

WORLD ARTS PROJECT

EBIS Students travel to Greece for arts and cultural project

During the end of term holidays a group of talented artists from EBIS travelled to Greece to take part in the inaugural youth and culture project organized by the Zervas Art Organisation and world federation of UNESCO.

The students took part in a series of art workshops and in addition to embracing the arts and instruction during the workshops the pupils fully immersed themselves in local culture during the course of the visit.

The students enjoyed the food, spent the day with a Greek family in their home, (made particularly special as it was Christmas Day in the Greek homes) playing music and walking by sea. The students undertook projects on interior design and spent an evening talking about the differences and similarities between their own family lives and those of the Greek families – particularly the similarities in birthday celebrations and the types of food and dance.

The students also visited the Mayor of the town and enjoyed a small celebration with traditional food and dance performance – following the performance the girls undertook a Zorba dancing class which was very memorable. Their first live performance was during the dinner that evening in the restaurant!

Greece and the area that was stayed in provided a huge amount of stimulus for the arts projects and the various settings, from the local harbour to the hills and mountains as well as the castle, were amazing and really added to the whole experience of arts in the Mediterranean. The archeological museum and the carnivals' workshop that the students experienced coincided with a trip to Athens during which the students visited the Acropolis and Athens museum, which was a good experience for reflecting Greek culture.

This specialist arts trip has left an imprint on our students way beyond the expectations of the organising teachers. The opportunity to broaden their horizons, immerse EBIS students in a new culture and all the time while improving their arts skills was a fantastic opportunity for staff, pupils and EBIS.

