

International English Language Festival

"THE WORLD IN CHILDREN'S HANDS"

Balchik, Bulgaria



We were very lucky to take part in the international English language festival "The World in Children's Hands" in Balchik, Bulgaria, and to meet a wonderful person: Svetlana Atanasova, the Director of the festival.

We were met with lots of love – as if we were old friends. The festival was well-planned, the atmosphere was very friendly and we felt at home. The two weeks that we spent in Balchik passed like one day, every day was full of happiness and joy. It was a real holiday for us.

Many children travelled with their parents. For everyone this journey was a pleasant gift.

We were also very pleased to have won the 3rd place in the genre of declamation.

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Было много хороших спектаклей. Больше всего нам понравились спектакли болгарского коллектива "Кърджали".

Хотелось бы подружиться с детьми из других коллективов, но времени не хватило. В следующий раз хорошо бы устроить игры на знакомство...

*Саламахина Саша, Мурачева Юлия,
Грибкова Вера*

По вокалу была сильная конкуренция, и я рада, что заняла 3-е место. Я в первый раз была в Болгарии и хотела бы еще раз там побывать.

Муругова Катя

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The festival "The World in Children's Hands" 2011 was held in the very beautiful and unique town of Balchik. It was only the second time of the hosting such a big event but it was so well organized that everybody believed it had had a long history.

Starting from the opening ceremony – where all the group leaders were treated with delicious *karavay* – an atmosphere of warm hospitality, kind attention, real respect and cordiality surrounded the participants and the guests of the festival.

For three days the appreciative audience and the panel of judges enjoyed wonderful performances, impressive singing and poetical recitations.

Every day of the competition was opened with the warmest greetings by Svetlana Atanasova, the Director of the festival, its heart and soul. She delivered it in three languages (Bulgarian, English and Russian). To feel the atmosphere of the event, just read some of her messages to the participants:

DRAMA

You need three things in the theatre – the play, the actors and the audience – and each must give something.

The theatre is so endlessly fascinating because it's so accidental. It's so much like life. The most effective moments in the theatre are those that appeal to basic and common emotions – love for a woman, love for the country, love for life. And also along go anger, jealousy, revenge, ambition, lust. Who wins? – You wonder...

MUSIC

Where words fail, music speaks. Music reaches our emotions. Although there are cultural differences in the music, we understand and enjoy it; we find that within any culture music reaches virtually every person in one way or another.

Music expresses feelings which cannot be put into words and cannot remain silent.

Music is the harmonious voice of creation, an echo of the invisible world. Music is the art of thinking with sounds. Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and charm to life.

POETRY

Poetry is when an emotion has found thoughts and the thoughts have found words. Poetry is thoughts that breathe, and words that burn. Poetry is an echo; asking a shadow to dance. Poetry is a deal of joy, pain and wonder. Poetry is the language in which a man explores his own amazement.

There is much more to tell you about this unique festival and the magic of Bulgaria: during the two-week stay the participants enjoyed excursions to the Botanical Garden and Kaliakra Cape, trips to Varna and Dobrich, sailing on a "pirate" boat, and, of course, swimming and sun bathing...

Just come and feel it yourself! Information is provided on the Festival web-site: <http://festivalbalchik.com>

