

Newsletter-special: TTO

And so our TTO adventure continues.

It is often said that time flies when you are having fun and it has been an extremely busy time in the TTO department as can be seen in this month's newsletter, and so the first half of the year seems to have flown by. There were a variety of great activities during the first Eldeweek such as the cricket workshop and the first years' High Tea organised by the third years. A wonderful afternoon with, I have to say, some delicious scones - yes I managed to sample a few of them.

There were a lot of trips organised, V2BT went to Hattingen in Germany, V4BT went to Mirandola in Italy and both classes are now looking forward to the return trip later in the year, when they can once again meet up with their new friends. Year 5 went to Strasbourg and had a fantastic experience, although with a few surprises as you can read about later in the newsletter.

The preparation for the next round of activities during Eldeweek two may already have started but now it's time to stop and notice the twinkling lights all around us. Christmas is here.

Now pull on that Christmas jumper and enjoy the holidays with your family and friends, but don't forget to take a look at our general newsletter (t)vwo/havo for information on education, coaching, discovering and developing talents.

From the TTO department,
We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
I look forward to playing my part in their journey.

Kind regards
Claire Pycroft



Year 1, written by Mayra and Pien:

Cricket clinic!

Hello a few weeks ago we had cricket clinic, it was a lot of fun. There was a professional cricket player and he learned us how we have to play cricket. We did it with two bilingual classes of the first year. First we learned how we have to catch and to throw the ball, afterwards we were going to hit the ball with a cricket bat.

We learned about the day and enjoyed the game!



Big Wheel

A few weeks ago we had a show called Big Wheel. There was a little bit of a crazy man. It was a man with a pyjama, slippers, glasses and grey hair. We were playing some games about England. We tried to learn him some Dutch words. We did a game where we needed to spell words. In that game you were dressed up as random family members. If you spelled a word correctly you would get a thing from the English breakfast. It was very funny to do.



High Tea

In Eldeweek 1 we did a high tea with the bilingual year 3. We were getting a presentation of a third year. It was about the history of the high tea. After that we did some fun activities we played memory, we made our own game and baked some scones. At home we made also some very delicious things like brownies, cupcakes, cookies and wraps. When we where ready, our families came over. We have eaten with our families that was very fun. When we where finished eating we needed to clean up. The whole day was very fun!



Year 2: Written by Jill and Lin,

Hattingen

On the 30th of November us and our classmates went to an exchange in Hattingen. We are part of class V2BT, who had an exchange with a school in Germany, together with one of our mentors, Ms Schellekens. For this particular trip, Ms Pycroft also joined us. On the Monday the class arrived, they first went to the school to put down their luggage. After that the pupils would go to their square to play a few games to get to know each other. An example of this is memory. When we finished all of the games, the class got split up in groups, together with their exchange partners. V2BT got a tour through their school in different groups, which the German students had planned before we arrived. When every group was done, all the pupils got some pizza which was really tasty. The same afternoon they also had a tour through the city. After all this, the Dutch students went home with their German partners to have dinner and get ready for the evening. That evening, everybody met up to go bowling. After a fantastic night of bowling, everyone went home again to rest for the next day. On The 31st of October, the classes started on their project about plastic waste. They also had to make some posters for this project. After this, the pupils made some Halloween decorations for the evening. When all the decorations were finished, the students went home to prepare for the Halloween party. Later that night, the classes had an awesome party and great costumes. When the party was over, the pupils went home for the last time. The last day, the students had to clean up and present their projects before leaving Germany. V2BT safely made it back to Netherlands after a great exchange.



Year 3:

Written by Nour and Fabian,

High tea (3TVWO)

Nour + Fabian

As the 3rd years, we had to organize a high tea for the 1st years. We started by thinking of things we wanted to do during the day, and then we made groups to organize those things. We settled on an introduction team, some workshop teams, a cooking team, a film team and a decoration team.

We started the day off with a speech from Nour. After that the 1st years had Big Wheel and the 3rd years had time to prepare the auditorium and workshops. After that was done the first years went to the workshops in groups. They made their own teacup designs, games and baked. We personally helped with the baking, where we first made scones and later in the day made other things, too, with the students who wanted to (which was more than expected).

At around 16:00 the parents were at school to look and taste all the great things the students had made. Before the start of the high tea itself though, Nour gave another incredible speech. Then the parents and students alike could grab something to eat and drink. There was more than enough for everyone, so everybody could enjoy! At 17:00 the third graders stayed to clean the B-auditorium and then we could go home.

After all it was an incredibly fun day with great participation from all parties, which are the first graders, third graders and parents. We would like to thank everyone for the fantastic day and for reading!

-V3BT and V3CT



Year 4:

Written by Corrina, Madelief and Kyani

Italy 2023

From the 23rd until the 27th TVWO 4 went to Italy. We had an exchange with the school Liceo Classico Pico located in Mirandola (near Bologna and Verona).

On the first day we all gathered in the central hall at Eindhoven airport, to fly to Bologna airport. Everyone was there on time, so we could quickly go check-in our luggage. While checking in our luggage we spotted Katja Schuurman, so that was funny. After everything was checked-in we moved onto security. We didn't have to wait that long, so we had much time to spend waiting for our gate to open. After our gate opened we boarded the plane at around 13:30.

When we landed it was already around 16:00, so we quickly got on our buses and headed to the school. At the school we met our exchange students/ host families and we spent the night at our host families.

The day after at school. The Italian students gave us a tour around the school. After that the group of Italian and Dutch students was equally split in 2 to make a presentation about Verona and Bologna. After this was finished we headed to the train station to go to Verona. We first walked past some architectural buildings and afterwards we got some free time. When our visit to Verona ended everyone headed back to the train station and went back to their own host family.

The third day we stayed at school: we had an AI and later on a dance workshop. The AI workshop was fine, but the school wasn't very modern, so there were too many students compared to the number of laptops. However, the information the AI teacher gave us was very interesting. The second part of the day we had a dance workshop given by Ms Schellekens. We first had a part all together and afterwards we split in groups to come up with our own choreography. After this day at school everyone headed back to their own host family to get ready and see each other for dinner at an Italian restaurant in the centre of Mirandola. When everyone finished eating we went to our host families and went to bed.

The next morning, we hopped on the train to Bologna. As we strolled through the streets, we couldn't help but be captivated by the beautiful architecture, such as the iconic Piazza Maggiore, where the grandeur of the Basilica di San Petronio took our breath away! Some students visited

the captivating leaning towers of Bologna and the rest of the city, while some other students went shopping, at the end of the day we met up with some lovely grandmas who were experts in making pasta. They shared their knowledge and recipes and together we cooked it to perfection, the pasta was delicious, but most of all it was a heartwarming experience...

It was already the last day, we gathered together to say goodbye to our exchange students. With heavy hearts, we made our way to the airport, ready to go back home. During the flight we looked back at this amazing experience, a cultural exchange that we won't forget...



Year 5:

Written by Mare



On Tuesday 21 November two 5 began their road trip to Strasbourg. They first stopped in Trier, Germany. There they got to explore the city by doing multiple assignments. They had to interview people on the street and ask them their opinion about the European



Parliament and cybersecurity. This was all in preparation for Friday when they would go to the European Parliament and debate about the topic cybersecurity. They also had to visit historical sites, like the Porta Nigra. In the evening they stayed at a youth hostel, where they had a fun evening playing games, talking and of course watching the Dutch national team play football.



On Wednesday they drove to the former concentration camp Natzweiler Struthof in France. They first stopped at the train station where Mr. van Geffen, who is a history teacher, told us about how resistance members were dropped

of here and then driven up the mountain to the camp. He told them stories about Velo Bierman, who was one of the only people that stayed in this camp and still survived. At the camp Mr. van Geffen continued to tell



stories about this camp that Velo had told him. They also went to an experimental gas chamber. It was very impressive to see and hear the stories about this camp. That evening they had planned to stay at a hostel in Saverne, but when they arrived the hostel was closed. So they ordered pizza's which they ate in the bus and they then went to sleep at an F1 hotel.

On Thursday they ate breakfast in Strasbourg, at the Ikea. After breakfast they got to explore Strasbourg. They visited one of the biggest cathedrals in the world and they visited la petite France. There was a big Christmas market that would open the next day, and there were lots of old and historical buildings to see. That evening they ate at a Lebanese restaurant. They stayed at a hostel not far from the German border, and so a few students went to explore Germany that night.



On Friday it was finally time to go to the European Parliament. They first ate breakfast there and they all got different coloured wristbands. For the program they were seated in the official conference room with other students from 26 different countries. They had to sit with the other students who also got the same colour wristband. First they had an interview with the Vice President

of the European Parliament. Then they could ask questions to a parliamentarian that specialises in cybersecurity in preparation for the debate about this topic. They then had lunch before they got to start the debate about cybersecurity. The coloured wristband stood for the opinion you had to defend. They learned a lot about politics, how to debate and what the European Parliament is. When the program was finished they had dinner at McDonalds and then drove home. All in all it was an eventful and educational trip!