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The 9th Annual ESN Conference took place in Leiden, the Netherlands, on the 7th till 10th of October. Apart from the 9th Annual Conference on the Vlietland College, the school also invited students from the different schools across Europe for the 4th Conference for students. Each school sent 2 representatives with a plan to make a positive newspaper, which will be published 4-5 times a year. They all brought different cultures, ideas and expertise. This finally resulted into a newspaper that shows all aspects of these cultures by bringing positive news from every participating country.

The students were from; Istek Belde and Istek Atanur Oguz (Turkey), Corderius College (the Netherlands), Babits Mihály Gimnázium (Hungary), Ylöjärven lukio (Finland), St Louis – Ste Marie (France) and of course, the Vlietland College (the Netherlands).

The first activities we did were speed dating and sports which made us get to know each other very well and prepared us for working together on the newspaper the following week. In the afternoon the Conference officially started by making teams and assigning tasks to everyone to work as efficient as possible. We had to think about reporters, writers, publishers and designers. And most importantly, we made a plan on how to organise the following editions of the ESN journal.

The next day we continued writing our articles and started on the lay-out of the newspaper. But it wasn't only hard work, but we also participated in fun activities that showed the hospitality of the Netherlands. For example, we went to play pool at a special pool café, ate traditional pancakes in a Dutch pancake restaurant in Leiden and discovered the beauty of Amsterdam.

On the last day we finished the project and presented it to our ESN-coordinators to show what we had accomplished in this project week and we discussed the future of the ESN newspaper. Afterwards we had an informal gala with a typical Dutch buffet with a salsa demonstration and music to end it all off. We all hope you will enjoy reading our work and we are looking forward to writing again soon and spread the positive news across Europe.

Source: Edjaz Frogh, Daan de Nooij and all of the participants of the "Part of the Family" project



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Jelly-wars

Jellybeans are thought to be a typically American sweet, BUT they're not! They're actually a Turkish dessert called 'lokum'.

Lokum also known as Turkish Delight is jelly covered with fruity powder. William Schrafft loved this dish so much that he came up with the jellybean in the 1800s. However, it didn't gain popularity until 1905, when the jellybeans were mentioned in the Chicago daily news.

First, it was linked with Easter, because jellybeans have an egg-like shape, but because it was so good, people started to eat it throughout the whole year.

In the 1910s, jellybeans also had another meaning: a young man who dressed stylishly to attract women, but had little else to offer.

To conclude: jellybeans are basically an American rip-off of the Turkish 'lokum'.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkish_delight

Happy Haircuts

In Paris, a haircutter proposed to do a haircut for the people living on the streets, for free. His name is Dati Kouch and he was inspired by a New Yorker who did the same thing in New York.

Dati thinks that doing this helps these people; he wants to give them hope again. What is for sure is that the people are all touched deeply by what he does.

This young man doesn't want to limit himself in Paris: he wants to do it in his natal city, Nantes.

Source: <http://www.konbini.com/fr/tendances-2/coiffeur-nantais-sdf>



Jamie Oliver's restaurant in Hungary

British celebrity chef, Jamie Oliver, who is also a restaurant entrepreneur and media personality, is opening 'Jamie's Italian', a new franchise restaurant in Budapest, next spring in the former premises of the Hadik restaurant in the Castle District.

The Hungarian hospitality expert is also planning to launch the 'Jamie Feed Me Better' school lunch programme in Hungary and hopes that a similar school canteen scheme will start in Hungary.

Source: <http://hungarytoday.hu/news/british-celebrity-chef-jamie-oliver-open-italian-restaurant-budapest-77812>

Olympics 2024.

In June 2015 the Assembly of the Hungarian Olympic Committee (MOB) and the Assembly of the Capital City of Budapest decided to bid for the Olympics. Budapest has lost several bids to host the games, in 1916, 1920, 1936, 1944 and 1960 to Berlin, Antwerp, London, and Rome, respectively. In July the Hungarian Parliament also voted for supporting the bid.

Every country can apply to organize the olympics. There are many countries who already won this honorific opportunity.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024_Summer_Olympics



Why is Finland the best country ever?

WHY IS FINLAND THE BEST COUNTRY EVER?

The education system:

It's well-known in the whole world that this tiny country with 5.4 million people knows how to educate people; the PISA rankings put Finland as number one in at least one of the categories of Science, Reading and Mathematics every time from 2000 to 2006. It's almost impossible to read an article about education systems without mentioning Finland as an example. Why aren't other countries just following Finland?

Most Saunas per capital:

There are 3.3 million saunas for 5.4 million people in Finland! It's a norm to have at least one sauna per family. Going to a sauna basically means naked men or women (saunas are separate for women and men) sitting in silence, sweating. One beats himself repeatedly with birch branches. Another stands, takes a ladle of water and throws "löyly" over "kuias".

Coffee culture:

While the annual world average of coffee consumption is 1.3 kg per person, the average Finnish person drinks 12 kg of coffee per year.

Best Country in the world to be a mother:

For the last 14 years, 'Save the Children' has been ranking countries based on how good the places are for mothers. and the current leader is Finland. The low lifetime risk for maternal death (1 in 12 200 is five times better than the US death rate of 1 in 2 400) and the number of women in national government (42.5% as compared to US 18.2%) are some of the criteria that land Finland to the number one position as the place to give birth and raise a family.

Land of thousands of lakes and midnight sun:

Finland has almost 200 000 lakes, which basically means that you can see a beautiful and calm view wherever you are and during the months of June and July, the sun shines all night so you can enjoy the Finnish lakes and other nature as much as you want.

Source: buzzfeed & Silja's own experience



Fun Facts!

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So, did you know that...

- cekoslovakyalilastiramadiklarimizdanmissiniz is the longest word in Turkish?
- in France, you can marry a dead person?
- France and the Netherlands are both in the top 5 of most depressed countries in the world?
- potatoes were illegal in France between 1748 and 1772?
- there are exactly 187 888 lakes and 179 584 islands within the territory of Finland?
- Finland has the most heavy metal bands, with 53 per 100 000 people?
- mobile throwing is an official sport in Finland?
- the famous Rubik's cube was invented in Hungary?
- Hungary is one of the oldest countries in Europe? It was founded in 896, before France and Germany became separate entities, and before the unification of Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.
- despite the country's name and its language, DNA tests have revealed that central Asian genes represent only a tiny percentage of the Hungarian population
- Dutch people are the tallest in the world, with an average height of 184 cm for men and 170 cm for women?
- there are 1 180 windmills in the Netherlands?
- in the Netherlands there are more bicycles than people?

Source: www.factslides.com www.eupedia.com

The mysterious bus...

There's a new bus line between the busiest square in Budapest, Deak Ferenc Square, and the Liszt Ferenc Airport. It's so good, because it takes just a few minutes to get from each place to the other. The bus starts its work on the 10th of October and just for a week.. The mystery with this bus is that the company, which takes care of the public transport, didn't say anything about this bus, although it has a wikipedia site.

Source: http://hvg.hu/cegauto.kozlekedes/20151006_bu



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Tulips

Even though a lot of people say that the tulips are from the Netherlands, they are actually from Turkey. Around 1550 Turkey was really powerful, with the rich sultan Soeleiman. His garden was always full with the most beautiful tulips, which stood for having a lot of money and luxurious things. He gave some really important and famous guests some bulbs as a gift, for example to a nobleman, de Busbecq, from Vlaanderen (Belgium). He gave the tulip bulbs to a friend, Carolus Clusius. He was the head of the herb garden of the emperor of Austria. In that garden, the tulips got a special place. Later on, Carolus Clusius left to the Netherlands. Here he was a professor at the Leiden University, but he was also the head of the herbs garden of the university. He experimented with the tulips, but he would never sell them. But one day, the most beautiful tulip bulbs got stolen, which was the start of the floristry in the Netherlands.

Source: www.tulpen.nl



Migrants in Hungary

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This year 275 000 migrants have arrived to the country to go further to Germany and Austria as fast as possible. They usually come across Greece, Turkey and Italy. Until the end of September more than 700 000 migrants arrived to Europe.

59% of them are from Syria, 25% of them are from Afghanistan and 5% of them are from Pakistan.

At the end of September 300 182 migrants have been registered in Hungary, 130 000 in Austria and 370 000 in Germany, but these numbers can't show the truth. There're many of them, who want to cross the Schengen Borders (opened borders between countries without any control) in an illegal way. These cases cause really big problems, because they made a decree that says migrants have to stay in that country where they cross the Schengen Borders and they must wait to pass till the government decides that they can go on or not, and the migrants know that the Hungarian Government doesn't really care about their case.

Source: http://index.hu/belfold/2015/10/05/terkepen_a_teljes_menekultvalsag/



The third of October

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On the third of October in 1574 Leiden was liberated from the Spanish. This day is celebrated annually for two days. On this day the citizens of Leiden eat Hutspot (mix of mashed potatoes with carrots and onions) and herring and white bread.

Cornelis Joppenszoon was an orphan who found potatoes, carrots and onions in a pot after the Spanish fled. He took it with him and brought it to Leiden and later the relieving rebels came with herring and white bread.

To celebrate the third of October, a fair is organised every year during the third of October. A "Taptoe" is also held, it is a parade where every sports and music club from Leiden can represent itself. A parade with a different theme every year, this year it was "Upside down". Different clubs make a float and show them in the parade. And the celebration is finished with fireworks.

Source: www.3october.nl

A day without cars in Paris

"A day without car" in Paris was a huge success.

In fact, on Sunday the 27th September the city of Paris organized a day when a third of the Parisians wasn't allowed to use their car.

This first "day without car" led to a reduction of the pollution level in Paris. The air quality became even better than before: a reduction of 40% of dioxide of nitrogen occurred. During this day the pollution decreased to a third at the Champs-Élysées.

The sound pollution diminished too, which is a really good thing for the people who live in the capital. Indeed it went down by fifty percent.

It was such a big success that Paris – and the Parisians - want to do it again.

Source: www.konbini.com/fr/



A day without Cars

Good news for Turkey's tourism sector

Over 38 million people visited Turkey in 2013, making Turkey the sixth-most visited country after France, the United States, Spain, China and Italy.

Turkey's tourism sector experienced problems in hiring qualified staff, according to the report. The country was ranked 91st in its extent of staff training among 141 countries, although it was ranked 32nd in customer treatment.

Let us give the top 10 competitors in the report: Spain tops the 2015 edition of the global rankings for the first time, followed by France, Germany, the U.S., the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, Italy, Japan and Canada. Unlike 2013, Turkey is not in the list this year, but that doesn't mean that no one visited Turkey. On the contrary, Turkey is still one of the most visited countries by holiday and sun seekers. So maybe not this year, but next year we will be back on number 1 !

Source: www.Wikipedia.com



Nobel Prizes

Ig Nobel prizes Sept 18 2015

Last week, Dutch linguist Mark Dingemanse won an Ig Nobel prize for research into misunderstandings in communication. He proved that every human language contains a 'huh?' with similar pronunciation and meaning. Without the word we wouldn't be able to quickly fix a misunderstanding or indicate that we haven't understood something.

Ig Nobel prizes aren't the same as the renowned Nobel prizes. These ones are distributed to research that makes you laugh. The category Physics was won by a scientist who demonstrated that every organism, at least 3 kg of weight, takes on average 21 seconds to urinate.

The prize was awarded at Harvard University in the United States. Dingemanse himself wasn't present, but he got his 'fake' Nobel prize sent home.

Source: Radboud University Nijmegen <http://www.ru.nl/nieuws-agenda/nieuws/vm/language-studies/taal-communicatie/2015/woordvorm/@1012256/ig-nobel-prize-huh/>

RTL Nieuws <http://www.rtlnieuws.nl/nieuws/opmerkelijk/nederlander-wint-ig-nobelprijs-met-onderzoek-naar-huh>



Phone Throwing

WEIRD COMPETITIONS IN FINLAND

Finland is weird country full of weird competitions. I'm sure every country has their own well unique competitions but especially in Finland we know how to really mix things up. For example we have competitions for wife carrying, phone throwing and pigs talents. These competitions are from Finland, but they have grown to international events. Needless to say, for some reason Finnish people pretty much dominate these competitions.

Wife-carrying competition (eukonkanto)

The idea of wife carrying is pretty simple. Man carries a woman through the obstacle course and trying not to drop her. The obstacle course contains 1 meter deep water obstacle and two fences. Wife carrying was invented in middle of 19th century in eastern Finland. At first it was just a small event, but in championship competition 2015 were 200 contestants and 6500 viewers. It doesn't sound fun, but it definitely looks like it.

Phone throwing (kännykän heitto)

I know what you are thinking, okay they are throwing phones and call it a contest. But maybe this will surprise you: we have specific rules for it and contestants come all the way from South Africa. I'm pretty sure that no-one can specifically tell how this was invented but Nokia 3310 must been one part of it. The contestants are not throwing their own phones, they have a list of phones that are possible to use. The phones are usually these long lasting Nokias that are given as donations. Rules are: you can speed in speeding area but if you overstep, you get disqualified. You need to hit the "throwing sector", if you don't you get disqualified. Judges decided whether it's approved or not and you can't complain about the judgement. Sounds fair, isn't it?

Tia Niemistö, Finland/Ylöjärvi

Sources: <http://www.rukaadventures.fi/kesaohjelmat/suojalkapallo>
<https://fi.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suopotkupallo>
<http://www.eukonkanto.fi/>
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<http://finland.mobilephonethrowing.fi/>

Swamp football (suojalkapallo)

Swamp football is literally just football in a swamp. The idea of this sport started when Finnish skiers were doing running strength practices in a swamp. Perfect field for this football is moist and little submerge. Rules are the same as in normal football as much as possible and there is 5 field players plus goal keeper. Instructions says that "Be aware, that you might get little dirty", who would guess?

Being in Sauna (löylynheitto)

Yep it used to be a real competition. This contest existed from 1999 to 2010, but it had to be disbanded because of the death of one Russian contestant. The rules were: There were 6 people in the finals, the starting temperature was 110°C and every half minute they throw half liter of water to sauna stones (information, if you know nothing about saunas: it gets hotter that way). After every round the contestant had to show to judge that he/she is okay by lifting a thumb up. Winner is the last one who walks out from the sauna with his/her own legs. The competition is very short because the sauna gets so hot so quickly and in the 2010 tragedy the last two contestants' skin burned off in just 6 minutes.

Being in Sauna



Whatsappgroups reduce the chance of burglary

The university of Tilburg has done research on how to reduce the chances of burglary. Whatsappgroups in which neighbours warn eachother about burglary threats were the most effective.

In the groups neighbours report suspicious behaviour by sending texts, photos and videos. Research shows that people call the emergency number more often when they feel supported by their neighbours.

The police supports such groups. However they warn citizens to “not hang out the hero”*. On the WABP website you can look up whether there is such a whatsappgroup in your neighbourhood or you can start your own.

*not try to be a hero in “Louis van Gaal English”

Source: http://www.delft.nl/inwoners/Zorg_en_welzijn/Prettig_samenleven/Keerpunt_in_Delft/Goed_voorbeeld_doet_goed_volgen/Ju_kunt_samen_meer_doen

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