

Monday 25th November 2024

Turing Scheme – visit to Elblag, Poland

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you about a very exciting opportunity available to our Year 6 children this academic year. In partnership with North Somercotes CE Primary School, we have been awarded a grant by the Department for Education to enable our schools to participate in The Turing Scheme. The Turing Scheme provides funding for international opportunities in education across the world. It supports Global Britain by providing pupils life-changing experiences. For more information, please visit this website <https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/>

Between our schools we have 30 places (15 per school) available for Year 6 children to undertake a visit to Elblag in Poland. Staff from both schools have undertaken a pre-visit and along with staff from partner schools in Poland, have put together a schedule that includes collaborative working time in school, a tour of the famous Elblag Canal, a visit to a Science Academy and opportunities to tour the traditional city of Elblag and immerse themselves in local customs and cultures.

The visit will take place from Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 6th June 2025. The party will be flying from Stansted Airport to Gdansk, with all transfers included. During our stay we will be staying at the Hotel Mlyn, a traditional Polish Hotel. This visit is available at no cost to the children as the whole experience is funded by our grant award. There is even capacity within the funding to support 'readiness to travel', including passport applications. The visit will be fully risk assessed and safeguarded with senior staff from both schools participating in the visit. Much of this work has already been completed following the pre-visit.

At this stage we are requesting families of children who are interested to complete an expression of interest. This is non-binding at this stage. Please simply email the school office via enquiries@grimoldbyprimaryschool.co.uk by 12pm on Friday the 29th of November. Once we have a clear understanding of prospective numbers, we will be holding a meeting where we can talk through a more detailed schedule and offer additional information on visit organisation and logistics, plus answer any questions. **Following that meeting we will require a final decision to be made before the Christmas break. Should we be over-subscribed, we will then have to draw names at random to allocate the 15 spaces.**

This is an amazing opportunity for our children. We are passionate about global learning and preparing our children as citizens of the world. We have shared this information with the children today – many expressed an interest in attending.

In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. As previously stated, we are only

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requesting an expression of interest at the moment. A final decision on participation, for those who have expressed an interest, can be made after the meeting.

Yours faithfully

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