

Newsletter May 2017

Gold Award ceremonies and some special guests

In April we had a Gold Award ceremony in Maastricht; we were honoured with the attendance of the Governor of the province of Limburg, Mr Bovens, and Mrs Pen, the mayor of Maastricht. 45 Participants received their Award, pin and certificate. We had some international guests from Czech republic, Luxembourg and Slovakia.

In May the British School in the Netherlands hosted an Gold Award ceremony for 40 participants and in the end of May the International School of Amsterdam hosted a Gold Award ceremony for their 24 Gold Awardees.

Congratulations to all!



Gouden Awards in Maastricht, 8 april



Gouden Awards voor 40 jongeren in Voorschoten / BSN

During the weekend of 5 and 6 May, John May, de secretary general van de Award Foundation in London, visited the Award in the Netherlands. Together with Melissa Stoakes, regional director, we had several meetings with the board of the Award in the Netherlands, with Scouting Nederland, the Red Cross and some potential sponsors.



John May



participants of the meeting with Scouting May 5th



Gold Awards at ISA

Other photos: <http://award.nl/fotos/> and Facebook

Interesting offer Outward Bound

Looking for a nice option for the Adventurous Journey? Please find attached a very interesting offer by our partner Outward Bound Nederland.

<https://www.outwardboundnetherlands.com/5-day-life-skills-summer-expedition/>



ORB 2.0

As from the new school year we are using the new Online Record Book and stop working with the paper version! The new ORB has an internet version and an app. At this moment we are translating the ORB in Dutch but it also is available in English for participants in the Netherlands.

Monday evening September 25th we organise a meeting for all Award units to introduce Award leaders to the ORB and do some simple training. **It is very important that at least 1 person of every Award units attends this meeting.**

Call from Czech Republic

A school who runs the Award programme, near Prague, seeks for a partner in the Netherlands:

www.gympb.cz

A golden group of our students, aged 16 - 17, is planning their expedition in the Netherlands.

It will take place 1st - 6th September 2017, starting in Amsterdam. We would like to cycle round a lot.

The students are talented in many ways, most of them are musicians. They are able to communicate in English, German, French. And what is most: they are willing to communicate with the local people.

Would it be possible to contact a similar group of DofE students in the Netherlands in purpose to help us with the planning (things worthy to see and do there, practical advice) via the Internet/social sites. We could also arrange a meeting if the other side is willing or help them to organize something in the Czech Republic. It is just an idea but it could be interesting, maybe beneficial for both sides.

When you are interested: please get in touch with Pascale so we can create a nice and inspiring cooperation!

Adjustment of fees

This month all Award units will receive the invoice for the school fee for 2016-2017. The amount is based on the amount of participants your unit has (in our records) on May 1st 2017. These fees were set three years ago, we adjusted them for the new school year 2017 – 2018: they are slightly raised. Please find the details in the attachment.

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And whatever kind of AJ you are preparing for:



Walking in Scotland



Walking in the Netherlands



Kanoing in the Biesbosch



Biking in Nordrein-westfalen

We wish you lots of luck and fun wiht all the preparations, practice journeys qualiting ones and pleas contact us when you have any questions!

In the attachement you can find the new 'Risk assesment forms' and an list with training elements for participants.