

## **Oliver Twist- a drama project by class 7a**

“Please Sir, I want some more porridge!”- there is nobody in class 7a who will ever forget this phrase as it had been following us for more than a year.

The former class 6a read the novel “Oliver Twist” by Charles Dickens in the English lessons and everyone was deeply touched by the sad fate of the poor orphan boy living in the Victorian Age. The pupils learnt, read and talked a lot about all the characters: Oliver, Dodger, Fagin, Sikes, Monks, Nancy, Rose, Mr. Brownlow etc. So why not just jump onto the stage and act these characters- good ones as well as evil ones??

This spontaneous idea became an elaborate project that accompanied the pupils throughout the school year and only was completed in summer 2015- one year after reading the novel.

In between there took place: the transformation of the novel into a play, the learning of the roles and the casting, the providing of props and costumes, the construction of important props (by Liam), weekly rehearsals in the classroom and later in the assembly hall, the sketching of personal invitations for family and friends as well as of posters to inform the school community (by Melina), assistance of the director by Eddi and the untiring commitment of Dascha backstage. Thanks to Monique and Căcilia we were even able to provide special effects!

It was a project that meant fun and involvement for everyone, because all classmates played a role. The transfiguration of many girls who had to play a breeches part was awesome. And there were some shy boys who had bring themselves to be as evil as possible.

Miraculously everybody was able to know his text by heart very soon.

There were not any additional appointments- we managed to tackle everything in the English lessons- in fact, acting a play is just another type of English lesson: you speak English, train your pronunciation and take care of your grammar.

The audience rewarded the actors with a lot of applause and there is only one reason why we were not able to give encores: some of the leading characters had to die during the play.....

A big THANK YOU to class 7a for an unforgettable project. I really am proud of you.

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Charles Dickens: Julian, Oliver Twist Luisa, Oliver’s mother: Melina, woman: Lia, Dr Losberne: , Jana, a boy at the workhouse: Aicha, master of the workhouse: Pascal, Mr Bumble: Thea, Mrs Bumble: Lia, Mr Sowerberry: Monique, Mrs Sowerberry: Căcilia, Noah Claypole: Johann, Dodger: Dennis, Charley: Eddi, Fagin: Karina, Mr Brownlow: Emilia, policeman: Erencan, Sikes: Leon, Mrs Bedwin: Angelika, Nancy: Dascha, Toby Crackit: Liam, Mr Giles: Cagla, Mr Brittles: Sarah, Rose Maylie: Dilara, Mrs Maylie: Melina, Monks: Julia, women in town: Aicha, Căcilia, Sarah, bookshop owner: Monique