

Erasmus Trip to Paris – By Tessa

On Monday 4 May four children and two teachers, (all very excited) set off to Perth train station with a long 6 hour journey ahead.

We arrived at St Pancras, after passing a very crazy football fan and having a hot chocolate in a lovely cafe. Then jumped on the Euro Star. We arrived quite late in Paris and we were kindly greeted by our host family Janel, Tibo, Vivienne and Maxine, Vivienne very kindly gave up her room for myself and Izzy.

The next morning was an early start as we had to get up to be at school, by only on day two we were professionals at the metro! We caught sight of some delicious French bites, which tempted us although we had already had breakfast! We had some amazing entertainment from the whole school and a hot air balloon launch!

In the afternoon we went for swimming lessons we proved our coach wrong she thought Scottish were terrible swimmers, until we showed her they weren't when we beat the Greeks, Italians, French and Romanians! It got up to 23 degrees!

The next morning wasn't quite as warm, but we went to the inventions museum which was really interesting as the Erasmus project is on inventors, it was fascinating! We had a free afternoon with our families and we had the privilege to go to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower!

This was an amazing experience! We then realised the best crêpes we had ever tasted were Tibos Crêpes they were 'bon'! We had a very long game of Monopoly, followed by ice-cream!

Today was a big day of history for France they found out that Macron was going to be ruling France for the next four years! We also went with all the other countries to the Louvre and saw the Mona Lisa, it was **tiny**!

We went to the African art section which was very interesting, I'd never seen it before! For dinner we had a barbecue in the rain!

We were now getting nearer the end of our stay we were all very sad.): but we're still making the most of it we packed a lot of activities into this day, to start with we went on a sunny boat ride down the Seine. Followed by seeing a humongous parade on horses commemorating the end of the war. We then took the metro to Montmartre, where we got fidget spinners!!! We got our portraits drawn by artists and silhouettes! Followed by a visit to the Arc de Triumph. In the evening all the schools met for crepes at a spectacular creperie! We had to say goodbye to crazy Georgia today and the Greeks it was really sad but we hope to see them again soon.

We woke up feeling happy and sad it was our last day but we were going to Giverny to visit Claude Monet's gardens it was a beautiful day to visit as it was 25 degrees.

We went round Monet's house and gardens and of course the best part, the gift shop! We saw his amazing water lilies and river and flowers it was sooooo pretty. Myself and Izzy went back to our host family's house to give and receive gifts, unfortunately Tibo wasn't there: he was off on business :(

The next morning early we grabbed some croissants and left Gare du Nord which was really sad having to say goodbye to our host families, who made us feel very welcome. We finally arrived back in Perth after 8 hours spent on a train!