

Patchwork



Le Pti Boris illustré Mai 2016

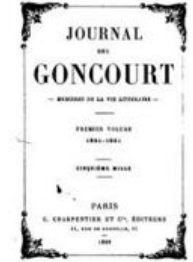
En France



Erasmus+



La langue officielle est le français.
Sa population est de 67 275 000 d'habitants.
Sa superficie est de 675 000 km²
Sa capitale est Paris.
Sa monnaie est l'euro.
Le président de la République est François Hollande.
L'hymne national est « La marseillaise ».
Sa devise est « Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité »



THE "THÉÂTRE DE LA LICORNE"

On Tuesday 10th April, we visited the exhibition of works by the artist Claude Merle at the Théâtre de la Licorne in Coudekerque-Branche.

The guide explained to us that the artists' puppets were real people caricatured and real size.

He chose to represent strangers that he met in the street and then to distort their bodies. The puppets have hard heads and hands but their bodies are made of soft material so as to be easier to be manipulated.

The puppets' clothes are made with waste materials and they must be changed regularly because when they get wet they start to smell bad.

The guide also explained to us that the puppets sometimes performed in the streets.

Then, we were asked to choose a character, make it alive and use our imagination to explain what he or she was doing there. The other students had to find out which character we had chosen.



THE DANCE WORKSHOP AND THE MOTION WORKSHOP

These workshops took place during the exchange week in April when we hosted an English group from Hull and a Portuguese group from Leiria.

The dance workshop (Tuesday, April 10th)

The principle of this workshop was to evoke food, utensils, and gestures related to agriculture. Through our dance, we created: green peas, leek, pineapples, a cooking pot, harvesting and pizza. That workshop allowed us to get closer, it was very funny and cool.

The motion workshop (Friday, May 13th)

The principle of this workshop was to achieve complex motions, translate those actions into English and write the main action in English.

Justine



THE THEATRE WORKSHOP

On Friday, May 13th, we took part in a theatre workshop at school with Mrs Bier, a French teacher.

First we had to do some exercises to warm up and increase our confidence in the others. We were divided into two groups and stood in circles. In each circle, a pupil standing in the centre had to drop back and the others caught him/her before he/she fell. Then, we made groups composed of at least an English student, a Portuguese student and a French student. We were given some time to create a small sketch staging a story of our choice without words: for example, being on a bus, in a car, in a waiting-room.. In the end, we performed in front of the others and Mrs Bier filmed us.



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

AT THE PAARC IN GRAVELINES

On Thursday, May 12th, 2016 we went to the "PAarc des Rives de l'Aa" in Gravelines and spent the morning there. The activities were :

The run and bike: in groups of two: one runs and the other rides a bike and if they want they can swap their roles..We travelled 5km and we rode and ran around the lake. The best time realized was about 19minutes.

Canoeing: After a good rest we resumed our game we did some canoeing. We were in teams of 4 people and started racing in relay? But one of our friends fell into the water, fortunately he was rescued and pulled up on board again by his team. They managed to catch up and they even won the race.

Pedalo: The team that had lost the canoe competition had the opportunity to get even, but this time on pedalos. We had to go three times around a buoy and come back. The start was quite quick and the two teams were running neck and neck but the team winner of the canoeing race got ahead, as the other one got a ten second penalty for forgetting to go round one of the buoys. So, in the end, it was the same team which won the two races.

Bowling

On Saturday, April 14th, we were divided into two groups of ten. While one of the groups was at the Dunkirk War Memorial, the other went to the bowling alley nearby. After about one hour, we swapped activities.

When we arrived at the bowling alley, we were divided into groups of four. We started playing and Gabriel's team won the competition. I really enjoyed taht activity. It was fun.



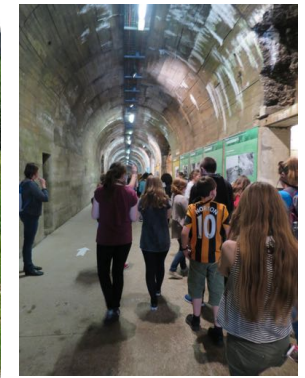
A DAY AT THE COUPOLE IN HELFAUT

On Thursday, May 12th 2016 we went to the Coupole in Helfaut near Saint Omer. It is a second world war bunker complex. built by the forces of Nazi Germany between 1943 and 1944 to serve as a launch base for V-2 rockets directed against London and southern England.

When we arrived we had our picnic in a place where the landscape was very pretty. After the picnic, we were given audio guides and we visited the second floor of the dome. That part of the museum talks about: the first and the Second World War and the deportation of the Jews.

That day at the dome was very interesting because it gave us some information and made us aware that at the time people were killed because of their religion and there was less freedom than today.

Ambre



THE DUNKIRK WAR MUSEUM OPERATION DYNAMO MEMORIAL

On Saturday, April 14th 2016 in the morning, we first went to see the scenery for the film "Dunkirk" that will be made in May by Christopher Nolan.

After that, we went to the Operation Dynamo Memorial. The Dunkirk War Museum or "Memorial du Souvenir" tells the story of the famous World War II allied evacuation of Dunkirk. The Dunkirk evacuation took place between 26 May and 4 June 1940 and was an operation - codenamed Dynamo - to rescue hundreds of thousands of British, French, Canadian, and Belgian soldiers cut off by advancing German forces.

Makeshift jetties had to be built with lorries to help the soldiers reach the boats. All sorts of ships were used: war ships, fishing boats and even pleasure boats.

We saw a short film telling the story of the operations and we could visit on our own.

We also saw plane engines, uniforms and models; one of them showed the centre of Dunkirk completely destroyed. Another one showed the evacuation of the English and French troops. I found that visit very interesting and enlightening about the history of Dunkirk. It made me shudder to see what the city of Dunkirk suffered..