

Model United Nations "MUN"

My friends and I founded the Model United Nations - MUN Club this year. The preparations of this club started last spring, when we attended a European Youth Parliament - EYP conference at Galatasaray High School in İstanbul. Since then, we have been attending all the EYP and MUN conferences. To give an example, we were at the MUN conference at Yeditepe University in Istanbul in August. We are so excited and we are

looking forward to doing all the things that we have been working on for the next conference. I would like to point out that we need more members to help us during the preparation and who, one day, will take it over when the time comes for us to leave the school.

Tarık Sarıoğlu A11/D



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GKV Youth Assembly 2011



On December 21st, 2011 the students and teachers of GKV High School put on a project called "Genç Meclis" with a huge audience in which there were two parliamentarians, Mehmet Sarı and Halil Mazıcıoğlu, District Governor Mehmet Aydın

and some representatives from the Provincial Director of National Education. The project, which involved fourteen ministries including education, the economy, the European Union, interior affairs, foreign affairs, sports, tourism and culture, was a small version of the Turkish Parliament. The students and teachers discussed certain problems in Turkey as ministers or parliamentarians and tried to reach a consensus for solutions. The purpose of this project was to draw the attention of Turkish youth to politics and to help them be good citizens and critical thinkers.

GKV WELCOMES AFS STUDENTS FROM AMERICA

"My life in Turkey has been a mix of various complicated emotions and experiences. Like any exchange student, I find life in a culture so different from my own an amazing experience. Not only is Turkey an incredibly beautiful country, but its people also display hospitality towards everyone. My friends all show a lot of kindness and honesty as well. I have enjoyed my time at GKV and I have liked all the people I have met and gotten to know."

David Sommi



"In November of 2010 I applied for the YES (Youth Exchange and Study) Abroad Scholarship. The YES scholarship gives students a full tuition on an AFS program to 1 of 10 Muslim countries. In April we were informed that we had gotten the scholarship. All the finalists were flown to Washington, DC in June where we got to shake hands with President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Upon arriving in Turkey in October, we had a one day orientation in İstanbul and a one week Turkish course in Ankara at Tomer. My life in Gaziantep is fabulous. I am so happy to be here."

Anjali Belur

Exchange Programmes



Ecenur Kurt
F11/A

I have always dreamed of going abroad on a trip with my classmates. My dreams came true when the exchange programme to our sister school in Germany was announced. I didn't hesitate to join it and I was right. It was a marvelous trip, I learned about German culture, tasted German food and had a great time in Ludwigshafen. It is such a great memory that I will never forget.



Merve Özzorlu
F11/A

Everybody knows a little about exchange programs but I am sure you can't imagine how marvellous a way they are to help you make lots of new friends. Also it is good to learn about new cultures when you are having fun with your host family. I attended an exchange program last year in Germany with 12 students from my school. In May our German guests



came and then in September we went there. We visited museums and historical places, so we learnt about the history of Ludwigshafen, an industrial city in the north of the country. From there we made short trips to Heidelberg, Mannheim and the Rhine River. The best part of our trip was Wurstmarkt Festival which takes place in Ludwigshafen every September. We had lots of fun there. I think we were lucky because our host families were so friendly that we felt as if we were at home.

Everyone should have an experience like this. Don't miss these kinds of opportunities! I guarantee that you will learn new things while having fun at the same time.



Here is a storytelling scene with second graders.

Activity Scenes In Action

We are strong believers of using a large variety of different learning styles in foreign language classes at GKV. So we use learner-centered techniques such as storytelling, nursery rhymes, lively songs and games to a great extent to help our students not only acquire the language but also develop their social skills.

We are proud to share these scenes which prove that the system works perfectly well.



At school, the fifth-grade students are doing shopping at the stalls prepared by themselves.

Here is a scene with third graders retelling the story with their masks.



The kids in kindergarten are learning vocabulary in a fun activity, called 'Climbing Ladders'.



The Staff Learning English

GKV has started to present great opportunities to the staff in order to develop their skills academically and personally.

'English Speaking Skills', whose tutors are Sultan Ulu and Fatih Kaya, is one of the most popular courses. The applicants were divided into two groups according to their language levels. The courses continued until the end of December 2011 and proved very valuable to all who attended.



A Short Trip But a Huge Experience

On October 29th 2011, we took a trip to the capital, Ankara, to learn more about the history of the Turkish Republic.

The first stop was of course, Atatürk's Mausoleum. I was fascinated to see the photographs and the personal belongings of Atatürk. We also visited museums and the Turkish Parliament. Sitting on the famous orange seats made me feel so special!

I would like to thank my school and my teachers for this wonderful trip.



Bengisu Çapan
6/F

World Animal Day



6/E

Fehime Helin Erdoğan

On October 4th, 2011, World Animal Day, a group of students, 6th graders, went to an animal shelter which exists to draw people's attention to animals and animals' rights. It was a nice place and there were a lot of different animals. I was so happy that there were some people looking after them. When I saw them, I remember once again that all living things have the right to survive. 'Save the animals, save the world.'

2 - 4 December GKV Meeting With Robert College

Seven students from GKV High School to get to know each other and to decide on the activities we would present on 23-29 December accompanied by their teacher Özlem Findık attended Preparations for the Social Affairs Project held in Robert College on 2 - 4 December. The aim was



at GKV Private Schools. All the students had a good time and returned with many new ideas to widen their horizons.



Teaching Teenagers



Ayşe Göçer

On September 15-16, 2011, we hosted a two-day comprehensive workshop entitled 'Teaching Teenagers' presented by Ayşe Göçer from British Council. At the end of the workshop, the teachers, who enthusiastically participated in all the activities, proudly received their certificates. The workshop included the

- following topics:
- Motivating teenagers
 - Class Management
 - Problem Solving
 - Integrated skill activities



Cooperation with Parents



To improve cooperation between the family and the school, and to contribute to our parents' personal and social development, a seminar was held at GKV on 30.11.2011 by our counsellor, İpek Kundak. The seminar dealt with the importance of communication with parents.



Many parents showed great interest in the seminar and they requested to have such occasions in our school more often in the future.

GKV Hosted A Jointly-Organized Workshop - Teaching Young Learners

The British Council, GKV and the Provincial Directorate for National Education collectively organized a two-day workshop called 'Teaching Young Learners'.

The workshop was presented by teacher trainers Raymond Kerr (currently General Manager of the British Council) and Suzan Mordue. English teachers both from the local state schools and also from GKV joined wholeheartedly in the



workshop and all agreed that it was a great experience which left them with many new ideas. All the participants proudly received the certificates which are recognized both by the British Council and by the Provincial Directorate.

Taking it to the Limits

Penny Urr Donald Freeman Marie Delaney Dr. Arlys van Wyk



Sultan Ulu, the Head of English Department, attended the 15th International ELT conference, Taking to the Limits, held from October 20 – 22, 2011.

This conference gave the participants a great chance to meet some well-known ELT experts who are specialists in different subjects such as Penny Urr, Marie Delaney (author of teaching the Unteachable), David A. Hill, and Donald Freeman. In addition to the opportunity of participating in the seminars and the workshops, there were round-table discussions where each table had a topic led by one or two experts whose job was to inform the participants about that topic or to answer their questions. It was the best part of the conference in terms of finding new practical solutions for the age-old problems that teachers claim impossible to solve.

Community Involvement Project

The best CIP Project ever in Gaziantep by GKV and ROBERT COLLEGE.

As the leading school of the region, GKV completed a joint Project with Robert College between 23.12.2011 and 29.12.2011. 19 students and 1 teacher from Robert College, and 21 students and 4 teachers from GKV worked hard for over a month to complete advance preparations which finally proved a great success. With the participation of 80 students from 4 public schools, after a week of highly productive activities, a wide variety of activities were performed on the stage in the presence of the parents of the participant students. The Project helped all the students to break down prejudices and go beyond the boundaries through music, drama, sports, arts, and dance.





Chess Tournament 2011

GKV proudly hosted the biggest chess tournament of the year called 'The Salvation Chess Tournament' on December 17th, 2011. The tournament involved fifteen different categories in which 776 students from 90 schools enthusiastically participated.

The tournament in which not only the students but also the parents showed great interest was conducted with friendly rivalry. On December 19th, the winners

proudly received their prizes and certificates in a lively ceremony with a huge audience of parents and friends who shared their enthusiasm. Here are the GKV winners from the different categories:



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| * Barış YeğİN | 2/E Provincial Champion |
| * Arda Taşpolat | 5/B Provincial Champion |
| * Çağatay Çankaya | 7/C Provincial Champion |
| * H.Mislina Bozkurt | 3/C 2 nd Place |
| * Ali Erdem Doğan | 4/C 3 rd Place |
| * Metehan Gökçek | 6/B 3 rd Place |
| * Barış Uğur | 6/D 3 rd Place |
| * Buğra Gökçek | A10/B 3 rd Place |
| * Mustafa Koçer | 2/D 4 th Place |
| * Görkem Öztosun | 7/C 4 th Place |
| * H.Ozan Gökdağ | A10/B 4 th Place |



Riddle Competition

GKV students are encouraged to produce poems, riddles, and short stories in their English classes. This activity helps them be creative, productive and sociable. For this purpose, in November 2011, 6th-grade students with the help of their teachers organized a 'Riddle Competition' in which they were supposed to use their creativity to produce brand new riddles.

Here are the riddle competition winners

Fatih Mert Deniz
6/D



He breaks locks but he is not a thief.
When you can't open the door
Call him please
Who is this? (Locksmith)

Eylül Yılmaz
6/B



Students hate me
Teachers love me
Students must do me
Teachers must give me
What am I? (Homework)

Cankut Yeşilyurt
6/D

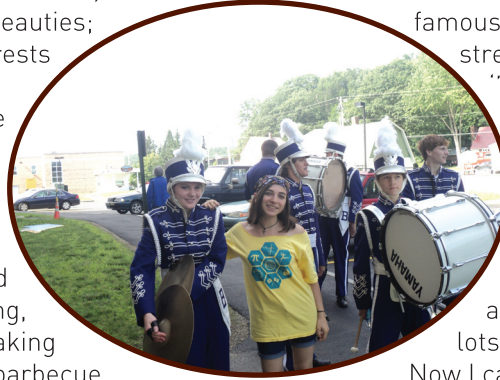


I shine in the sky
When I am old
I am very cold
I have names
With different flames
What am I? (Star)



SCHOLARSHIP IN AMERICA AWARDED TO THE SHINING STAR FROM GKV

Hi everyone! I had the most amazing two weeks of my life last summer in Vermont, USA. Vermont is full of natural beauties; such as long rivers, big forests and beautiful valleys. During the time I was there we had a variety of fun and educational activities. We played cricket, beach volleyball and other enjoyable games. I had a chance to try canoeing, swimming in a lake and taking part in a classical American barbecue party. And of course, I have great memories of our campfire, tie-dye craziness and dangerous zip-lining in the forest!!



The best part of it all was definitely the 4th of July activities. It was the first time that I saw this famous celebration. We walked along the streets with signs in our hands, such as "Peace at home, peace in the world" which is Atatürk's famous saying. We sang songs about peace and human rights in the parade. That day was amazing. All three of my roommates were American and they were curious about Turkish traditions. I learned lots of things about their culture too! Now I can do "Barn Dancing" very well! To sum up, every moment I spent there was very valuable and special to me.

Yağmur Aşar F10/A

Trainer Development Workshop

The British Council, the United Kingdom's international organization for cultural relations and educational opportunities, organized a trainer development workshop between the 28th November and 2nd December 2011 in Istanbul with the participation of 16 teachers from all over Turkey.



The event took place in the Point Hotel, Taksim. Our English teacher Nilufer Bolat was chosen as one of the participants in this conference. This five-day course included some teaching sessions and a mentoring part. Teacher Trainer and a CELTA Tutor Simon Shepherd along with Beverly Newman conducted the sessions. At the end of the workshop, the trainers received their certificates from Raymond Kerr, the Global Teacher Development Adviser with the British Council Global Education Team.



Writeboard

'Writeboard' is a safe interactive website without distractors or pop-up advertisements that has been specially created for ELT users.

'Writeboard' has been used by different classes and departments for various purposes in our school. Starting with Grade 7, students write about topics chosen by the teacher from the book which they are using in class. This creates a great chance for the students to practise English at home and to complete the tasks they are supposed to finish at school.

Here are the impressions of 7-grade students:

'It is great to communicate via Writeboard. The teacher sometimes sends us a text. We read it and then we discuss about it. In this way we improve our English because we use English every day in real life situations.'

Bilge Hengirmen 7/B

'I think Writeboard is amazing. We can share our ideas about anything we read or watch. It is a great tool to improve your English.'

Elif Çöçelli 7/B

TBL by J&D Willis

The Head of Department Sultan Ulu received a once-in-a-blue-moon chance to join a TBL (Task-Based Learning) workshop with the well-known ELT experts and TBL specialists Jane and Dave Willis on 26th November 2011 in Istanbul.



Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude.
Ralph Marston