



This year, the Ace Art ambassadors submitted their responses to a brief shared by our French friends in Lille. Excitingly, their art was framed and exhibited alongside that of Lille children at Gare Saint-Sauveur. Because of the Artistic Education Project between Lille and Leeds, nine pupils from Allerton CE Primary had the opportunity to see the Mom'Art exhibition as part of their itinerary in the dance project that happened from the 11th-13th June.



Lille 2019

A dream became a reality this year, when the Artistic Education Project between Lille and Leeds happened. Because of this partnership, nine pupils were able to visit Lille and join their French peers in dance workshops that culminated in an exciting collaborative performance at a hip hop centre called Flow to an audience of over a hundred.

Under the tuition of Mustafa and his colleague, our boys -along with pupils from Year 6 and Year 7 cohorts in Lille schools -created two ambitious dances. The choreography was impressive, and all our nine students learnt so much. This included the history of hip hop, translated by Titus –the International Relations Officer for Leeds City Council- new dance steps as well as counting in French...cinq, six, sept, huit!

The final performance incorporated the dances worked on and choreographed by Gee (an amazing dance teacher who works week on week with a group of our boys in Key Stage 2) as well as our very own talented dance teacher Mrs Lynch.

New friendships were made, precious memories created and aspirations raised. A new city, a different language and an exciting dance venue and stage has certainly impacted the lives of nine hardworking students. Well done boys for being brilliant and embracing your learning in France.

Hopefully, we will be hosting our French friends next year with an itinerary that will inspire and educate all the young people involved.



What the boys thought...

'It was an amazing experience, because we got to meet new people and learn new dances. A big thank you to Rhianon and Titus for translating for us, and I hope to see them in the near future.'

Ashley

'We made so many positive relationships with the students as well as the dance teachers. Amazing. This was a once in a lifetime experience. We learnt so many new dance moves and met so many new people.' Daniel

'I thought our trip to Lille, France was a truly wonderful experience with dance and friendship. Working with French pupils was challenging but very rewarding. A big thank you to our teachers and our translators Titus and Rhiannon.' Leo

'It was extraordinary and amazing. We met fabulous people such as our dance teachers, the children and the school teachers. The dances were so exciting! I want to go back!' Kai



'In France, I enjoyed looking at the graffiti art and street art. I also enjoyed playing pool at the youth hostel and the ghost stories in our rooms! I learnt two new dance moves that we performed on stage. I enjoyed chilling out with the Year 6.' Vivekh

'I learnt about graffiti and hip hop. I enjoyed the sushi, making new friends, the ghost stories and dancing.' Staffi

'I enjoyed being in the youth hostel because we had loads of games of pool and table football. I enjoyed dancing at the hip hop centre and staying up later than I usually do!' Jacob

'In France, I made loads of new friends. Their food was alright-especially breakfast. I think it was an AMAZING trip! The French people were really kind. I was even lucky enough to get a French kiss and a load of hugs. I would love to go there again.' Ashton

'Except for the travelling time, I really enjoyed everything about the trip. Everybody was polite and the rooms were really nice. The food was decent.' Jayden

