

Great Siege Outing to Valletta

6.1 Diamonds

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On Monday 19th October 2015, the Year six classes went on a field trip to Valletta. The children marched through the streets of Valletta wearing medieval knight clothing, and traditional Turkish Clothing. This is to symbolise the two main contenders in the Great Siege of 1565: the Order of the Knights of St. John who defended our country, and the Turks who attacked Malta. While marching, some of the children held flags, the national flag of Malta, and another one, with the eight-pointed cross on it, which is the cross symbol of the Knights of Malta. We had the chance to visit a unique exhibition at the President's Palace, in which items used in the Siege were exhibited. In one of the Palace State Rooms, we watched an original 5D movie about the Great Siege, from the arrival of the Turks in Malta to their surrender. Furthermore, the children had the chance to watch and practice a dance symbolising the fight between the Order and the Turks. It was a well-planned, educational outing.







