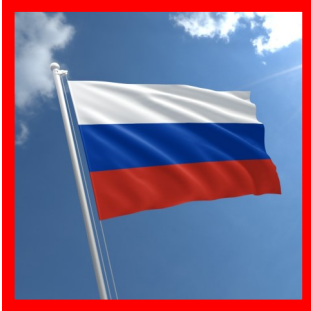




Very International People



November 2018



Russian Teacher



On Tuesday 30th October six teachers from Kostroma in Russia arrived in Durham as part of a 50 year long exchange between schools in County Durham and Kostroma. We were pleased to take part for the first time and welcomed Nadia by giving her a card and made a banner when she came into school on Wednesday 31st. As VIPs, we were very excited to welcome Nadia, our first Russian teacher in our school. We showed her around the school, and talked about all of our wonderful displays. We also took her into different classes and told her about our curriculum.



During Nadia's week long visit, she visited each class and had the chance to experience all aspects of an English school. In each classroom she watched our daily subjects such as Maths, English, Computing, PE, Art and Science. She also helped us with some of our remembrance poppies and was with us in our worships and singing praise. The VIPs also had a chance to interview Nadia and you will find out our answers as you read on.



Nadia came into many classes and gave us an educational power point about her motherland Russia. We learned lots of interesting facts about Russia and she answered all of our questions and queries. Did you know that the population of Russia is 142 million people and it is the biggest country in the world? We looked at some beautiful landscapes, paintings and pictures of Russia. Nadia also taught us how to write some Russian.

What We Found Out

We interviewed Nadia with lots of questions; here are some of the facts we learnt:

- Children start school at the age of 7 in Russia.
- There are two shifts for school and you go either in the morning or the afternoon.
- You have to go to school on Saturdays but the summer holidays are 3 months long.
- The seaside and the South of Russia are popular when you want to go on holiday.
- At school, girls have to have their hair braided.
- They don't have any uniforms but they have a smart dress code.
- Popular sports are racing, football, tennis and volleyball.
- The most popular sport is Football.
- Monopoly, scrabble and cards are popular board games.
- Russian, art and maths are common subjects.
- Cats and dogs are popular pets.
- Borsch is a common soup.

A meeting was held in County Hall to celebrate the visit of the Russian teachers and the Mayor of Durham presented them with certificates and a book about County Durham.

We are looking forward to working with the Russian school and exchanging some work, starting with postcards, a leaflet about our home towns and a Christmas / New Year decoration and card.



By VIP Committee: Maia, Ollie, Emily, Eric, William, Lily