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ONE WEEK IN LONDON

Just before the Easter holidays we went to London for 6 days by bus with Mrs Giovanelli, Mrs Velard, Mrs Dollé and Mr Asquin.

We saw and visited many different monuments and places such as :



The Science Museum

The Science Museum was founded in 1857. It now holds a collection of over 300 000 items about:

- Arts,
- Chemistry and Materials,
- Communication and Information,
- Science and Energy,
- Engineering,
- Environment,
- Daily Life,
- Medecine and Biology,
- Physics and Mathematics,
- Space,
- Transport,

We were very tired because it was the first day and the trip was very long but we liked the interactive activities, the old cars, the stones from all over the world.

Hugo & Jean.

Madame Tussauds Museum

We visited Mrs Tussauds museum, on the 3rd day. Marie Tussaud was born in 1761, in Strasbourg (France) She made death masks of executed

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aristocrats during the French revolution. She came to Britain in the early 19 th century.sShe created the museum in 1794 : It's now an exhibition of statues of famous people made in wax. you can see Barack Obama, George Clooney, Marilyn Monroe, Beyonce, The Beatles... and many others.

We took many photos with some of them. It was funny !!We also visited the chamber of horrors and watched a 4D movie about superheros.



The London Eye

On Thursday April 5th we went on the London Eye « l'oeil de Londres » . You know it was built in 2000 for the millenium and it is one of the highest observation wheel in Europe (135 metres high).Since its opening, the EDF Energy London Eye has become a symbol of London and is the UK's most popular paid attraction, visited by over 3.5 million people a year. The view from the 32 glass capsules(representing the 32 boroughs of London) is spectacular ! We can see about 40 miles away when it is sunny and we have 360 degree views. Unfortunately, the weather was cloudy but we could see : the Parliament, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, a new building the Shard « le tesson », Waterloo station, Victoria station, King's cross station.... It was great , the round lasted about 30 minutes.



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The Shakespeare's Globe Theater

We also visited the Shakespeare's Globe Theater. The first theater, created by Shakespeare, was built in 1599 but it was destroyed by a fire on June 1613. It was rebuilt in 1642 but it was closed in 1644 to create housings. Now not far away from the first one, this Theater is a reproduction built in 1997 by Sam Wanamaker, an American actor and director, with traditional techniques from the 17 th century. It is round and built only with wood. The actors play mainly during the summer. This year, during the Olympic games, 37 international companies will present Shakespeare 's plays in different languages.

The Tate Gallery :

Then, we went to the Tate Modern. The Tate Modern is a big modern art gallery in London built in an old power station (there are about 4.7 million visitors per year).

We didn't like this museum because we found it too modern but we liked its numerous escalators (it was very funny)! We saw paintings of Savalдор Dali and lots of paintings and sculptures of other famous painters.

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The cruise on the Thames

We did a cruise on the Thames. We went in a quite big boat from Westminster pier to Tower Pier. There were seats outside and inside the boat. But we went inside because there were lots of people so there weren't enough seats outside for the whole class. The cruise lasted about 30 minutes. We could see a beautiful landscape, we saw the new train station which looks like a train coming out of a tunnel. We went through the Millennium Bridge where "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" was shot. Being in this boat was a good break because we were a little tired and hungry as we had been walking a lot.

It was a great and relaxing moment. We enjoyed this short cruise !

By Audrey, Mélissandre, Clémence, Lucie and Léa.



British Museum

On Tuesday, we went to the British Museum. In this museum you could see many treasures from the whole world and from all ages. We saw the Mold Gold Cape which is one of the finest examples of prehistoric sheet-gold work, many Egyptian statues, pottery and a real mummy... The mummy was very interesting and great because we could see the state of a preserved body. We could also see the medals of the London Olympic Games, and many other beautiful works. We stayed for an hour and a half in the museum but it wasn't enough time to see everything.

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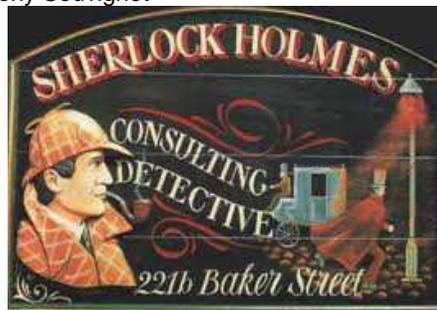
The Sherlock Holmes Museum

Just before entering in the museum, a policeman who was wearing a nineteenth century uniform welcomed us. Some pupils took pictures with him. Like in the novels of Arthur Conan Doyle, the house was very full of objects (smoking-pipes, a violin, magnifying glasses, a skull, suitcases...). In some rooms, there were wax characters which were mentioned in the novels.

The museum shop was filled with strange detective objects and Iola and Faustine tried on some top hats and bowler hats :p.

There were also walking sticks, biros, keyrings etc... We enjoyed it because the house was very realistic, and it sent us back in time.

Iola André, Faustine De Sousa, Jonathan Enjalbert, Anthony Souvignet



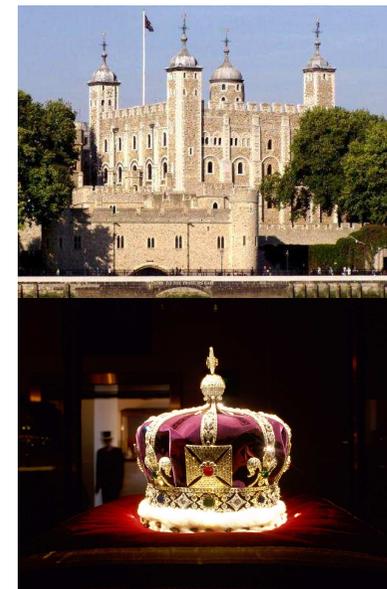
THE TOWER OF LONDON

The Tower of London is situated on the north side of the Thames. It was built in 1078 by William the Conqueror. It was built as a royal residence. Now, people can visit the Tower. The most popular things in the Tower are the Crown Jewels. We can see a lot of royal armors, the ravens (the legend says: when the six ravens will leave the Tower, it will fall down)



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and the medieval palace which contains a fabulous interior. We can visit the Tower with a multimedia guide which explains everything about the history of the Tower.



COMING BACK TO FRANCE

The last day, we left London at 6 p.m and we took the Eurotunnel at about 11:30 p.m.

Our bus went into the shuttle train and we waited for a few minutes before leaving. This tunnel was built in 1986 and is 50.5 kilometers long. The wagons were narrow and it was moving a lot. The crossing lasted about 30 minutes, it was quite noisy.

This travel was really interesting and very nice so we are nostalgic. We would like to go there again. We thank our teachers and the school too !