

## Children's Day Celebration in Turkey

Every year, children in Turkey celebrate National Sovereignty and Children's Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

For many years now, children from Holmleigh Primary school have represented the United Kingdom at the 23<sup>rd</sup> April Children's Day International Dance Festival in Turkey. This year, children from Year 5 and 6 travelled to Istanbul with Ms Ercan, Ms Doreen and Mr Ward. The children stayed with Turkish families, enjoyed being pupils in a Turkish school and performed a Scottish dance in front of millions of people through live TV. They were exceptional and we were all very proud of them.



Turkey was a fun and a new experience for me and I'm glad I could share it with some of my friends.

I think what I enjoyed most about the trip was when we finished the dance festival and the shopping at the end.

The dance festival because that was the whole reason to go. I had missed some clubs, rehearsed twice a week and it was also why we went there. (our theme was Scottish dancing); The shopping because there were lots of nice things to buy and you can even bargain!

Overall, Turkey was BRILLIANT!!! **Kenji Year 5**

I had a lovely experience in Turkey without my parents. We did lots of things in Turkey.

We went to MiniTurk (a place where everything was mini). We went on a boat on the Bosphorus. During the past three days we bought food and lots of presents.

We also visited Aya Sofia and saw the Blue Mosque. During that period, we also did some rehearsing as well as having fun.

When the big day arrived, I was really excited. More than 20,000 people were watching us and more watching on their tvs. I think we smashed it – do you think so too? **Essa Year 5**

We gathered at school to take a picture and waited for everyone and then we set off. We got to the airport and waited for our flight at 11.25.

We got on the aeroplane successfully. We stopped at Istanbul Turkish Airport and left to go to the GONEN Hotel.

**Daniel Year 5**