

**REPORT FROM 4<sup>th</sup> PROJECT MEETING IN ZABRZE,  
POLAND  
WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**



On Wednesday we went on a trip to Krakow. We left the school at 8:15 and then took a bus for about 2 and a half hours to Krakow. We went by electric cars, in which we drove around the

**Jewish quarter of the city.** The car had a driver who spoke in English and an audio guide which was in Czech. We learned a lot about **the sad history of the Jews during World War II.**

The first thing we saw was a **Schindler's factory.** The enamel factory was founded in 1937, then taken over by a German businessman, Oskar Schindler,

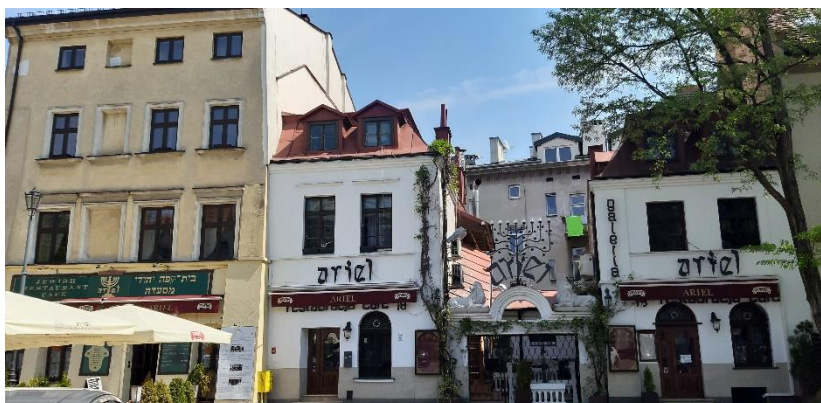
who ran it until the end of World War II. After the liquidation of the Kraków ghetto, **Jews destined for liquidation worked in the factory.** Schindler tried to protect them by recruiting them to work in the factory and declared it necessary to prevent them from being sent



to concentration camps. The factory was then evacuated to the Moravian town of Brno, where more than 1,100 workers lived to see the end of the war.

Then we saw many **other Jewish places and buildings in the centre,** such as **the stone wall that surrounded the entire ghetto and was shaped like tombstones,** which was a death threat to the Jews by the Nazis and kept them in fear.

We also saw **the famous pharmacy that stood on the border of the city and the**



**Jewish ghetto and was used to secretly pass messages between the Jews of the ghetto and the outside world and to smuggle food into the ghettos.** A very sad place was **the square from which children**



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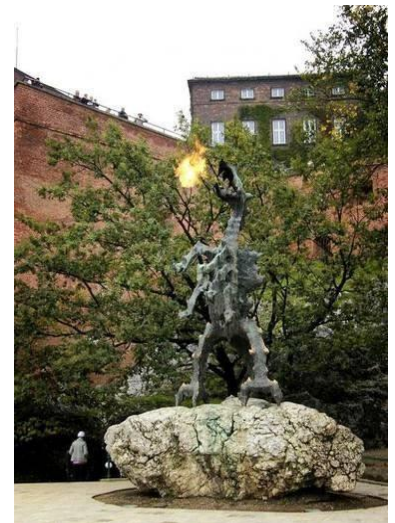
and adults left for the concentration camps and where empty chairs stand today as a symbol.

Then we walked through the city and came to the square where we divided into international teams and played a game with different

tasks. The game consisted of finding certain places and completing a task at them. In the process we saw **the historical marketplace** in the middle of the main square. It was built between 1556 and 1559. The stone and brick building has two rows of small shops on the ground floor and is accessible from all four sides. The game lasted an hour and we also visited the **royal castle of Wawel**, towering over the river Vistula. From the 11th century to the beginning of the 17th century it was **the main residence of the Polish kings**.



The castle is also linked to **the legend of a dragon** who decided to take up residence behind its walls many years ago. He ravaged the city and the people lived in constant fear until one day Prince Krak decided to kill it. He tossed the dragon a wolf skin filled with brimstone. The dragon ate it and went to drink water in the river, as soon as he drank the sulphur reacted with the water and the dragon exploded. The dragon spews fire from its mouth at intervals.



After the game we had lunch at one of the restaurants. Then we went to see an exhibition at the **Centro**

**Cervantes** and then had a break to buy some presents to take home. Finally, we went back to Zabrze. Tired, we went to sleep with our families.

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