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## Graduation Party at ROOF's Education Centre

On June, 25th we had a graduation party at ROOF's Education Centre. We enjoyed many pleasant memorable moments – congratulations and presents for the students, diplomas for the graduates, kind words and thanks for the teachers, the words of appreciation for ROOF's friends and sponsors.

The Chaplain of St. Andrew's Anglican Church Father Simon, the President of ROOF Georgia Williams, the Director of ROOF's EC Olga Tikhomirova, Education Centre head teachers and teachers, as well as our numerous friends, sponsors and volunteers sent their end-of-the-year congratulations to the students.

As per ROOF's EC long-term tradition all our students, who have successfully completed the 2009—2010 academic year, were presented with the books.

This year we have nine graduates at our Education Centre. Alyona Vasina, Olya Gerasimova, Vitya Kartinsky, Vika Kozlova, Vanya Lobov, Denis Makarov, Andrey Nikitaev and Yulya Chumakova received their lower secondary education diplomas, and Lyosha Sazonov—his upper secondary education diploma. In summer some of this young people will try to enter colleges and universities. Good luck to you, guys!

And five another ROOF's EC graduates—Natasha Zaitseva, Tanya Kuznetsova, Maksim Mironov, Slava Muretov and Anya Poleva have already received their college and University diplomas this year. Our warmest congratulations!

At the end of our graduation party we enjoyed traditional soft drinks and refreshments and took some pictures on the steps of St. Andrew's Church.



## Students' performance

### «Cinderella»



Our students' performance on the play "Cinderella" by Evgeny Shvarts was the most memorable event of the graduation party. The performance was very well prepared, our students made wonderful decorations, chose a lively and modern music. The play was very outstanding, interesting and funny. It is obvious that with each new performance the mastery of our students improves greatly, they start playing better and better.

We are grateful to ZAO «Media City» for wonderful costumes that made our students' performance very outstanding and memorable. We are grateful to Ksenia Kuznetsova, Ulyana Shilkina, Anya Lukyanova and Rena Yusibova for their help during the preparation of the play. Many thanks to all our students who prepared this great performance: Natasha Rostovskaya, Serezha Smirnov, Kesha Ekimov, Vanya Antonov, Polina Bykonya, Katya Astakhova, Sveta Artyomova, Varya Glebova, Maksim Mironov, Sasha Amirzadyan, Sasha Richards.





## Excursion to Suzdal



On June, 26th we had ROOF's traditional end-of-the-year excursion, completing the 2009-2010 academic year. We visited the ancient Vladimirskaya land – Suzdal, Kideksha and Bogolyubovo.

Our students were not afraid of difficulties, such as a long journey, a burning sun and long walks. And our reward for all this was the beauty of historical sites!

Suzdal amazed us by its old Russian antiquity, its cathedrals, monasteries and bell-ringing. We enjoyed miraculous fresco paintings at Preobrazhensky Cathedral of Spaso-Efimiev monastery. We'll certainly never forget the singing of the Orthodox Men's Choir.

We also managed to visit Kideksha, where Yury Dolgoruki built the fortress. Some fragments of the fortress held out until now, as well as the Church of Boris and Gleb - the most ancient temple of Vladimirskaya land that wasn't destroyed by multiple Horde raids, Polish-Lithuanian armies and Nizhegorodsky voevodas (commanders of the army). It's hard to believe that the Nerl river, where we swam in Kideksha with great pleasure, was a deep and shipping river once.

On our way back we saw another jewel of Russian Lands – the Church of the Intercession of the Holy Virgin upon the Nerl River at Bogolyubovo. Unfortunately, we didn't have time to visit the famous Svyato-Bogolyubsky women's monastery. Still, this means that many of us will certainly come back there! We all were really charmed by the beauty of Vladimirskaya land.

On our way back to Moscow, late in the evening, we made a short halt. It was only then we realized that because of a hard-driving programme of our excursion we didn't even notice that we were hungry.

The final point of our trip was a ceremonial handing of traditional ROOF's T-shirts and a collective photo taken to remember this marvelous day.



## Classrooms' renewal continues

The renewal of ROOF's EC classrooms by the Deloitte employees has already become a tradition. On June, 17th our friends from Deloitte together with ROOF's EC students started to renovate another classroom, and finished its renovation only on June, 23rd.

The whole week the volunteers from Deloitte, ROOF's friends, students and teachers worked hard, so that we could start a new academic year in a new classroom.

Many thanks to our friends from Deloitte Yulia Kopysova, Natalia Volkova, Sophie Verschuur, Marius van Jaarsveld, Justin Clatworthy who have organized and carried out the renewal. We are grateful to Aslan Naskidaev and Vitalij Farafonov who didn't forget us even when they do not work at Deloitte any more. Many thanks to our teachers' and students' friends Ivan Yurchenko and Sergey Tyurichev for their help in the renewal.

We are grateful to all our students who took part in the renewal and cleaning the classrooms. The very special thanks to Senina Natasha, Makarov Denis, Lobov Vanya, Astakhova Katya, Akhmedova Ainur, Lenkova Lyuba, Mironov Maksim, Bykonya Polina, Kupriyanov Kolya who took the most active part in the renovation and cleaning.



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