



# VENICE

SEPTEMBER 2018

DAISY - ANYA - MILLY - NEVE



# FUNDRAISING

Before the trip we had to do some fundraising to make the rest of the money needed for the trip. We did this individually and as a group.

We held some gymnastics day camps for young children during the summer. We taught them some gymnastics, played active games and to finish did facepainting and hair plaiting. We did two of these and they were very successful.

Neve, with help on some days, sold football cards at her local pub. Each person picks a team for £1 and then if your team is under the secret square, you win. These did very well and raised lots of money to go towards our trip.



**Gym Camp**  
Wednesday 30th May  
9am-3pm  
£15 per child

Gymnastics, Games, Crafts  
Face Painting and Lots Of FUN

[Redacted], Stetchworth, CB8 9TS

To book a space  
call Helen Snook  
07768460103 or email  
helen.snook@btinternet.com

Instruction from BG Qualified Gymnastics Coaches

Four BVC Students will be assisting at the camp in order to raise money for an educational trip to Venice in September. We have already received part-funding from the Henry Morris Trust. Thank you to the Ellesmere Centre for supporting this camp.

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# DAY 1 - ARRIVAL

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September we flew from London Stansted Airport to Venice Treviso Airport. We landed at 20:30 Italian Time. After we collected our bags, we got in the transfer waiting to take us to our apartment check in office.

When we got to Venice, there was a 20 minute walk to our apartment in Cannaregio. We quickly unpacked, changed and went out for our frist gelato of the trip.

We decided to see see Piazza San Marco (St Mark's Square) at it's least busy time. It looked amazing even in the dark! We also saw The San Marco Campanile and The Bridge of Sighs.

- The name Bridge of Sighs comes from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century when convicts would have their last view of Venice as they cross the bridge before imprisonment. They supposedly sighed through the window as they saw it for the last time.



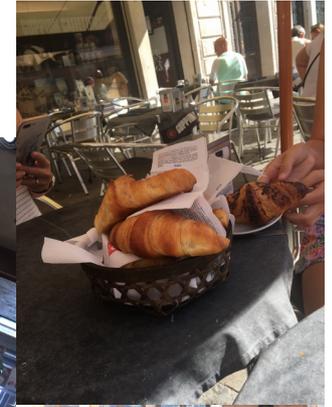
# DAY 2 – EXPLORING

Since we had no food yet in our apartment, we went out for breakfast at a local cafe. It was a lot busier and twice as pretty! After a croissant and hot drink we walked to a supermarket nearby.

The SPAR we went to was a converted church, this meant we weren't aloud to take photos inside of ceiling art. We planned out each meal and got our classic italian ingredients. We took this back and made our packed lunch.

Our first stop was Rialto Bridge for lunch. It was very impressive and we learnt about some of the history. We got to see vaperettos, water taxis and gondolas go past as we sat right next to the Grand Canal.

- It is the oldest bridge across the Granl
- It was burnt by rebels in 1310, in 1444 a crowd watching a boat parade caused it to collapse under their weight. It collapsed again in 1524.
- It took 3 years to construct and was an engineering marvel as they thought it wouldn't last.



# DAY 2 – EXPLORING

After Rialto, we headed back to St Marks square to see it in the daylight. It was extremely crowded! Whilst we were there we went up to the top of the Campanile, the views were incredible. You could see the whole of Venice from 98.6 metres high.

As we headed back to our apartment we stopped to look at a gondola and were approached by a gondolier named Lorenzo. We decided that it was the perfect opportunity to have our gondola experience. It was great but a little rocky!

We finally got back to our apartment and started to make our Carbonara for dinner. We also bought a Mushroom truffle pasta topping from a smaller Italian shop to try.

- The Campanile also collapsed in 1902! It was rebuilt exactly the same later on but the original dated back to the 9<sup>th</sup> century.



# DAY 3 – MURANO AND BURANO

In the morning we bought our Vaporetto 48 hour tickets to take us to places away from Venice. Our first stop was Murano, famous for glass making. We were taken into a demonstration where two of us got to have a go. The man made a horse out of glass in just over a minute! He also blew a huge bubble and smashed it down right in front of us. We also stopped in a couple of shops to look at the amazing pieces of art.

We also had a look around one of the churches, which was stunning. We then took the vaporetto to the next stop- Burano. It is famous for lace making, we tried to see a demonstration but couldn't find any so looked into some lace shops. We didn't make a packed lunch on that day so ate in a small Italian cafe.

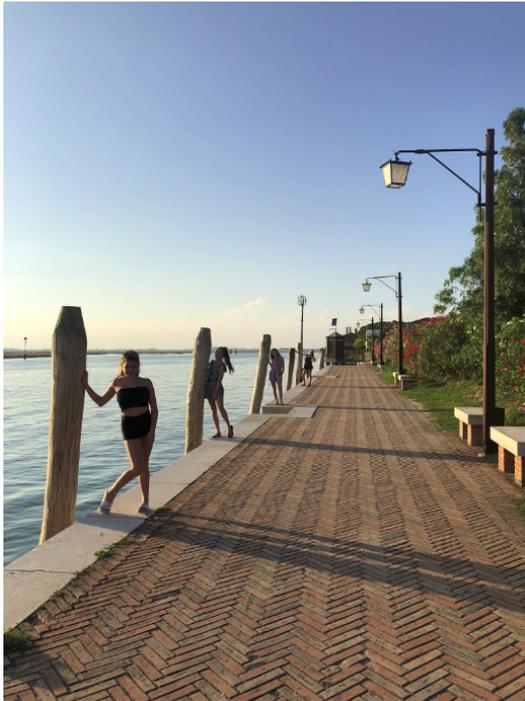
- Murano originally was a fishing port and produced salt.
- Burano has produced lace since 16<sup>th</sup> Century.



# DAY 3 - TORCELLO

Our final destination was Torcello, known as the parent island which populated Venice. It was a very pretty place with lovely churches. We didnt spend as long here as there was less to see and the sun was starting to set.

After getting back to Venice we went back to the apartment to cook dinner. We made a lovely Spaghetti Bolognese.



# DAY 4 - LIDO

On our last full day, we used our vaporetto ticket to take us to The Lido. We were planning to rent a 6 person bike and explore. Unfortunately, they were all booked up so we just headed down to walk along the beach.

Whilst we were there we were given a paddleboarding lesson and some time to go off by ourselves. It included a lot of falling off and a few laughs. It was a lot of fun but very tiring.

We went back on the vaporetto to our apartment to get ready for our Italian meal at a restaurant nearby. Whilst there we ordered a few dishes to share between us so we could all try the different foods. It was delicious and we were even given a free pineapple gelato to finish off the evening.

As it was our last night we also went out later on to get another gelato!

- The Lido is 7 miles long
- It hosts the Venice Film Festival every year.



# DAY 5 – FINAL DAY

On our last day we had to be out of the apartment by 10. Luckily we still had some time left on our Vaperetto tickets so didn't have to do the walk back to check in with our suitcases through busy streets. They let us leave our suitcases there for a small charge to save us carrying them round all day.

We explored the other side of the Grand canal a bit more before going back to St Mark's Square. We booked tickets to go into the Basilica as it is a main attraction in Venice. It was beautiful inside and very impressive. The views from the balcony were also incredible.

We then decided that with our remaining money, we would go on another gondola trip as it was brilliant the first time. We managed to find Lorenzo again and this time he took us onto the Grand Canal and under Rialto Bridge. It was an amazing end to the trip.

There are more than 8,000 square meters of mosaic in St. Mark's Basilica, that's enough mosaic to cover over 1.5 American football fields! The mosaics were done over 8 centuries, mostly in gold.



# STEPCOUNT

Walking + Running Distance **5** mi  
10:09, 20:44

Steps **11,831** steps  
10:09, 20:44

Flights Climbed **10** floors  
10:09, 20:43

Walking + Running Distance **6.2** mi  
10:08, 20:10

Steps **15,674** steps  
10:08, 20:10

Flights Climbed **7** floors  
10:08, 19:30

Walking + Running Distance **6.9** mi  
10:08, 20:47

Steps **15,868** steps  
10:08, 20:47

Flights Climbed **3** floors  
10:08, 20:07

## SATURDAY

## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

Walking + Running Distance **4.6** mi  
10:08, 20:41

Steps **10,755** steps  
10:08, 20:41

Flights Climbed **8** floors  
10:08, 20:34

## WEDNESDAY

Walking + Running Distance **5.7** mi  
10:08, 09:07

Steps **13,788** steps  
10:08, 09:07

Flights Climbed **13** floors  
10:08, 18:10

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AND WE HAD A BRILLIANT  
TIME.**