**Project Holocaust**

In May 2011 we took part in the school project Holocaust. First we visited a concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland. It was a really depressing experience. Our guide showed us round the buildings where prisoners, mainly Jews, lived in terrible conditions. It was very difficult for us to imagine how people could live there or even survive. Then we went through rooms full of glasses, dishes, toothbrushes, shoes, razors etc. In one room there were even blankets made of people’s hair. It was atrocious! These images will stay in our minds forever. But the worst was yet to come in Birkenau, which was an extermination camp where people lived much worse than animals and most of them were straight sent to gas chambers and cremated. More than one million of them!
After that we watch some documentaries and movies, read several articles, stories and personal accounts on the theme of Holocaust. We also discussed why such topics are still relevant today, more than sixty years after the Second World War, why the cases of racism and anti-Semitism are not rare and why there are even people who deny Holocaust.
The work on the project was a very intense and unforgettable experience.

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