

GKV ELT Conference 2012

GKV hosted its 7th ELT conference on April 14th, 2012



A number of English teachers from various schools showed great interest in the conference, which involved two sessions about ICT and one session about storytelling. The great presenters David MEARNS from Oxford Publishing, Paul Henry ZARRAGA from Cambridge Publishing, İnayet Deniz ÖZGÖRGÜLÜ from British Council showed their expertise. The participants breathlessly watched them performing and left the conference feeling happy and satisfied. At the end of the conference each participant received free passwords for an online Teacher Development Program.



ENGLISH MUSICAL 'WICKED'

GKV High School English Drama Club students performed a splendid musical, named 'Wicked', at Atatürk Cultural Centre of Gaziantep University



The musical was an adaptation of the novel 'Wicked' by Gregory Maguire. The show attracted wide attention with the gifted

performers, the level of English, the colourful costumes and, last but not least, with the sound and light effects. The English Drama Club students presented their annual production to an exceptional standard which was a great success. A big thank you goes to our students, parents and teachers for all their hard work and contribution.



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What They Said About "WICKED" ...

I can't wait to be on the stage next year.

Onur KUTLAR FL/9-B

This performance helped me improve my pronunciation. Being a goat was fantastic.

Merthan KAMBER FL/9-B

English theatre has changed my thinking about the world. I have become more decieve and self confident.

Yağmur AŞAR FL/10-A

I have always dreamed of appearing at Broadway. Now I am thinking why not?

Ece Işık FL/10-A

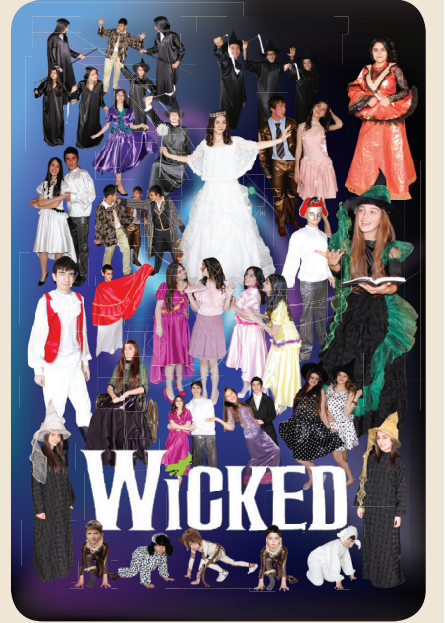
I'm so pleased to be a part of such a hard and

applauded play. Most of our friends are worried that being a member of this club will steal their precious time to study. But have you ever considered how much it contributes to you? It's not too late you still have a chance for the next year.

Mert ELBEYLİ FL/11-A

On behalf of all my friends I would like to thank to everybody for their support, encouragement and motivating applauses. Wicked as directed by our English teacher Nursev Kadioğlu will always be remembered.

Beril ER AL/11-F



CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, ANTALYA

The GKV English department follow many of the international ELT conferences and symposiums all over Turkey. The Head of Department Sultan Ulu and one of the English teachers Cansu Cansız were invited to the Cambridge International Symposium in Belek, Antalya. The three-day symposium, which had spectacular sessions especially for young-learner teachers, hosted well-known ELT gurus and teacher trainers like Brian Tomlinson, an admired storyteller, and also an author Alan Maley. These ELT experts made a huge contribution to the participants' teaching-learning process.



GKV staff did a workshop in Osmaniye

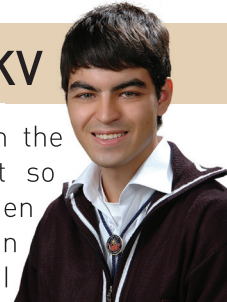


On February 24th, 2012 our Head of English Department Sultan Ulu, a representative of the British Council in the south-east of Turkey, did an intensive workshop in Atabey College, a private school in Osmaniye. A group of English teachers from GKV also attended the workshop. All the teachers who participated voluntarily in the workshop which was named "Recreate Your Course Book with Team Based Learning" left happily, saying they would be looking forward to the next one.

NEW CLUB AT GKV

Tolga CEKELİ AL/11-A

When I first decided to join the GKV Riding Club, I wasn't so sure about my decision. Then I realised that it would be an enjoyable activity for me. I joined the club last January, and now I go there once a week and ride horses. When I ride, I feel relaxed and I enjoy myself. I go to the club with my friends from school. We all have nice time there. Every teenager should have a hobby You can bond with animals. That is really a good feeling. Even if you are afraid of animals, I am sure you will enjoy this sport. It is not an extreme sport, everyone at any age can do it. After I started riding I realised that it would be possible to make friends with horses.



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The 2nd UES International Elt Conference



Between 03-06 May 2012, The Head of English Department Sultan Ulu and one of our experienced English teachers, B. Didem Korkmaz, attended a well-organized international conference named "From Classroom Teaching to More Adventurous Paths" in Belek, Antalya. The plenary sessions as well as the workshops were presented by well-known ELT gurus such as a best-selling ELT author, Herbert Buchta, Jolanta Galecka, Education Expert at Young Digital, Rob Metcalf, who is the author of Net Languages online courses. The conference ended with a lively ceremony in which the participants received their certificates.

THE MASK MAN SHOW

On 8th May 2012, 1st and 2nd graders had fun with the popular Cambridge Kid's Box characters Mask Man and Monty at GKV's theatre hall. Paul Zarraga, the co-presenter of the TV program on TRT Okul, presented the show in an interactive way. He got the students totally involved in the show; they sang songs accompanied by actions and answered all his questions enthusiastically. The characters appreciated the students' self-confident participation while the teachers were happy and proud of their level of English.



e-Twinning Seminar



On 22nd May 2012, a seminar about e-Twinning and Scandinavian Education System was held at the Chamber of Commerce, Gaziantep. The seminar which was presented by John Albert, Lillebealt University, was widely attended by English teachers from the state and the private schools. At the end of the seminar, the Head of English Department Sultan Ulu and English teacher Nilüfer Bolat, who made huge contribution to the project called 'One Language One Person' proudly received their certificates.

ÇANAKKALE TRIP



Lots of trips have been organized by our school but, for me, the school trip to Çanakkale was the most meaningful of them all. Like me, most of my friends were very excited about going on this trip. When we reached Çanakkale, we were all tired but we couldn't wait to see this great city

On the first day, we visited the martyrs' graves. While visiting them, we couldn't keep from crying with pride and sadness. Tens of thousands of soldiers ...Christians, Jews and Muslims ...lie side by side. The graves could be viewed from miles away. It was very touching to see how these people had dedicated their lives for the sake of their countries. We had a wonderful guide who told us everything about the history of the site. The places we visited were marvellous. On the second day, we went to Assos Ancient Town to visit the theatre in which the gladiators once fought. There, we learned that the origin of olives was in the land around Assos. We had a chance to taste different types of food such as hot ice-cream. It was delicious and I recommend everybody to taste it! On another day we went to Troy and climbed inside the model of the renowned wooden horse in which the Greek soldiers waited for their villainous attacks on Troy. It was an unforgettable moment for us. We recommend everybody to visit this city as soon as possible since it is a place that everybody should see. Of course, we took a lot of photos but no photograph can reflect the real spirit of this amazing place.

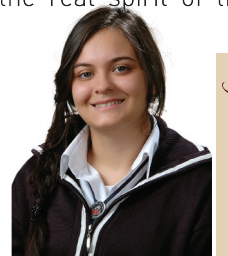
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DRAFT CONSTITUTION BY İREM ORAL



İrem Oral, the Head of the Youth Parliament, which was founded by GKV students and was supported by students from other schools around Gaziantep region, presented the new draft Constitution which the members of the YP made to the President of the Turkish Assembly, Cemil Çiçek. The president, who showed great interest in the draft constitution, invited İrem Oral and all the members of the YP to Ankara.



ONE MORE TUBITAK SUCCESS



As Gaziantep College Foundation Private High Schools, we are very proud of our successful students who have made outstanding achievements in the Tubitak competition in the 2011-2012 academic year. Gizem Zer, Ayşe Gökçe Kutsal and Ersin Bacaksız from Anatolian 11-A class entered this competition in Adana in March and Ersin Bacaksız was awarded the first prize out of 70 projects with his project "Using Pistachios Instead of Cosmetics for Protecting Human Skin from Sunlight". Our teachers Burcu Dindaroğlu, Hale Ersan and Olun Asal, the advisors of the projects, and their students went to Adana to present their work. They were there for 5 days. Ersin Bacaksız and his advisor Burcu Dindaroğlu's project, which was announced as the winner by the jury, shows that the students and the teachers of GKV Private Schools always try to be the best.



my project to everyone, I worked hard on Tuesday because I was going to show my project to the jury and I was so nervous. On Wednesday, our friends from school came to visit us. This visit made me happy and more confident. On Thursday, I went to see the other projects where I made new friends and increased my knowledge. On Friday, during the award ceremony I was so excited. After they gave awards to the projects which came 3rd and 2nd, I got even more excited. I started to lose my hope when they were announcing the finalists' names. I completely lost my hope but then they told me that I was one of the finalists and I would go to Ankara for the finals! After I heard the good news, I ran to my teacher. At last I went to the table which was full of awards to get my award. And people took photos of me with my teacher. I was very happy when we came back to Gaziantep.

Ersin BACAĞSIZ
AL/11-A



GKV DEBATE CLUB IN SEMI-FINALS



GKV Debate Club was founded three years ago by GKV students Can Kılçksız and Berhan Keskin. That year, we took part in various competitions and Yasemin Menteş was named the second best speaker in the debate tournament. This year we won our debates against Robert College, TED College and Açı College and we are in the semi-finals now. We worked really hard for this tournament. We even had two debates in one week! I want to thank my friends for their great efforts because they have been working very hard to improve their presentations. Now our aim is to win all the matches and be the best in Turkey. We want to prove our knowledge and power to everybody. We are from the east of Turkey but we are as good as the west. I have great faith in my team and I hope we will reach our goals.



Elif Naz ARAZAL/11-D



GKV FELLOWSHIP

From the beginning of spring 2012, GKV students have been participating in various GKV Fellowship activities, the aim of which is to help the learners develop a feeling of unity and solidarity.

GKV ART FELLOWSHIP

On 26 – 27 April 2012, 600 GKV students gathered in the school garden and put their imagination into their drawings in a well-organized activity named 'My Dream World'.



GKV ENGLISH FELLOWSHIP



On 21st May 2012, GKV 2nd graders with their 4th grade fellows played a lively English outdoor game called 'Pass the ball' in the school garden. The aim of the game was to create a friendly atmosphere so that they could socialize with different grades and also to set up



a situation in which they would have a chance to communicate confidently in English with each other. The game was played with friendly rivalry and finally the winners were congratulated with songs and loud applause.



Ece Emel TEKİNKUŞ
7/E

BEING A MEMBER OF THE GKV PHOTO-CLUB



Berkan SARIDAĞ

People can gain different habits via the clubs. These habits can effect our choices while choosing our profession.

Being a member of The GKV Photo-Club will help me to choose a hobby and my profession in future. I believe that, I improve my talent in this club, and decide my future plans.

Thanks to our club advisor Fatma Özseven's care, ability and, knowldage, all my friends and I gain new and different point of views in the field of photo graphy.

Clubs can be beneficial but this club is really different and special than others for me...



THE LOST CROWN

GKV Private Primary School English Drama Club, guided by English teachers Nilüfer Bolat and Fatih Kaya, performed its first English play "The Lost Crown" on the 16th May before the large audience including our school administrators, parents and students. The play was about the king's precious crown which disappeared suddenly, and the events of which took place to find it. Twelve students from 6th grades took part in this great performance. The dance show at the end of the play also drew great applause.



DAS KOSTÜMFEST

Die GKV Privat Schulen sind bekannt für ihren Vorsatz "learning by doing". Im Rahmen dessen, haben die Schüler der GKV Privat Schulen am 10. Mai 2012 an dem Kostümfest teilgenommen. Dabei haben die Schüler der 4. Klassen die Möglichkeit bekommen, dass gelernte anzuwenden. Das Kostümfest wurde von der Deutschlehrerin Sibel YÜZBAŞI organisiert. Es war vor allem wichtig, dass die Schüler ihre Kostüme selbst zusammen stellten oder Textilreste dafür benutzten. In diesem

Zusammenhang wurde die Präsentation umso aufregender. Also mussten die Schüler der 4. Klassen die Grenzen der Kreativität fordern. Aufgrund der deutschsprachigen Präsentation der Kostüme haben die Schüler die Möglichkeit bekommen ihre Deutschkenntnisse in den Vordergrund zu bringen. In diesem Zusammenhang hat sich der Prozess des Lernens beschleunigt. Die Schüler wurden von der Jury objektiv beurteilt und im Rahmen dessen wurde



von der Klasse 4-A Emir KÜLAH, von 4-B Dogu SERTKAYA, von 4-C Başak Dilşat SARI, von 4-D Umur BİLGİNER, von 4-E Melda KULAKOĞLU erster. Die Preise wurden von Assis. Prof. Atanur VERGİLİ verliehen.



The Puppet Show

One of the best puppet masters in the world, Scott Land, was welcomed by GKV students on 15th May 2012. His show included actions and movements that Scott Land had created for each of his puppets, which he had made himself. When he was 8, Scott Land was inspired by puppets he saw in a fair and he started doing research in this field in various libraries. Since then he has been creating puppets,

including the sewing of the puppets and their costumes as well. The making of a puppet takes 4 months, and up until he produced 162 puppets. Scott Land presents shows to famous people in the US and is acknowledged to be one of artists in puppet making and puppet shows. At the end of the show Scott Land, chatted with the students and answered their questions about puppet making.




Teacher Development SIG & Learning Technologies SIG Joint Conference



26-27, May 2012
Yeditepe University
Istanbul, Turkey

IATEFL JOINT CONFERENCE

Three GKV English teachers are attending an IATEFL joint conference called "The teacher Development with or without Technology" between 26 - 27 May 2012 at Yeditepe University. This is an international conference involving ELT experts, authors, and teacher trainers. So the teachers are eagerly looking forward to attending with a view to increasing their knowledge about the latest developments in the ELT scene around the world.

