

Bilingual Newsletter (TTO)

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My first year at Elde College has flown past and I have to say it has been a rollercoaster. I hit the ground running as I tried and succeeded in organising the Erasmus+ accreditation for the school. Of course I made a few mistakes here and there and I'm sure I still have a lot to learn before I feel completely at home here. However, everyone has helped me to settle in and through tears of laughter I have now found my place here. I have enjoyed every minute as I got to know the pupils and now have to accept the slight bullying about my accent. As V4BT keep reminding me "It's scones darling".

The sunny weather has finally made an appearance and hopefully will continue once the holidays start next week. As we look back on the year and remember the trips, the lessons and the laughter I hope you will all agree it has been wonderful. Now time to relax and enjoy, whether you stay in The Netherlands or fly off somewhere hot, have a great time.



Out in the world

CAE in TTO VWO 3

At the beginning of June, our third-year students finally finished up their preparations for the Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) exam. Having already gone through a mock exam they were now ready for the real thing.

They made their way to Eindhoven, first of all for the speaking exam and then two days later for the reading, writing and grammar exams. This is of course what they have been waiting for since they started their bilingual education almost three years ago.

There were certainly some nervous faces as they entered the exam rooms but they have all come back extremely positive. "The mock exam was way harder than the real thing". "I was nervous and I almost ran out of time with the writing exam but I think I did alright".

Now it is a waiting game as they will hear the results during the summer holiday. Well done all of you and now it's time to relax and enjoy a well-deserved rest.





Citizenship
TTO day

At the start of June our bilingual department TTO day took place. This day is so that the bilingual students can get a chance to work on projects they might not otherwise have time to do. The Global Exploration Network came to school and set up a variety of workshops for



bilingual years 1- 4. These included climate games, creating their own company and an escape room. Together they were able to find out everything there is to know about the Sustainable Development Goals and their part in making them possible. For some of the students this was a chance for them to find out a lot more about the goals which they see



posted around school but which are not yet concrete. By setting up their own companies they could learn what they would need to take into account to ensure that the impact they had on the goals was minimal. A truly instructive day for all.

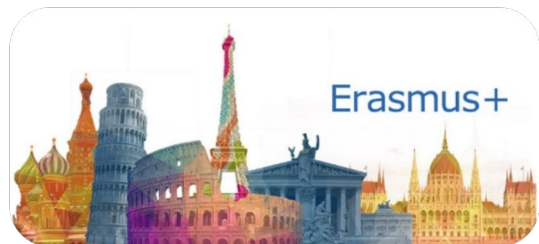
Preparation visit to Treillieres, France.

As of next year our bilingual department will have a new exchange – to Treillieres in France. To help prepare for this exchange Miss Pycroft and Miss Schellekens travelled to the partner school, Helder Camera, to help set up a programme for the week. Amongst others they visited the town of Nantes where they experienced the extremely impressive 'Les Machines de Lîle'. Here they saw clockwork animals, some of which were life size and were big enough to go on a tour through the town. They also visited the Chateau des Ducs de Bretagne. All in all it looks like it will be an extremely interesting new exchange for the lucky class who is allowed to go.



Organisation upcoming trips

Next year our bilingual classes are going to be discovering a lot more of the world. For the first time we will be visiting Oxford, London and Stonehenge with the 1st years. Thanks to our new accreditation from Erasmus+ we will have our new exchange to France as well as the one to Germany



and. our usual exchange for the 4th years to Italy. We have a new trip for the 3rd years to Edinburgh where will find out a bit more about the Scottish culture. Our final destination is once again linked to Erasmus+ as we are going to Budapest with the 6th years where they will be working together with an IB school. All of the preparations are being done to ensure they are the best possible experiences that they will hopefully remember for years to come.



Coming up Information

TTO 1 and their first taste of the bilingual mindset

In the new school year one of the first things to look forward to is boost camp together with year one. Within weeks of the school year starting we will be going of to Boxtel to camp and introduce the new first years to exactly how we do things here in the bilingual department.



A look back at the year

We have been busy this year creating wonderful memories for the students within the bilingual department. Here is a collection of photos to help you remember;

