

Ciao, ← (hello - Italian)

On Wednesday 27th January 2010 school and I visited Salford University to participate in a Language Enrichment Course along with several other schools. We didn't know what to expect, however at the end of the day we had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

At the start of the day we listened to a short talk on what languages were and why they are so important; the talk was really interesting and opened our eyes and minds up- we were very eager to learn a new language.

So then we went to learn some Italian. Our teacher was called Rafaela, she was from Italy. After 45 minutes we had gone from knowing no Italian to being able to ...

- Say basic Italian greetings
- Say our name
- Say how we were feeling
- And naming body parts

So after a short break we divided ourselves into teams of three for an Italian quiz.

Unfortunately my team only came 2nd ☹ but we had certainly enjoyed ourselves! ☺

It was then time to say arrivederci to Rafaela for some much needed lunch. After a scrumptious lunch we were whisked off to see a room with market stalls selling cultural things- indeed it was much better than that!

The first room we went to at the market we were greeted by a lady with a stick- we wondered who she was! The lady was a belly dancer and soon enough my friends and I were wiggling our belly and shaking our hips!

In the second room we could see vibrant, sparkly costumes staring at us from opposite the door. As soon as we had learned to write our name in Arabic we all ran to model the clothes. We had our own photo shoot :s and then...

We entered the next room and were spoilt for choice- we could either master the 'ancient art of Chinese paper folding' or have a go at Chinese calligraphy. I tried calligraphy, it was very relaxing but a lot harder than it looked! At the end of the session four of my friends and I showed our other friends the things we had painted and they showed us the paper frogs they had made.

The next room was an Italian one, there we learnt about carnivals in Italy. It was very interesting, with a slideshow of beautiful pictures.

After the Multi-Cultural market we went to learn Urdu, a language I didn't know existed five hours earlier! We learnt some basic food items and greetings. With our fresh knowledge we made an Urdu menu. My group showed the rest of the class our menu.

At the end of the day we were thanked for our participation in the event. However, I would like to thank 'Routes Into Languages' for teaching me some Italian, Urdu and general knowledge, but mostly for teaching me how important learning languages are; you have made me much more willing to continue learning languages and I will definitely carry on learning languages for as long as possible!

谢谢 ← (thank you -
mandarin
Chinese)

أحب (Ellie - Arabic)

Ellie Tallon



Italian Carnival
masks



Caitlin in the
Italian session



MODELLING!!!



Emilia and Milla
modelling



Chinese Calligraphy



A traditional painting



Caitlin, our student
ambassador and I
having a go!