SEET update March 2019

The 2019 Euroquiz Heats are underway!

We kicked off Euroquiz 2019 with a fantastic heat in North Lanarkshire at the end of January. It was a well-attended event with 27 schools signing up to take part. We are expecting over 460 schools from all 32 Local Authorities in Scotland to participate in Euroquiz this year. We are really looking forward to travelling around the country to meet pupils taking part in local events. Good luck to everyone participating in Euroquiz 2019!

To prepare for Euroquiz Heats P6 pupils form teams and use resources to learn about a range of topics including languages, culture, current affairs, geography, world history and citizenship. Through participating in Euroquiz pupils deepen their knowledge of international affairs, but also have the opportunity to develop team building, confidence, language and communication skills. Pupils take part in teams of four and the winners will go on to represent their local authority at the national final at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. Date for the diary - the final will take place on Monday 13th May (invitations to follow).

The Our World film making workshops

The Our World film making workshops are now underway, with the first being held earlier this month in Edinburgh. We were delighted to spend the day making films with pupils from across Scotland in the wonderful Brodies LLP offices.

This year, more than 280 pupils signed up to take part in the project. Teams submitted their storyboard entries in December, and 18 teams were then selected to join us at one of our three workshops. These take place between January and March and are held in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. Once films are made, all teams will come together to celebrate their achievements with a premier/awards ceremony held in Glasgow. Pupils will receive awards and showcase their work for the first time to an audience of family and friends.

We are also supporting schools individually with their Developing the Young Workforce agenda and business links. As part of this initiative, we worked with Lasswade High School and Historic Environment Scotland to help pupils produce Mandarin training videos for Edinburgh Castle staff. Pupils used these films to deliver a training programme for staff based on everyday phrases they could use around the Castle and gift shop. Similarly, we are working with the Royal Zoological Society Scotland and James Gillespie High School, to help pupils develop a multi lingual film about the sustainability aspects Edinburgh Zoo.

We look forward to sharing this year's finished films with you. Keep an eye on the SEET website for the latest news.

Annual Impact Report

Due to the increased popularity and scale of our projects in recent years, we think it is imporant to highlight the impact our projects are having on young people in Scotland. To this end, SEET now publishes an annual Impact Report gathering data from pupils, teachers, local authorities and partners. You can read the latest version of our Impact Report here.

Euroscola in Scotland

In recent months we have been working alongside the European Parliament Liason Office (EPLO) in Edinburgh to pilot a new project for S4-6 pupils. The project was an opportunity for pupils in Language and Modern Studies classrooms to explore topics relating to the EU. Following a successful project two schools have been invited by the EPLO to attend Euroscola in Strasbourg. These pupils will get the chance to act as an MEP for the day alongside young people from all EU Member States.

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