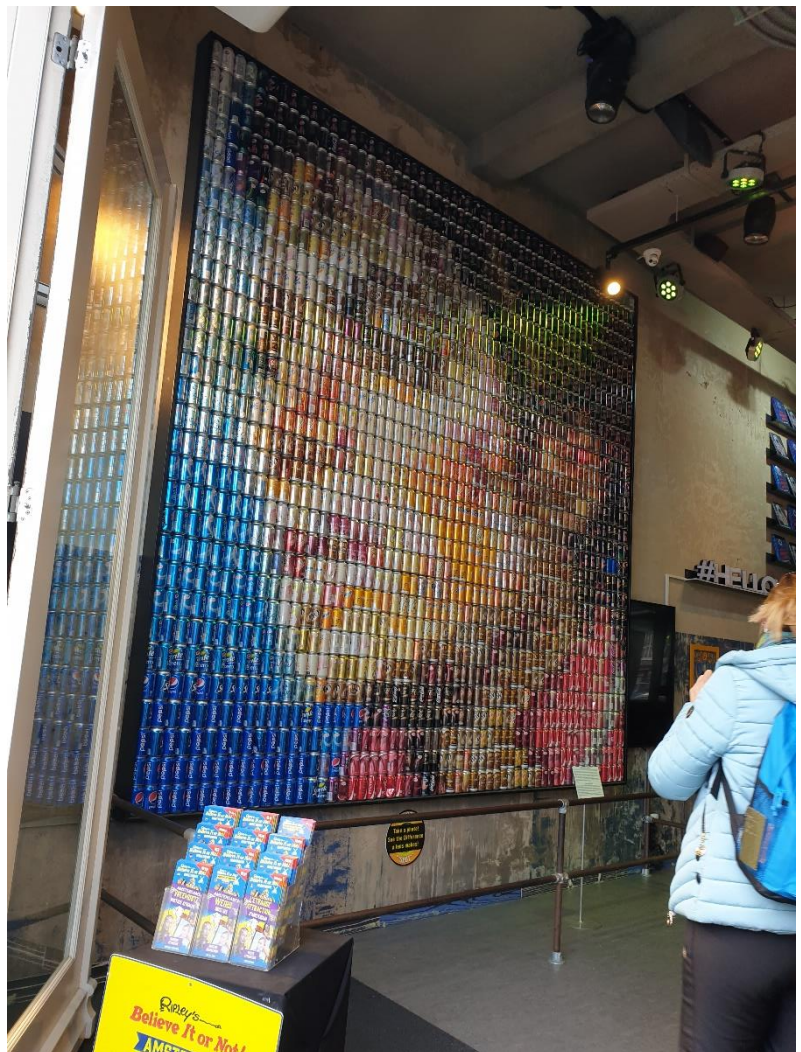
While I was walking in Amsterdam, I took a lot of pictures. I saw beautiful streets, interesting houses and a collection of colourful bottles. When I arrived home, with my family we were looking at the pictures, I showed them the most famous places.

The next picture was about the bottles in Amsterdam. When we looked at the picture we realised that the bottles from that distance illustrates the face of Michael Jackson.

I really liked the whole trip, but my favourite place was absolutely Amsterdam.

I hope I can walk again on the cozy streets in that beautiful country.

(Tóth Izabella 9.B)





My dream came true. I had heard lots of legends about this place that's why I always wanted to go there. I visited the Loch Ness Lake and I realised that there is an old castle with the view of the lake instead of monsters.
(Tóth László 8.A)



My most interesting experience was visiting Loch Ness but it was slightly disappointing as well. Before our trip I thought that the shops and activities around the lake are all going to be about the Loch Ness monster. Because its myth is known worldwide, I expected that they will try to profit from it and make monster lurking-places, gift

shops filled with monster themed books and toys, and show films about people talking about their experiences with it. But contrarywise there were nothing surrounding the lake that was in connection with its monster. If I hadn't known that I was at Loch Ness, I wouldn't have guessed it. Besides this I think that the film we watched here was really interesting and the view was absolutely breath-taking. (Trombitás Lili 11.A)

In my opinion, one of the most fascinating places we went on our trip was at the ruins of St Andrews Cathedral. This church was named after the apostle Saint Andrew and it is around 800 years old. As we found out during the trip, almost every catholic cathedral and abbey was abolished during the protestant reformation. This church was no exception: in the 16th century a protestant mob destroyed the interior and the building was abandoned. After the roof collapsed, the ruins were reused as building material. The only things remaining now are parts of the priory, entrance of the nave, the back wall of the altar and a tower from an earlier church that was built here. People have been using this area as a burial ground for a long time (some of the oldest tombs I found with readable dates were from the 17th century).



The picture above shows medieval tombs inside the cathedral. They used to be under the floor of the transept. These were the final resting places of the bishops of St Andrews. There are even more of these tombs under the altar, where you can also see what the floor level used to be back in the days. I found them fascinating for a couple of reasons. First, they all appear to be carved to suit the particular person – some are shorter, some are longer. Some of them are slimmer than the others. Second, they thought about decomposition. Every one of these tombs has a hole on the underside so the liquified fats and the - pardon me - last meals don't build up pressure and seep through the floor. Morbid sidenote for the end: modern crypts also have pipe systems for this but they can sometimes get clogged up and let's just say I'm not jealous of the people who have to do the cleanup...

(Gergő Turán 11.A)



On the ninth day of the journey we discovered the magnificence of Henry VIII's favourite royal residence. Hampton Court Palace is a royal palace in the borough of Richmond upon Thames, 12 miles south west and upstream of central London on the River Thames. Apart from the Palace itself and its gardens, other points of interest were the

celebrated maze, the historic real tennis court, and the huge grape vine, the largest in the world as of 2005. Fortunately, we could see all of them, but I would have certainly spent there more time. When I first saw the gardens and the lots of flowers, it was breathtaking. That was absolutely the most beautiful and restful feeling of the trip. (Urbán Janka 9.A)



I chose this picture because the view and the sky is beautiful and unforgettable. The picture was taken in Urquhart Castle. It sits beside Loch Ness in the Highlands of Scotland. Wonderful view of the ruins, Loch Ness and the hills of the Great Glen from the Grant Tower. (Vámos Dóra 9.A)

The Castle Of Edinburgh



The castle stands on a volcanic cliff. It was built in the 12th century. It has lived through some conflicts because it was one of the most important bases of the Scottish Kingdom. The oldest building in the castle is Saint Margaret Chapel. In the castle is the Scottish National War Memorial and the National War Museum.



For me the most special thing was a cannon, which is called „Mons Meg”. It’s very big and heavy with its 6 tons. It worked with 150 kgs cannon balls.
(Völgyesi Máté 8.B)

My best experience during the trip was Amsterdam. I always loved this city because of the sights and simply of the spirit of it. My uncle lives there and we always planned to visit Amsterdam once but we have never travelled there. I am so glad I could see it on our trip.

I was stunned by the amazing view and sights. My favourite part of the sightseeing was when we could discover the city by ourselves. We visited some famous streets and monuments.

Unfortunately we had only a little free time but I really enjoyed visiting Amsterdam.

(Zubek Benda 11.A)

