

Bilingual Newsletter (TTO)

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While the holiday is almost upon us, we first should look back at a successful third term. With the travel week behind us there are many who can think of their experiences abroad with a smile and laugh. The whole bilingual junior department all went to England. The first and second years to Canterbury and the third years to Cambridge, Hastings and London. Hopefully this will now inspire them to take more trips in the future to find out even more and expand their horizons.

Throughout the year some of our colleagues have participated in a CLIL course in Dublin and, as a follow up, a group have now decided to go onto a CAE course in the hope of achieving their CAE exam. There are also a few who have set their sights on the CPE exam. We wish them all the best of luck.

But now while the weather may not be with us, I would like to wish you a fantastic May holiday.



Out in the world

Canterbury trip year 1 and 2 (written by Pien V1A)



Monday:

I woke up at four O'clock because we were going on a trip to Canterbury. At quarter to five we begin to drive to Calais (a harbour in France). It takes four hours to get there. When we arrived we were needed to check in. At the boat we needed to interview a person. I played a game called 'keer op keer'. The boat trip took one hour and a half. When we came in the harbour from Dover. We need to drive one hour more to come in the city centre of Canterbury. We also interviewed there some people and we had some free time and we had a boat trip. We were also needed to make some optical illusion photos. At half past five we needed to walk to the hostel. We made our bed, ate some candy and then it was time for dinner. It was pasta with cheese and ham and pasta pesto. We also got a dessert it was a brownie with whipped cream. In the evening we looked with all the people to the optical illusion

photos. We get to our room and we played a game with miss Mighels. At half past ten it needed to be quit.

Tuesday:

At nine O clock we were driving to the white cliffs of Ramsgate. When we were there we needed to make some exercises about the cliffs and then again the optical illusions photos. At twelve O clock it was lunch time after that we played football. We walked back to the bus and we were going to Canterbury. In



Canterbury we went to the cathedral. After that we got some free time. I bought some souvenirs and a T-shirt of the Lakers. At a quarter past five we walked back to the hostel and there we had dinner. It was chicken piri piri with chips the dessert was a waffle with caramel. In the evening we did a Kahoot quiz about Canterbury the winners get a price and the people with the best optical illusion photo also get a price.

Wednesday:

In the morning we needed to wake up very early because we had to pack in all our stuff. It was the last day in Canterbury. We had breakfast we get into the bus and we ride to Dover castle. You can also go into the tower so we got in there and saw some things about how the people where living there in that times. After the visit we walked down to a fish and chips tent. When we ate the fish and chips we go into the bus and drove to the harbour of dover. When we were by the harbour Calais we walked to the bus under in the boat and drove back to Schijndel. When we were in schijndel it was already half past nine. We said thank you to the teachers who were with us at the trip, it was a lot of fun!



Trip to Hastings, Cambridge and London – V3BT and V3CT

The trip to Hastings for our classes V3BT and V3CT started early at 6:15 on Monday morning when the bus took us to the boat in Calais, France. We had to interview a person on the ferry, but luckily a lot of people were very open to it and they were friendly. We made friends on the ferry which was also fun. When we arrived at Dover, we went by bus to Hastings, where we did a treasure hunt. After that, we went to our guest families.



The next morning we started with a beach walk. Mr. Wolbers



found a dead shark again. He found one during our trip last year so that was funny. After that, we went to a very nice English school, where we prepared for our CAE exams. After studying hard we went to the White Cliffs, where we had a walk for many hours. The weather however, was not too great and we were all soaking when we returned to the bus.



On day three we visited London. We took the tube toward Buckingham Palace and watched the changing of the guards. After that we walked to the house of parliament and Big Ben. Then, we went to the London eye and the Tower of London which was very close to the tower bridge, so we walked over it. At each tourist spot our groups gave presentations to give information about each spot. We walked to St Paul's Cathedral, which was very beautiful and also very big. We ended at Covent Garden, where after the last presentation we had some free time. We ate something in the area of Covent Garden and went shopping for a little while.



Day four started with a three hour drive to Cambridge. When we arrived the two classes were divided so that we could go punting. During the boat trip we saw Cambridge University from the water. The punters told us some facts about the individual colleges. Unfortunately the weather was not sunny but very rainy, so that was a bit disappointing.

After the trip we had a guided tour by Mr. Tim. We saw Cambridge from another perspective. We've learned a lot of new things we didn't know yet. We saw a lot of old buildings and places. When the tour was finished, we had some free time. It was a lovely day even though the weather wasn't in our favour, but nevertheless we had a very nice day!





We had to wake up early because we had to be at 7:00 by the bus, everyone was on time so we wouldn't miss the boat. We had to say goodbye to our host families who were really lovely. Before we went on the boat Mister Wolbers hakt on Europapa. The sea was restless because of the wind so almost everyone got sick. But we found out that if you lay on the ground it gets better. After the boat we drove back to the Netherlands. And we were picked up by our parents. It was a nice journey in England, we had a great time and met some really lovely people



Citizenship

Exchange with Italian School in Mirandola

From April 8 to 12, students from an Italian school from Mirandola came to Schijndel for an exchange week with our class V4BT here at Elde College. We already went that way with our class in October, so it was extra nice for us to see each other again!

The program was spread over 5 days but of course that included two travel days for them so on



Monday they were rather tired after the flight from Bologna. We started our project at school on Tuesday with the theme of Artificial Intelligence and so we had several excursions and activities. For example, on Wednesday we visited the Rijksmuseum & the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam. On Thursday we used Artificial intelligence to help us design clogs after a visit to the clog museum. We then had a Dutch afternoon with typical snacks and Dutch games.

On Friday after an assignment in Den Bosch we ate a real Bossche Bol from Jan De Groot. A very successful week and a great experience for our students

Philleas Fogg – In love with Shakespeare

During Elde week 3 V4BT participated in an “In love with Shakespeare” workshop together with the Phileas Fogg theatre group from England. It was an interactive workshop where we were able to re-enact characters and scenes from some of the Bard’s most famous plays. There were lots of laughs as we tried to get used to the strange language and scenes. We became princess and knights



Coming up Information

CAE in TTO VWO 3

As June approaches, our third-year students are diving headfirst into their preparations for the Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) exam. They are determined and focussed as they practice their speaking, reading, writing and grammar skills. This is of course what they have been waiting for since they started their bilingual education almost three years ago.

As the countdown begins, anticipation mounts, but so does confidence. Armed with knowledge, practice, and a collective spirit of determination, our third-year students are poised to conquer the CAE exam and unlock new horizons in their English language journey.

TTO day

At the start of June our bilingual department will participate in our hotly awaited TTO day. Together with the Global Exploration Network they will find out everything there is to know about the Sustainable Development Goals by engaging in a variety of workshops including climate games, film making and an escape room.





Tips

Tips for parents of bilingual pupils

- Parents often worry if learning a new language is easy for students, people say that children are adaptable and will learn the new language within months. This is of course true for most children, but still, they all need a bit of encouragement.
- Something as simple as changing the language setting on their laptops can make sure that they quickly switch to the English mindset.
- Vocabulary is a priority for learning, encourage a set time to study and learn these words and support them by helping them to practice.
- Watching documentaries and series can be fun so why not try to watch them in English together and discuss what is happening to support the active use of English as they are watching.