

# The International section visits Jersey

## Normand pupils come to Jersey to discover the treasure of St-Helier

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, the children of the International Section of the Henri Brunet School in Caen came to Jersey. The International Section is a special section for English speaking pupils who go to school in France. This is an article they have written about their trip to St-Helier.

We had a really early start: we had to meet our teachers, Christopher Palfreyman and Sabine Amri, at our school at 6:30AM. We then drove to Granville port to catch the ferry to Jersey. The boat trip took a bit more than an hour and we arrived at 10AM local time.

When we arrived in Jersey, the first thing we did was go to see the occupation tapestry. The thirteen panels of the tapestry were very beautiful. They showed how the Nazis invaded Jersey and how the people of Jersey lived during the German occupation. The twelfth panel showed the liberation of Jersey and the thirteenth panel showed commemorations of the liberation of the island.

Then we met Rachael Surcouf, who showed us the way to the Springfield school, where we had lunch with the pupils. When we arrived, we were surprised to learn that they had been practicing speaking French. We were also amazed that they had tablets and TVs in their classrooms. After lunch we had some activities with them (reading post-cards, talking games and working on maps of Jersey). Thank you for welcoming us in your school!

After all that work our teachers thought we deserved a special treat: ice cream!!! We almost all chose soft ice cream in a waffle cone. The ice cream was delicious it tasted of vanilla and milk. The famously delicious milk from Jersey cows! Jersey milk is so rich that it is mainly used to make cream and butter.

Once we had finished our ice cream, we went on a guided tour of St-Helier with Geraint (a local guide who works for Jersey Heritage). We met him at the Société Jersiaise where he taught us about Jèrriais. Did you know that some French Words come from Jèrriais!? He showed us many things: the church, the V that was hidden on Royal square, the government building and the market. Thank you Geraint!

After the tour we did a little bit of shopping and we walked back to the port to meet Anysia and Michelle (two of our chaperones) who were waiting for us with Fish and Chips! It was delicious!

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