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GOLDEN OWL

Come and take part in The XI English Language Competition GOLDEN OWL of Gimnazjum nr 1 in Nysa, Poland and stand a chance to win a nice prize!

All students studying English as Foreign language are invited to test their English knowledge in this competition. The pre selection takes place at your school. The final testing and selection of participants and the awarding of the prizes takes place in Gimnazjum nr 1 in Nysa, Poland. Every year, this day turns out to be a celebration and having a traditional meeting of Golden Owls. In the years 2000 - 2011, 7636 students from Polish, Hungarian, Slovakian, Romanian, Turkish and Italian schools took part in the written examinations. In 2011, 24 learners were qualified for the final examination. The winner was Małgorzata Urbanowicz, Publiczne Gimnazjum z Oddziałami Dwujęzycznymi Strzelce Opolskie – Poland. The second were Katarína Hlavačková, Gymnázjum Vrable – Slovakia and Jędrzej Wolski Gimnazjum nr 1, Nysa – Poland. The third was Anna Pikuta, Gimnazjum nr 1, Kluczbork, Poland.

About the competition in 2012:

The language competition aims at raising interest for the English language in Europe and hopes to encourage learners to chose English as a foreign language as a school subject.

Competition has three stages: 1. school; 2. regional 3. final

Pupils from the age of 12 up and according to level of knowledge will be tested (pre intermediate - intermediate level). Pupils with the best scores in the written tests, organized at their schools and regions will get the chance to take part in the final competition **10th May 2012** in Gimnazjum nr 1 in Nysa, Poland or in your school.

All participants in the final test will win a small prize!

The main prizes are sponsored by Pearson Education Poland LONGMAN, MACMILLAN Poland and some Polish national and local companies.

Principle and the time-table of competition

1. The headmasters who submit their students to the competition are obliged to designate a person who shall be responsible directly both for the way the competition is carried out at their school and for the other two stages of the competition.
2. Schools should prepare their own lists of students who would like to take part in the competition in the form of a computer print-out, ONLY according to the sample application form posted on web page <http://www.gimnazjum1.nysa.pl/uczniowie/konkursy/konkursy.htm> or sent to English teachers.
3. The lists of participants should be sent either by e-mail to goldenowl@interia.pl or fax. +48 77 433 45 64 as word document or PDF.
4. School Stage of competition take place in deadline 10th February 2012. Test to this stage will be sent out to the English teachers.

* Written test: cultural test, grammar, reading, use of English, vocabulary.
(every school will receive one copy of the test to copying and a key).

After the test the persons who were appointed by the school headmaster to supervise the competition at their school are obliged to send the list of competition note with names of all participants to the address given by and within the deadline set by the organizers.

5. The second Stage is on 22nd March 2012. Test to this stage will be sent out to the English teachers.

* Listening

* Written test: cultural test, grammar, reading, use of English, vocabulary.
(every school will receive one copy of the test to copying and a key).

In Poland tests will be send by post!

After the test the persons who were appointed by the school headmaster to supervise the competition at their school are obliged to send the list of competition note with names of all participants to the address given by and within the deadline set by the organizers.

6. The final test is on 10th May 2012.

* Written test: cultural test, grammar, reading, use of English, vocabulary.

* Listening

* Oral test: a pupil draws a piece of paper with 2-3 questions. The main subjects of everyday life at school, in town, village, about the environment. They have to describe two pictures.

- Time of preparation 5 minutes.

- Pupil on oral examination can receive 30 points maximally, which adds to quantity of points earlier received in the written part.

1a) Obligatory book for students to **second level test**:
“The Bourne Identity “ AUTHOR / Robert Ludlum,
retold by Andy Hopkins and Jocelyn Potter, level 4, *Penguin Readers*.

1b) Obligatory book for students to **final test**:
“1984” AUTHOR George Orwell
retold by Mike Dean, level 4, *Penguin Readers*.

2. Grammar:

- i. Round-up Grammar Practice (1-4), Virginia Evans
- ii. Grammar Practice for Elementary/Intermediate Students, Elaine Walker & Steve Elsworth

3. Vocabulary:

- i. Dictionary of Contemporary English Longman
- ii. Essential Activator

4. Literature:

- i. The World of English; Mark Farrell, Regina Cerani, Franca Rossi
- ii. Customs and Traditions in Britain; Stephen Rabley, Longman Structural Readers
- iii. American Customs and traditions; Terry Tomscha, American Background Readers

5. For teachers:

- i. Faces of Britain, Elizabeth Laird
- ii. Faces of the USA, Elizabeth Laird
- iii. Longman Dictionary of English Language and Culture