**Tuesday 12th**

In the morning, on Tuesday the 12th we visited the



National Assembly of Wales, we left Bath at 8 a.m to

go to Cardiff. We met our guide around 10 a.m, he

spoke English and Welsh fluently and taught us some

words in his language .Then he talked about the

assembly and what it was made for. The building was

founded in 1999 by the same architect who designed

the Pompidou center in Paris. It’s a contemporary

building and when you are inside it’s curvy and made

with wood, it looks a bit like a mushrooms that goes

from the floor to the top. It’s very lightening because of

all the windows. Then he talked about the role of the assembly, it’s composed of 60 assemby members elected every 5 years by the Welsh. They take decisions for education, jobs,

economy…This year the election falls on the 5th of may. We visited the

conference room where people can watch debates between the different

political parties. They can speak English or Welsh as they wish. Then we

saw a movie taken by a drone and we saw the « Heart of Wales » it

shows that every decision taken by the assembly members has an

impact on the Welsh. Thanks of that visit we learned a lot of things

about the politics life of Wales.



Then we had lunch in the center of the city and a free time.

Then we did a cruise in Cardiff’s bay .The

guide told us many interesting stories about

Cardiff and its bay. First he showed a very luxurious hotel situated at the

border of the bay. He told us about how much Cardiff has changed in the

past few years thanks to the Government .He mentioned the big

swimming pool and the ice-rink which are all new for the city and he said

he was jealous of kids nowadays because they have all this amazing

playgrounds he didn’t have as a kid. Then he talked about the creation of

the bay and its consequences. He said that when the water first came in

they were no fish or any kind of lives in the water so it was the perfect

place for mosquitoes or insects in general, so mosquitoes used to come by

billion forming clouds of insects which was a real nightmare for the

inhabitants. He said spiders were so big that you could hear them

through the night. To solve this huge issue they brought several salmons in the bay. The salmons

would eat the eggs of the insects and so stop their insanely fast reproduction. Moreover he talked

about Erik, comparing him to Nessie, the monster of the Lochness .He said that Erik war real

for Cardiff. The monster is supposed to be an octopus that the people from Cardiff feed three

times a day with beans. While digesting the monster would create oxygen and as the legend says

it’s the source of oxygen for the population of the bay. Then we came to the very big harbor and

he mentioned that at the beginning they were only a few boats which is very different from the today’s

harbor . He said that when Cardiff was still a Harbor for Coal it was disgusting, dirty

and smelly, but that when the mines stopped producing, they cleaned it to become the nice harbor

we can see today. He showed us the BBC’s studio and an old part of the harbor that’s still dirty

so that we could spot the difference between Cardiff before and after the renovations. Then he

showed us the Dolphins .They were actually only some fishing tools made in wood that we call

dolphins .And that was the end of the cruise.

