

Day 2 -13th February

Start of the school day. The children all start the day on the playground together with a prayer.



We went on a tour of the school and visited lots of different classes within the school. The children start school at age 6 and stay at primary school until 12.



The kindergarten is attached to the school but is not part of the primary school. The children go here first before starting primary school.



The children have drama, English and computer lessons in different classrooms to their own.



Here is us with our tour guides from class 6.



The school had a welcome party for all the comenius guests where we listened to traditional Greek songs and watched the children perform Greek dances.



The head of the school and members of the local Educational authorities also came to welcome us.





Each of the countries were welcomed by Grade 3 children in Greek, English and the language of that country. We received a bag of gifts from the school and local area.



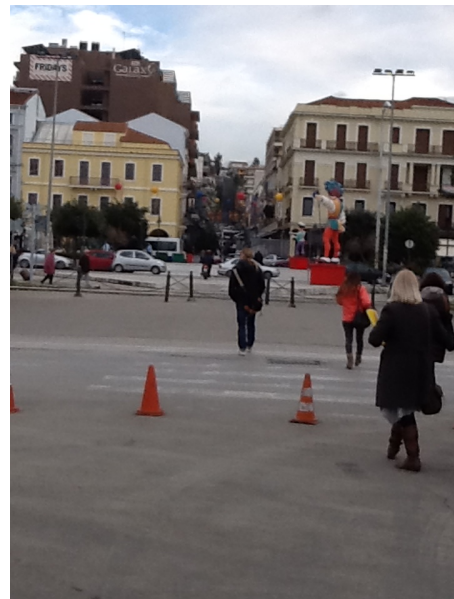
A local carnival group came into school to run a treasure hunt for the children and staff. We had to turn the wheel of fortune to find out what task we had to do. Members of the local community also came to do carnival activities with the children.





Joe had a mask moulded to the shape of his face. The children decorated the mask for the carnival.

Later on that day we went on a tour of the city of Patra. We walked from the hotel to the old port which the Romans built. There was a direct road from the old port up to the castle at the top of hill so that the port could be guarded.





We walked around the modern pedestrianised streets and then through old traditional streets of the city, which took us to the Roman theatre.



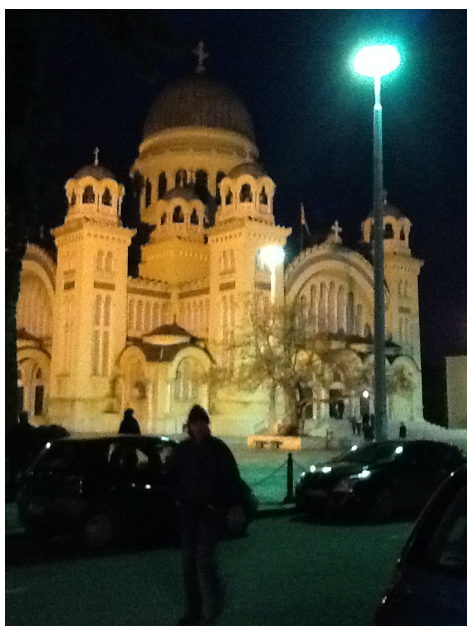
We also went to visit the modern Apollo theatre in the centre of the city.



We then walked backed towards the sea to the most famous landmark of Patra, the lighthouse. The lighthouse used to stand on the old port but was destroyed and has now an exact replica has been built closer to the new port.



Finally, we finished our tour at the largest Orthodox Church in Greece, St Andreas. The priest talked to us about the history of the church and how it is the second church of St Andreas in the city because they needed a larger church to hold all the Christian people in the city. St Andreas's life was ended in Patra as he was crucified by the Roman Governor of the time as he didn't agree with Christianity. St Andreas' body was buried on the site of the old church.





On our way to the restaurant we visited a carnival costume exhibition which display the costumes of the various carnival groups from around the city. The costumes linked with the name and theme for that group for this years carnival. Everyone within that's carnival group would wear the same costume.



The different groups carry various items and wear elaborate head dresses to make them stand out from other groups.

