

# Our trip to England – Hastings 2.A and 3.A

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### Sunday

On Sunday morning we finally arrived in a sea-port town called Dover, which is also known as a fishing town. After the journey we were very tired so we went to relax on the beach for a



while. On a stony beach we collected shells and more active students were running.. Then we visited Dover Castle in which are mainly landmarks from the World War II.. It was really interesting because we saw very old underground hospital with all its equipments which

were used in that war's times. There was an amazing view of the sea, town, port and many roads from the height. Later our guide showed us Smuggler caves. The caves are situated in the heart of Hastings Misticaric West Hill. There we came face to face with Hairy Jack who told us something about smugglers and these caves.



After that we had some time to do shopping in the town but there were



not good shops. There were only a lot of cafés and something like pubs. In the end of the first day we met our



families. We were a little scared because we did not know anything about them. At the end it was super. We did not spend a lot of time with them so we had nothing to say to each other. We had there just dinner and place to sleep.

## Monday

On Monday morning at first we went to school where we had to write a test, an essay about our journey and we were playing games. It was really funny. We were standing in the circle



and saying names of days and months. According to our we were divided into levels. Each group had its teacher. We spent at three hours a day.

Monday was really a day so now we know how looks in England when is such a rainy day. went to the museum called Yesterday's We could see there many things from history: old toys, uniforms, ... There were



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models of old shops, hairdresser's, post office, kitchen ... Then we went to see the Bodiam Castle, which is built on water. But not all of us came there some of us stayed on the bus. In the evening after dinner in our families we met in Alexandra's Park. Every evening we had to be home at 10 o'clock, but it was o.k. because we were tired and looking forward to going to our beds.

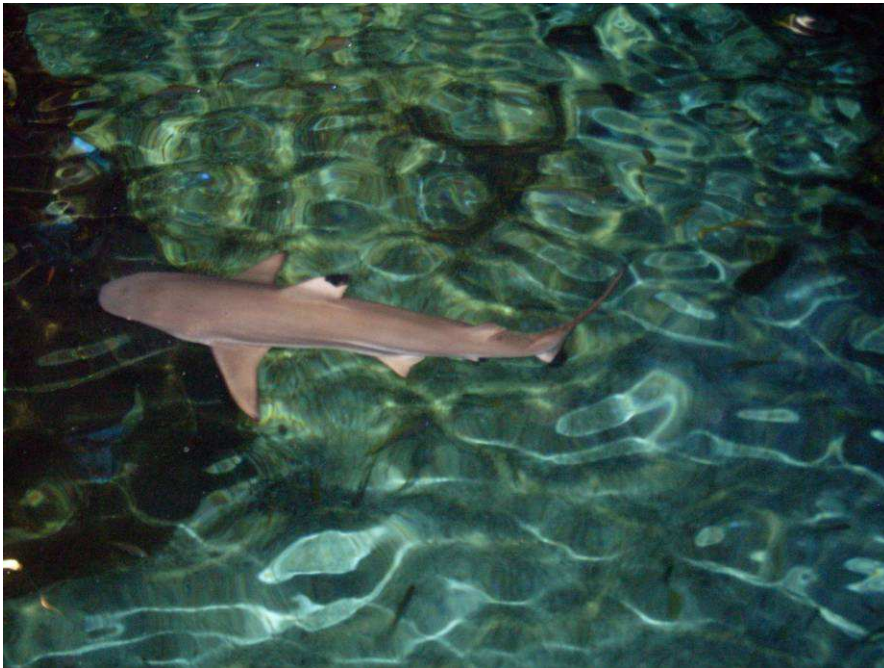
## Tuesday

At quarter to nine we went to school. We played some interesting word games with the teacher and also learned some new phrases.

After school we went to Brighton where we visited Sea Life Centre. There were a lot of interesting creatures like sharks, turtles or catfish. The most interesting thing was the mirror room, where we could see our reflections everywhere.

After Sea Life Centre we had a few hours for shopping some souvenirs or clothes. We also had to buy something to eat.

About six o'clock we left Brighton and returned to our families where we had a delicious dinner. Then we went out for a while and finally went to sleep about eleven o'clock.



## Wednesday

The morning was the same as on Tuesday. After school we went to see Seven sisters. There are very high cliffs. The most biggest is Beachy Head. It was very exciting. We could see the sea very clearly and we also saw four lighthouses. The countryside was also spectacular and very beautiful. I think it was one of the most unforgettable experiences for all of us. After that we returned to Hastings. We had to buy food for the rest of the trip .



## Thursday

“Oh snap! Are you ready for this?,” Fergiesings as her famous song opens. Yeah, we are talking about London.

The last day of our trip was devoted to London sightseeing. Let's face it, visiting the UK

without seeing London wouldn't be the best idea.

Our guided tour started nearby the House of Commons where we also noticed an incredibly hot-looking Zac Efron's poster printed all over a typical red double decker bus. What a pleasure to connect old British tradition with modern art. As we were drawing near the Eye on London, we passed by St. Margaret's Church as well as the Big Ben Clock Tower. Then there was only the Westminster Bridge left in order to finally stand under the biggest observation moving wheel in the world.



Its massiveness was shocking. Unfortunately, we didn't get a chance to take a ride. The weather wasn't very favorable. It was too cloudy and seemed as if it was about to rain. We wouldn't be able to properly enjoy the long-distance view. Instead, we had about an hour to buy souvenirs and stand in the line for the restrooms. There was a never-ending line. Someone smoked in the bathrooms downstairs where “gents” and “ladies” were. The fire alarm turned on and because of security reasons, the bathrooms must have been closed. Therefore, all the visitors could only use the two bathrooms made especially for disabled. Furthermore, our journey continued to the St. James' Park located right in front of the Buckingham palace. Squirrels

attracted our attention. There were so adorable. Obviously we weren't the only ones who thought so because everyone was giving them food. That's why they looked so chubby. We left the park and decided to take a few pictures in front of the palace. We arrived just on time to watch “Changing of the Guard”. The guards wore the bearskin hats which cause a lot of trouble for the British government nowadays since they are made from a real fur. A music band and metropolitan horse police accompanied them. Afterwards, we moved to the Trafalgar and Leicester Squares. Over there, we have agreed to take an hour off and do some shopping. Despite the fact we were in the city center; this location wasn't very suitable for shopping. Only restaurants were found here. But this didn't dispirit shop alcoholics. Some of them found their way to the Oxford Street where all the famous stores were. They bought some apparel in well-know shops such as Mango, Zara or Adidas. That wasn't all. Many more shops were available for exploration, most of them quite unfamiliar in Slovakia, e. g. Top shop, Dorothy Perkins, the Body shop, Miss Selfridge, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream... The more touristic types enjoyed mummies were meanwhile enjoying Egyptian mummies in the British museum.





Our last stop was at the Covent Garden. Typical features of this place were live music restaurants. However, our eyes spotted something more remarkable - a red-haired guy. He was trying to break the official Guinness World Record for controlling a soccer ball. By the time, we definitely headed back home; he almost reached 13 hours of a nonstop kicking.

### **Our school in Hastings**

When we came to school, we first wrote a test, according to our results they divided us into three groups by our knowledge.

In the first group there were mainly students from the Czech Republic, because most of them were small kids. The second and the third groups were almost the same. All groups mostly spent their time by playing games what could have been a bit more difficult but very funny.

At the end we recieved certificates with our names and the groups we were in. We had a great time at this school all three days and we will always have beautiful memories.

