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SCOOOL LIFE

Aleko Konstantinov Primary School Participates in the Spelling Bee Competition

Hristo Kolev was ranked first at the school range of the the Fourth national English spelling competition called 'Spelling Bee', which was held on 12 March 2014. He could spell the word 'embarrass' correctly and beat Stanislav Kirov who was ranked second. Both students were classified for the regional competition that will be held on 12 April in Plovdiv. The national round of the competition will be held on May 10 at the Hilton Hotel in Sofia.

Spelling Bee is traditional American competition in which contestants spell different words in English. The aim of the competition is to raise the awareness of students to the study of English and improve their knowledge through fun and interactive initiatives. In Bulgaria, the competition takes place for the first time in 2011 with the idea of volunteers of the Peace Corps . The winner of the last year competition is thirteen-year-old Martin Boshkilov from " Kuzman Shapkarev " school in Blagoevgrad.

The competition is organized by the Education and Development Corps Foundation, abbreviated as KORPLYUS . " It is implemented in partnership with the ' America for Bulgaria' Foundation, the U.S. Embassy , under the patronage of the Ministry of Education and Science.

Vesela Ruseva – Coordinator

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1145 years since the death of Constantine Cyril Philosopher

He was born in 827 in Thessaloniki , Byzantium, as one of the seven children of senior Byzantine military boss, drungar Leon (born in Thessaloniki) and known in the Bulgarian historiography as Lion, a substrategist (assistant manager) of Thessaloniki and its region , and his wife Mary.

In 843 the Logothete, who was familiar with the great strengths of Constantine, invited him to Constantinople and at the famous Magnaurska shkola. Even in his initial education at Thessaloniki Constantine showed a tendency to philosophy and poetry.

In 862 Constantine and his brother Methodius, on the request of the emperor and Great Moravian Prince Rostislav, were charged to distribute Christianity in Slavonic language in Moravia. They settled

down in the capital Velegrad . They created there a religious school , trained future priests, translated liturgical books and preached in Slavonic language .

In Rome St. Constantine the Philosopher completed his latest work "Napisanie of the Right Faith" but exhausted with heavy trips, he got sick. Shortly before his death he passed the great monastic schema "named Cyril, with which he remained as a saint in the Orthodox and the Roman Catholic Church. Cyril died in Rome on February 14, 869. He was buried in the crypt of 'San Clemente' basilika in Rome.

Elena Penisheva - a librarian by materials from the Internet

SCHOOL FOR PARENTS

PAMPERED CHILDREN

Indulgence is a product of our attitude to the child with which it responds and starts to use unconsciously to fulfill his/her desires. When children receive their 'own' several times by smashing , whining and imposing, they often begin using these techniques , and the tired mom and dad finally relent to gain some peace of mind .

Where does it come from ?

Daily pressed parents transfer the care for their 'little sunshine' quickly to grandparents or a babysitter and they return to work . The feeling of blame for their lack from home provoke them

to overwhelm kids with toys and clothes and fulfil the smallest whim to enjoy his/her smiling face. In this way the child get always used to be inundated with material possessions and soon he/she begins to expect and insist that all be conformed with his/her wishes.

Children can feel the insecurity in adults and manage to slip between divergent arguments of Mom and Dad when they do not know how to react in a given situation and cannot agree on any matter relating to what is allowed and what is prohibited.

Here's the better news – coddling can be corrected but not by itself .

How to cope ?

Here are some simple tricks that can do and coddling will become easier and enjoyable.

- Do not criticize the child, but his specific bad event. Avoid labels like ' gooey ' or 'spoiled' .
- Make the child do small tasks matching his age to earn performance of some of his/her desires.
- Gather a 'tribal council' to fix out the action plan.

Subscribe the child to some sport. Exercising is useful and teaches him/her to be discipline.

- Take a pet for the child. Include him/her in certain obligations about taking care for the animal . The child will learn early to take responsibility .

List of toys and teasers

Take care of the child to communicate and play a lot with other children. If, for any reasons, our child communicates and plays mostly with adults, he/she will quickly convene that he/she always chooses what to play and that he/she wins the game. Games with other children will quickly teach him/her that if he wants to play together with the others your little man must learn sometimes to back off and that winning the game is not the most important thing.

Do not forget that:

Love and affection and cuddling, which you show to your 'little treasure' cannot pamper. When a child cries because he/she is hurt or offended, that should not be explained as if he/she is spoiled and gooey.

Display of emotions and sharing feelings are not self-indulgent.

Praising the child when doing the right thing is the most valuable prize and easiest way for him/her to understand what behavior is right.

Zdravka Petrova - guidance counselor by materials from the Internet

ECOLOGY

RED BOOK OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

The Red Book of the Republic of Bulgaria is a list of endangered, threatened and extinct species living on the territory of Bulgaria. In Bulgaria the idea of issuing a national 'Red Book' is by the eminent zoologist and environmentalist Nicolay Boev. It has been published in volumes - in 1984 was the first volume devoted to the plants and in 1985 was the second volume dedicated to animals. Now there is a second edition of the Red Book of endangered plant and animal species in Bulgaria.

The new edition of the Red Book of Bulgaria consists of three volumes: volume one - plants and mushrooms, volume two - animals (vertebrates and invertebrates) and volume three – habitats.

In this issue 285 animal species, 550 species of plants and 150 species of fungi find place. They receive different status - missing, critically endangered, vulnerable. In the last 50-60 years in Bulgaria have disappeared about 30 species of plants and 16 species of animals. Besides, about 400 plant species and 78 animal species are threatened with extinction.

Bulgaria is one of the first countries in Europe with a variety of animal and plant species. Present habitats and habitat necessary for the existence of many of them are located within the three national parks 'Pirin', 'Rila', 'Central Balkan' and other existing reserves in the country.

Since 2011 the Red Book has already have an electronic edition . One can read details for all species and habitats.

Here is a very small number of species included in the Red Book :

PLANTS

WATER LILY; SAND LILY; EDELWEISS; PIRIN TEA; STARA PLANINA PRIMROSE; SPRING KITTEN; RHODOPE CREAM

ANIMALS

BROWN BEAR; WOLF; LYNX; ROCK EAGLE; OWL; PINK PELICAN; STRIPED SNAKE

Maria Miteva – a primary teacher, by materials from the Internet

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BULGARIA

1. Bulgaria is the oldest country in Europe , which has not changed its name since its setting in the year 681.
- 2 . Unlike other countries in Bulgaria people shake their heads for ‘yes’ and they nod for ‘no’.
- 3 . Popular Bulgarian rose oil is used to make some of the most famous and expensive perfumes. One gram of rose oil is produced from 1000 rose blossoms .
- 4 . In Bulgaria over 15,000 Thracian tombs have been found and most of them are still unexplored .
- 5 .The Golden treasure, found in the Varna Necropolis , is the oldest in the world and it dates back to 5000 BC. Furthermore, it is considered the oldest technologically processed gold in Europe.

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Reply of the task in issue No 103:

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New task:

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