



Dear Pitzemburger,

This school year Koninklijk Atheneum Pitzemburg participates again in the prestigious INDIE-project of the British Council. To refresh everyone's memory, the British Council is an organization that focuses on the cultural and educational relations between the United Kingdom and the rest of the world. Our school is part of the INDIE-project, short for 'Inclusion and Diversity in Education'. The aim is promoting social cohesion (Du. 'samenhang') and raising (Du. 'verhogen') educational standards. The participating countries are Germany, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Spain, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and, of course, Belgium.

Our school is divided in a cluster (Eng. 'group') with Heartlands High School of Birmingham (United Kingdom), Istituto Comprensivo E. De Amicis of Castronno (Italy) and St. Clare College of Pembroke (Malta). The theme we have chosen is 'A sound mind for a sound body', or as we say in Dutch 'Een gezonde geest voor een gezond lichaam'. At the beginning of this school year ten pupils of the third year were selected to participate in a training that focused on the appropriation (Du. 'toe-eigening') of organizational skills and the development of an in-school project. These 10 selected pupils are called Young Leaders. They'll be the leaders of tomorrow. Our Future Leaders are:



Leriche Peter
3A



Lewyllie Charlotte
3A



Ceulemans Jolien
3A



Vanhaecht Michelle
3C



Turtsanski Nico
3C



De Meulder Jonathan
3C



Holzer Maroussia
3C



Carpentier Balder
3D



Lauweryssens Indra
3D



Vandermeiren
Marjolein 3E

One of our Young Leaders has written a report on the experiences during this training.

INDIE-project: Young Leaders

From Wednesday the 5th until Friday the 7th of November 2008, the ten of us, 3rd year students of Pitzemburg, took part in the INDIE-project.

Wednesday, we had class the first two hours. After that, they took us to the refectory (Du. 'refter') where we all sat in a circle with people from two other schools. All together I think we were with 35 people. There were also two trainers, Femke and Kees, who were supposed



to guide us through those three days. All together the first day was to get to know each other and the project.

Thursday, the ten of us went to Aalst by train. That day we worked a lot around teamwork. We had to make a miniproject, for which we were divided into two groups per school. Each group was sent to a room where they could discuss their ideas of what sort of project they would do and what it would be about. After that the groups had to present their ideas in front of a jury who would decide which group of the school would get € 50 to make the miniproject a fact. We had a lot of fun because we were about to start our own project, or at least the foundations of it, and we were all very excited.



Friday, we all went back to Aalst. We had to give a presentation about 'Inclusion and Diversity' so everybody was very nervous. We all wanted this to go well because we really wanted to make a good impression. Luckily, it all went well. The second part of the day we were all talking about the project and what they expected us to do after the training to become Young Leaders of INDIE. We were allowed to ask our questions and talk about what we were expecting after the training. After all that, we got our diplomas and had to say goodbye. During the train ride, we were exhausted of the intensive training we had those three days. We returned tired but satisfied. (Michelle Vanhaecht 3C)

The Project of the Young Leaders

What?

The brainstorming (Eng.'thinking') described above resulted in a project that raises funds for those pupils that lack the financial resources to go on a school trip.

How?

The fundraising consists of two parts. Firstly, the Young Leaders are going to sell healthy food and drink: cake, smoothie, milkshake, and fruit salad. Secondly, we're organising a sponsored foot race for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year, called 'Pitzemburg runs for Pitzemburg' or in Dutch 'Pitzemburg loopt voor Pitzemburg'. The foot race will take place during the lessons of physical education or P.E. The pupils will have to complete a trajectory that leads through the botanical garden. They will be sponsored by a relative or friend for every lap (Du.'ronde') with the help of a sponsorcard. (see below) The amount of laps they run multiplied by the sponsored amount will be their eventual contribution per sponsor. The pupil and class that deliver the biggest contribution will receive a surprise. What? We can't tell: otherwise it won't be surprise anymore.

When?

The healthy food and drink will be sold on Friday 15 May. The foot race will take place in the coming weeks during the lessons of P.E.

You?

You can support our noble goal through eating our healthy food and participating in our foot race. We are counting on you!

REFERENCES

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/INDIE>