

eTwinning Newsletter#2

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Dear « eTwins »,

If you would like us to promote your partnership in this newsletter, contact the European helpdesk by email:

css-helpdesk@etwinning.net

We will be very happy to highlight what you're doing within the eTwinning action.

The European helpdesk is also at your disposal for any question related to technical or pedagogical issues. Do not miss the new step by step guide for schools that are new to eTwinning. See the section on News from CSS in this newsletter.

News from Schools

Europe, Education and School

With the project Europe, Education and School, Czeslaw Michalewski a philosophy teacher and his colleagues are seeking to promote debates in and outside the classroom around the questions of culture, Europe and school.

On 17 March, Alexandre Adler, a renowned French philosopher and expert in political sciences, will talk to pupils about "the birth of the European conscience". The conference will be webcast and an on-line discussion will also be open to the public.

http://www.etwinning.net/ww/en/pub/etwinning/good_practice/spotlight/eeeproject.htm

A full description of the project is even now available in English, French, German, and Lithuanian at:

<http://www.coin-philos.net/projet-eee.php>

Join the European Theatre Festival

The Eduard-Spranger-School in Freudenstadt, Germany organises a yearly European theatre festival from October 3 to 8, 2005. School theatre groups and drama classes from several European countries have the possibility to show their performances. The annual meeting should become a forum for youth theatre that gives a view into the nature of young adults in Europe. The school is still looking for partner schools who want to join the festival. More information at:

<http://www.kopfsprung-theater.de/38.0.html>

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National characteristic features in Arts and learning language
Austria - Hungary

Each and every country has got artists less known in other nations. The aim of this project is to create national websites about current topical issues and to share information about people who are famous in the two different countries.

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News from National Support Services

Finland:

Two successful eTwinning-seminars were organised in Finland in late February 2005. During those meetings, eTwinning, Spring Day 2005 and Fle3, a web-based learning environment, EUN Community-tool and Tidnindgsfabriken, a web based tool for making collaborative web-magazines, were introduced at the seminar.

Finnish teachers regard eTwinning as an excellent way of finding European partners for long-term school partnerships and long-term European projects. Most teachers and school heads find the usage of new and innovative web based tools important in the co-operation. In addition to the comprehensive schools, eTwinning interests also the Finnish vocational education. For example, Levi Institute from Kittilä, Lapland, is currently developing a fruitful tourism development project with partners found through eTwinning.

An important national event for the promotion of eTwinning is the upcoming ICT and Education 2005-seminar in Hämeenlinna during 20-22.4. For more information:
<http://www.itk.fi>

National eTwinning web site in Finland:
<http://www.edu.fi/etwinning>

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The first eTwinning teacher training sessions started in March. Schulen ans Netz offers about 50 training sessions until June 2005. Teachers learn how to establish an eTwinning-partnership, how to use new media and virtual communication platforms in their collaborative projects.

<http://www.etwinning.de/schulungen/index.php>

The German eTwinning-team attended the Didacta education fair in Stuttgart from 28 February to 4 March and had nearly no relaxing moments the whole week! A large number of teachers were interested in

