

Heartbeat

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Comenius exchange sees students jet off to Italy

This is the second of our two special Comenius reports, and in part one we discover how Design & Technology teacher, Mrs Stewart, and her Sixth Form students fared as they travelled to Italy. The group took part in the return leg of the exchange, following the visit of students from across Europe to Sacred Heart in November.

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The day began early, as the Italian students and their partners arrived at Scalcerle school.

The school was lovely, with its German, Dutch, English and Italian flags present around the building.

The warm, 'Welcome To Padua' posters greeted all foreign students as they found their way to the 'red room'. In this classroom, the teenagers met the Headmaster, Giulio Pavanini, who gave a lovely welcome to all students.

We were then taken on a tour, in which all the guest students had the opportunity to see different parts of the school. After the

tour, the students had the chance to experience an Italian break time.

When the break was over, the national groups had some time to put together a presentation about the importance of water in their country. Each group then presented this to the rest of the students, using powerpoint presentations, videos, compositions and paper models, where they learnt about water in other countries. The English students started by giving a presentation about the history of water in Liverpool, including where the name, 'Liverpool', came from, how the slave trade and Irish famine influenced the city and how the city became famous for its docks.

A video was then shown so the other students could see the historic and famous places around Liverpool and how this has made it what it is today.

The students from the Netherlands created a paper model to show the problems floods cause and how their country has solved the problem. At the end of their

presentation, they showed a film where the students saw what would happen if floods occurred.

The German students made a poster to show how the water power stations work, in which we found out how they made electricity from them.

The workshop ended with the Italian students who talked about thermal waters and the Dolomites with their water pathways. The guests then had lunch in the cafeteria and later got on a bus and went to Montegrotto to visit the thermal baths. The students took part in an activity called 'acqua healing', where they relaxed, listened to music under water and took in the famous Italian experience.

The students then had a free afternoon where they had the chance to visit the centre of Montegrotto and taste typical home-made ice-cream.

Next week, in part two...

Discover what the students did from Tuesday until the final day on Friday.

Students get on their bikes to raise money for Alzheimers charity

A Year 7 student and three of his friends used pedal power to raise money for charity last month.

Callum Clark (7C), Finn Keeble (7D), Sam Keeble (9C) and Connor Bond (8E) took part in a charity bike ride from Crosby to Southport and back to raise money for Alzheimers Research UK.

Completing the 30 mile route proved to be a personal triumph for Callum, as his grandfather, Michael, suffers from the disease and this was his way of trying to help the charity continue their research which will, hopefully, lead to them finding a cure.

Along with Callum, Finn, Sam and Connor, more than 30 keen cyclists took part in the event, which was organised for Alzheimers Research UK by Callum's mother, Paula Muldoon.

The former Brookside actress was delighted with how successful the event proved to be. She said: "Callum's grandad, Michael, has Alzheimer's and Callum really wanted to do something to help. He has only ever cycled to school and back and plays out on his bike but he had never undertaken a challenge like this

before. He was determined to complete the whole journey, even though it was really hard and he did.

"Together with Connor, Sam and Finn, they did an amazing job and were cheerful all the way, making it easier for the adults.

"It was a beautiful day, the sun came out for us and we all had a great time. We took a beautiful scenic route along the river front past the Iron Men, through Freshfields woods and along the coast road. I'm really proud of everybody who took part, especially Callum, Connor, Sam and Finn."

So far, the cyclists' fundraising efforts have raised an impressive £1189.75 for the charity.

Paula added that once all pledges are received, they will be very close to raising their target of £2,000.

If you would like to donate money or require further details about the fundraising activities, visit:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=Doonys-loonys&isTeam=true>



Pedal Power: Above right, Callum Clark during the charity bike ride and below, from left, Connor Bond, Sam Keeble and Finn Keeble, who also took part in the event to raise money for Alzheimers Research UK.

News in brief

There are Eucharistic services at 8.20am tomorrow and Thursday. Year 9 & 10 students will visit the Olympic Stadium on Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday, Lower Site will be closed due to the local elections. Silver Surfers meet on Thursday at 3.40pm. On Friday, there is a Year 4 Athletics Event from 1pm in the Sports Hall.