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TRAVEL DIARY

Our exchange in France

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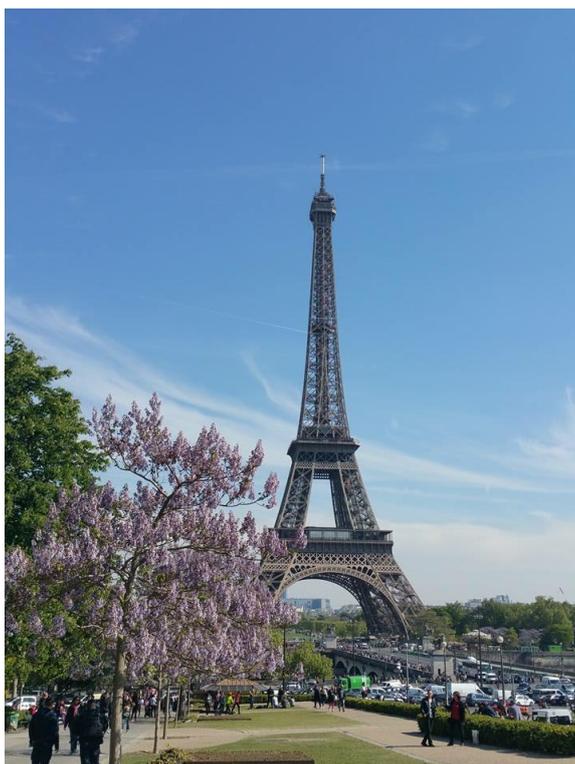
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Monday 24th April

Monday was the day everybody met. Jean Pierre Timbaud welcomed each partner and gave a presentation. All the partners presented their countries and showed a little video that they had prepared.

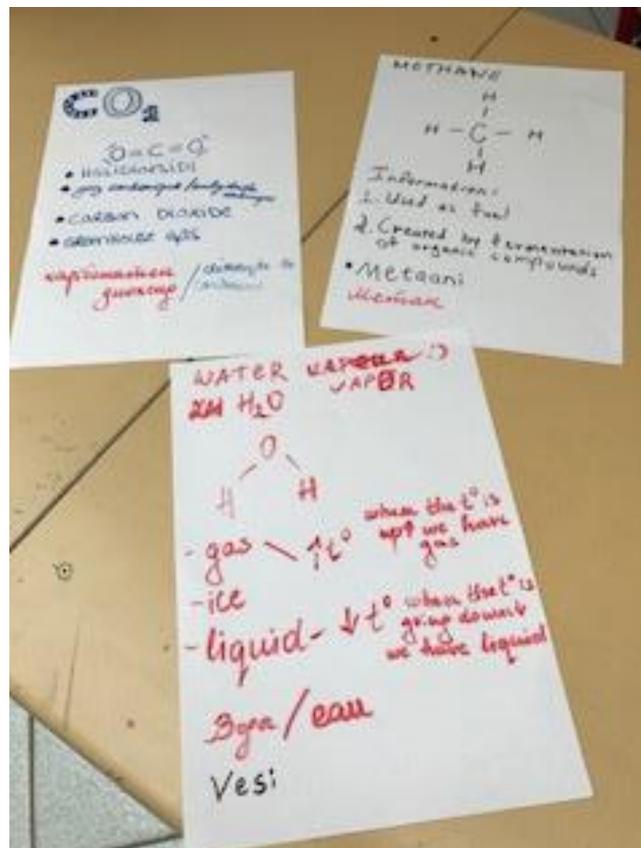


In the afternoon we all went to the Eiffel tower and climbed up by foot till the second floor as the 3rd floor was only accessible with an elevator. We took some pictures and then with the free time everybody had we went to Trocadero. After that we all went home.



Tuesday 25th April

Our day started having breakfast with our families and later we went to Jean-Pierre Timbaud High School at around 9 a.m.. There, we met the groups from the other countries : students and teachers. We started the day with different workshops : greenhouse gases and hats/masks made of renewable materials.



After lunch at the canteen, we showed our school to our partners and we sent to Chamarande during the afternoon . For this purpose, we took the train to Chamarande.



We spent time in the castle and the garden. After this first day, each of us came back home with our European partner. In my case (Gauvain), we played in the garden during one hour. This first day was fun and we slept like babies.

Wednesday 26th April

Ha, Wednesday! In our opinion, this could be the greatest day of this french week! It all started at twenty past eight in front of the Brétigny's train station, and as soon as everyone arrived, we took the train to the station of Bibliothèque François Mitterrand (asked BFM) to pick up the teachers and then we switched to another train to Versailles.

The route to the king's domain was pretty long but it was definitely worth it! The queue to get inside the main castle was way too long and that's we went to the garden's instead of the castle's corridors. It was really nice walking in those gardens, the weather was great and the landscape was amazing as always in Versailles.



We arrived in a small but peaceful place next to the Grand Canal which is kinda like a pool where you can sail on small boats. We ate there under the sun next to the water. After we finished eating, some of us played "Hide and seek", that was a funny time! We then went to the Grand and Petit Trianon where we had a great freetime. We walked on small footpaths (and nearly got lost, or got lost for some others haha). We then went to the Marie Antoinette's Domain, travelling through her quarters, well luxurious quarters I should say!

All of the teachers and some students left Paris to Brétigny, but most of the students stayed in Paris and went to the Champs Elysées on the evening, we had a great time walking in Paris and the correspondents had the occasion to try the french's subway ! We all enjoyed that evening in the Champs, doing shopping and eating and taking pictures.

We then all left Paris and got back to our homes, all extinguished! In my opinion, wednesday was a really wonderful day!



Dwayne Masi and Cyril Sorin, over aaaand out.

Thursday 27th April

Thursday we went to the fondation Louis Vuitton in the morning. But first things first, to get there, we of course took the train, but funny enough, this museum is located in the middle of the Bois de Boulogne, this may sound perfectly normal to any outsider of France, but well, once you learn a little about this place, you understand that this place is mostly known for 'having fun paying ladies » if you waht I mean ! (Funny quote, some of us spotted a single jaguar textured high heel).

Sorry I was out of the subject there, but this was necessary to say. Arriving to the foundation we were given a tour of it in english. Before the visit of the current exposition, the guides first explained the idea behind the shape of this building :



As you can see, the building is quite weirdly shaped but the reason of it is because Franck Gehry who built it wanted to break « building rules » by not having a tower like building.

That's why the building in itself is a work of art, sheep shaped, it was very difficult to construct, but they created new building methods in order to finish their project. We then went inside where we were amazed by the number of paintings and sculptures about slavery, it was really impressive. There was also a part where you had those sculptures and masks which were made out of scrap materials, pretty stunning.

After that we had lunch at the university of Paris Dauphine. Then we went to the Seine and we cruised along the seine on a touristic river boat, it was raining too so it ruined the mood but it was still extremely funny. Then we all went home tired but satisfied.

Friday 28th April

Friday was the last day of the project in France, we started the day by meeting at the high school at 8:30 in the morning. The teachers had decided that we were going to celebrate the Earth Day. We started every day by having some croissants and drinks provided by the school. We then used some creativity and drew some drawings to represent the Earth Day. Everybody showed their creative sides and the teachers felt proud of their students and then proceeded to take pictures of the drawings which were uploaded on the projects Facebook page.



After that we rehearsed the choreography that the Romanian partners had prepared for us all. We had a lot of fun during the rehearsals. All the teachers were dancing with us and during the breaks the Italian teachers showed us some tango moves. For the final performance we had some French teachers and staff come in as the audience.



After the performance, we had lunch at the schools canteen and then we spent the afternoon in Paris walking around and looking at different street art. Then we stopped at a Mosque where we all had tea and some sweet delicacies. We were all given some free time and there was a huge botanical garden and a few museums and a lot of cafes and restaurants in that area. We all met at the mammoth that was kept outside a museum and then we all went back to the school. We then planted a tree which represented our project.



Then we had a party where we ate and danced with everybody else. We then said our goodbyes and parted our ways. It was an absolutely enthralling experience and everybody was just so friendly. I loved them all.