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## Unstoppable Hikers' Next Destination: Çatalkaya

by: Ayşe İrem Temelli



Fahriye Kılınç who is the leader of the hiking club

The Hiking Club will go on their second hiking trip, to Çatalkaya and Narlıdere Mountains this Saturday, 12th of December.

Our school's Hiking Club is one of the most popular clubs. They all love nature, and they go to İzmir's and Turkey's most beautiful hiking spots to spend lovely time in nature. The Voice of ACI asked a few questions to Fahriye Kılınç, one of the leaders of the club, and we learned that they have even more fascinating routes to go.

Fahriye Hanım declares that the club has two leaders, herself and Kadir Abak, our school's Spanish teacher. They lead the trip one at a time. The upcoming trip to Çatalkaya will be led by Kadir Bey and Fahriye Hanım will be leading the next trip.

Fahriye Hanım also points out that their they will go to the Ulubeğ Canyon, which is the second greatest canyon in the world. "We're really excited to go there. There are visitors from all around the world coming to see this amazing hiking spot. We will be camping there for a few days. It will be a wonderful adventure for all of us! After the Ulubeğ Canyon, we will go to one of Turkey's most beautiful natural parks, Kazdağları National Park. We're all eager to go these fascinating spots and have a wonderful time."



This Saturday at 8.30, 40 hikers of our school will take the road to Çatalkaya, Narlıdere Mountains. According to İpek Kubak, a Hiking Club member from Prep D, hiking is very fun but also hard. "I love hiking very much but I must admit that it is a little bit hard and tiring. It is tiring but it is worth it."

## New School, New Lives

by: Ali Bora Aydın

*Every year, new students join to the big ACI family. This year's preps have finished their 3rd months in the school. At first, they were all from different schools and didn't know each other. Now, students know each other better and they have new friends. They started taking part in clubs and getting used to the school's rules but it wasn't easy at first.*

ACI opened on 7th The orientation programme which was organized in Kuşadası by the Student Council played the biggest role in people meeting each other.

First, the students were divided into 12 groups which a member of the Student Council guided. Lots of activities were done for the students know them well. Entertaining games were played by the advisors during the 2 hours road and the time in the hotel. The students met and became friends with 13 people from their group.

Then, the students stayed with their roommates who they hadn't ever met before coming to ACI. 'I became very close friends with the ones in our room. I think the orientation was perfect. It helped my adaption to school a lot.' explains Ipek Gencer, a prep student. The students knew each other very well and became close with friends with their roommates.

At the end of the Kuşadası orientation, almost every students met. The students introduce their new friends to their old friends, it was like a cycle. Everyone introduced their friends to their other friends so everyone learned each other and warmed each other.

After the orientation, the students started to learn about everyone in their class. The friendship between them. 'I hadn't known anyone in ACI but I am a sociable boy and I love meeting with new people. After the orientation, I met with most of the students and had great friends. After few weeks, I knew everyone,' says Yiğit Alp Erdem, a prep student.

ACI gives a lot of importance to the academic education too. The teachers are very disciplined and lessons are harder. For most of the students, the lessons and homework started being very hard 2 weeks after the orientation. 'It was a shock for me because I was expecting that the year would be very easy. I had always been hearing about ACI's social activities. I thought I could be able to play computer games during the whole prep year. Now, it only sounds funny.' Arda Aydın explains his thoughts about the intensive education programme in ACI.

This very intensive education was a shock for all the students. The only they had experienced was lower grades and lack of time because of the extensive projects. 'Lower grades, hard lessons and minuses, minuses and minuses! That was like a nightmare.' explains a student who doesn't want to give his name.

As the time passes, the students are getting used to the school's education. Now, they are complaining less about the projects and homework. Their grades started to increased especially in the Main Course which is the most important lesson in the grade point average. Some students has increased their points more than 30 points than the first exam.

## Vivacious volleyball player speaks out

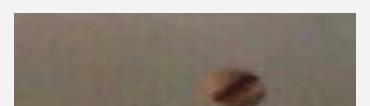
by: Doğa Koltan

Deniz Özdemir is a talented volleyball player who plays in Dokuz Eylül Club this year. She is also a successful student at ACI. At ACI, being successful is not too hard for a student who does not do any activities, but she is good at her lessons although she plays volleyball. When she first came to class, she said; 'Volleyball is not a part of my life, volleyball *is* my life.' That sentence enthralled every student and teacher in the classroom. She is also brave and poised because she is not afraid to say what she thinks, not everyone can say they are very good at something.

Deniz Özdemir started to play volleyball when she was seven. Many children start doing sports at those ages but few become a good player. She said, 'My biggest support was my family but I must say my primary school teacher had encouraged me as much as my family, I am still in touch with him and I am very thankful for him.'

She started to play volleyball in Izmir. The first club she went was NARBEL. She said: 'That club showed me that I was talented and I needed to improve myself.' Then she began to go to Göztepe Club. After this experience, she went to Arkas which is a well known volleyball club like Dokuz Eylül Club. She said: 'I am so happy because I went all those clubs. They made me experienced and successful.'

She was the captain of her team when she was in middle school (Piri Reis). Now, she is in ACI's volleyball team. She is so happy to be in ACI because its sports activity opportunities are great and the school is accomplished at education too. She things every kid must do at least one sport.



## Q&A: Talking with Ipek Kubak

by: Bora Bulut



Ipek Kubak on the right



This week Voice Of ACI reporter Bora Bulut interviewed with Ipek Kubak who is talented at dance, hiking, music and much more. Ipek won lots of awards in competitions and she is still winning. We were able to ask questions to her and she answered them.

**Bora Bulut:** Why did you want to join the hiking club?

**Ipek Kubak:** I love nature, I love observing and questioning the world around me. I thought it will be fun and will improve my hiking skills and I am proud of myself being in the hiking club.

**Bora Bulut:** What are you doing in hiking club?

**Ipek Kubak:** We are having a lot of fun in this club. We learn hiking skills while we are having fun. We are going out, hike in nature. We went on a trip in this club. We went to Urla as the hiking club. We ate breakfast and walked in the forest.

**Bora Bulut:** Can you tell us about your “dance life”?

**Ipek Kubak:** I started dancing in 2007 when I was 8 years old. I was dancing without knowing the moves. I didn't have a teacher and by January I will have been dancing for 8 years.

**Bora Bulut:** What type of dancer are you?

**Ipek Kubak:** I do Tango, Hip-hop, Latin and most of the modern dances. I like them all but my friends tell me that I am better at Tango. I asked the question before to my dance teacher and she told that I am a Tango dancer. Overall, I am a Tango dancer.

**Bora Bulut:** Can you give us some details about your “music life”?

**Ipek Kubak:** I play the piano and play the guitar. I started to play the piano when I was 7 and guitar when I was 8. I have played these instruments in concerts. I went to Germany, Belgium and France for concerts. I really want to thank to my music teacher who helped me a lot.

**Bora Bulut:** How many awards did you win?

**Ipek Kubak:** I have won more than 15 awards so far. I have a medal in a race, I have certificates in art competitions, I have a cup for becoming the first person to finish the activity in my old school. I also have medals in chess tournaments.

## Wuthering Notes Fill the Air

by Alara Atasoy

On December 17th, the ACI school orchestra will perform a New Year concert! Every Wednesday, you will hear classic music from Bristol! Guess what! They are the amazing ACI Orchestra's notes. They all worked hard for an upcoming concert. All orchestra members are very excited too.

The first part of concert will be held during school. It begins at 3.30-6.00 for preps and Lise 1 students. Second part of the concert is for olders. If you want to listen to classical music, you must definitely be there! Yagmur, a cello player, shared some thoughts with us.

**Reporter:** What do you think about the concert?

**Yagmur:** The concert will be amusing.

**Reporter:** Do you think that you will get nervous on stage? Should we afraid of playing instrument on stage?

**Yagmur:** I am not afraid of performing in front of other people since I am used to being on stage. I have been playing piano

## Prep D's Dynamic Grades

by: Emre Erciyas

According to our reporters Prep D names themselves as Advance 2 because they have the highest grades from all exams then other Intermediate classes. Also we know that our school principal showed Prep D's video as a sample classed asked teachers to comment about it. The teachers told that they are a hardworking, cheerful class also a class which is disciplined and very serious. Their teacher tells that they are the best class in intermediate.

Their teacher also says that they work very hard for their exam and they ask lots of questions during the class which is a good thing to do. When ACI reporters entered the class they see words all around the room and this is a evidence of Prep D's hard work. Some teachers are shocked when they saw all these words all around the wall. We know that almost every student in Prep D is hardworking and we heard that no one got bad comment in the parent meeting by the teachers.

And according to our other sources Prep D is the best class from all Preps in Achieve3000. Even though it is an intermediate class it has better Achieve3000 grades than the advanced class which is ironic and it is not a coincidence. Prep D told us they have the best teachers and they are working very hard. The teachers agree with them and also they are very happy that Prep D is a class which participates a lot. ACI reporters asked some questions about Prep D here are some students and their comments.

Dilge who is a student in Prep D says “Prep D is the most hard working class” and also “Everyone has very good relationship with each other in our class.”



for ten and cello for six years. I encourage others to take place in concerts as well. Taking part in a concert makes a precious memory and there is no reason to fear it.

Yağmur who is another student in Prep D says " Prep D has a perfect collaboration with each other which makes us all work easier."

Demir, who is a student says, " It is the best class ever."