

European Day of Languages, Thursday 26th September 2013

Language Perfect is a worldwide competition in which you have to answer questions on vocabulary and phrases from different languages including French, German, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Indonesian and Latin. You earn points for doing a certain amount of questions and you have a week to work your way up the global, UK and school leader boards.

This year Arden school did extremely well in the worldwide competition and came 43rd globally out of 1054 schools competing, achieving first position in the UK for German, French, Italian and Chinese. Four of our students were in the top twenty for the UK! Arden was eighth overall, globally in German. We achieved 5 Elite Awards, 6 Gold Awards, 6 Silver Award winners, 23 Bronze Award Winners and 43 Credit Awards.

To celebrate the success of Arden in language perfect the 5 elite award winners got the opportunity to attend a special award ceremony in London. At the ceremony we were presented with a trophy and had official photography of us being presented the trophy. We had a really fun time in London and all came back really proud.

We got the chance to talk to and meet some amazing linguists and found out about different projects running in different schools from all over the country. We also got special badges and t-shirts for the different awards and some people got language colours!

It was a great experience and we hope everyone will try just as hard in the next upcoming competition. Well done to everybody who took part, especially to those who won an award! However this year, we want to aim even higher!

Lauren Penny

On Thursday 26th September, we (Arden School) were invited to attend the European Language Label 2013 at the European Commission Office. It was held between 12.30 - 17.00. We were the first school in the UK to be invited to this award for their success at Language Perfect.

It was a really good day! We arrived at school at the normal time and took a taxi to Dorridge train station at 9.29am. We took a train to London and then we caught the tube to Westminster before walking to the presentation.

Before we knew it the presentation was about to start so we took a seat and waited for it to begin. The presentation lasted three hours, but once we knew that our award was next, we were excited and collected our award with great pleasure and relief! Our trophy was huge! I was shocked at the size of it! I felt so proud and happy for our school! Soon though we had to sit down again and we were all in admiration of the trophy.

About an hour and a half later the presentation finished and I was able to collect some free souvenirs and we left the presentation. We ate our dinner at McDonalds and then set off again on the tube and finally by train to Dorridge. Finally we arrived home at about half eight and my mum was there to collect me. I was the first to leave. I arrived home safely, told my story of the day and then went to bed after a very long and interesting day.

Anna Kirk

