

Laurance Haines Erasmus+ Project 2019–2021



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What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. It runs for seven years, from 2014 to 2020, with organisations invited to apply for funding each year for life-changing activities.

Erasmus+ aims to modernise education, training and youth work across Europe.

What is Erasmus?

We are very excited to announce that we have been awarded a budget of €197,475 to fully fund trips to European countries, which means there will be no cost to pupils and staff. We have been successful in our bid for an Erasmus+ project across 2019–20 and 2020–21. Erasmus+ funds mobility projects for pupils and staff, offering exciting opportunities for UK participants to gain valuable international experience, broaden horizons, learn from new cultures and discover new ways of working.

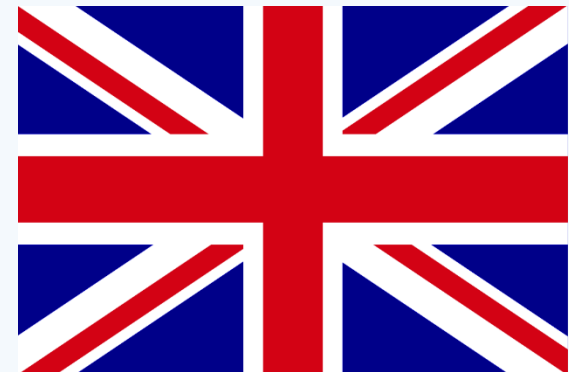
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despite the
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for Brexit!*

Our Project

Our project is about wellbeing and the importance of recognising what can make us happy. It will look at the many different ways across Europe in which we strive for happiness in our school and in our everyday lives. Happy children learn, happy children form relationships and happy children grow. Our project centres on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing (Connect, Give, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Be Active), which are simple things that we can all do to improve our emotional health and wellbeing.



Our Project



UK Trip

School: Laurance Haines

Project Lead: Olivia Gunner

Dates: 20th January 2020

Itinerary to include: Stay at Phasels Wood, a typical day at Laurance Haines, den building and camp fires, Watford FC Stadium tour, River Colne trip, meals from different countries, day trip to London and a celebration dinner.



Hungary Trip

School: Pecs Belvarosi Altalanos Iskola (Budapest)

Project Lead: Edit Rostane Jakab

Dates: March 2020

Itinerary to include: laser challenge, underground catacombs, thermal spas and water park, drama workshops, sightseeing tour of Pecs, guided tour of Science museum, traditional Hungarian bread baking and crafting sessions.



Lithuania Trip

School: Klaipedos Prano Masioto Progimnazija
(Palanga)

Project Lead: Virgina Kerdokiene

Dates: September 2020

Itinerary to include: healthy Lithunian recipes, Baltic Sea costal tour (including yoga in the sand dunes), sports competition, museum trip to find out how ancestors kept healthy (including medicine), folk artists with music workshop



Romania Trip

School: Liceul Teoretic Mikes Kelemen (Bucharest)

Project Lead: Katalin Szocs Torma

Dates: November 2020

Itinerary to include: traditional Romanian and Hungarian meals, Chimney cake baking, traditional Romanian outdoor games, folk dance festival, bead weaving and craft (including bags, slippers and jewelry)



Italy Trip

School: Istituto Comprensivo Nichelino IV (Turin)

Project Lead: Serena Mazonne

Dates: April 2021

Itinerary to include: Sports Lab activities (including ultimate frisbee), menu design focused around healthy eating, community service mapping, social theatre, a visit to a University of Gastronomy and music classes (drums and piano).



Spain Trip

School: Asociacion Centros Riojanas Educativos
(Bilboa)

Project Lead: Susanna Garcia

Dates: May 2021

Itinerary to include: sport and dance to discover the importance of physical exercise, physical movement workshops, traditional Hungarian dancing, Local foods (including grape energy drink)



Trips Abroad

- Passports – Children will need to hold a valid passport (more than 6 months remaining)
- English is the agreed language of communication throughout the project
- Support of 2 adults to 6 children: Mrs Gunner and another member of staff
- Accommodation varies (hotel, hostel, educational facilities)
- Children will require some day-to-day pocket money (Euros)
- All meals included
- Daily contact via Skype



Further considerations

- Travel insurance will be covered by funding
- Risk assessments will be completed for each activity across the project
- Medical needs and dietary requirements will need to be shared with each of the project schools and managed by the project lead
- Pre-visit meetings will provide details of each trip

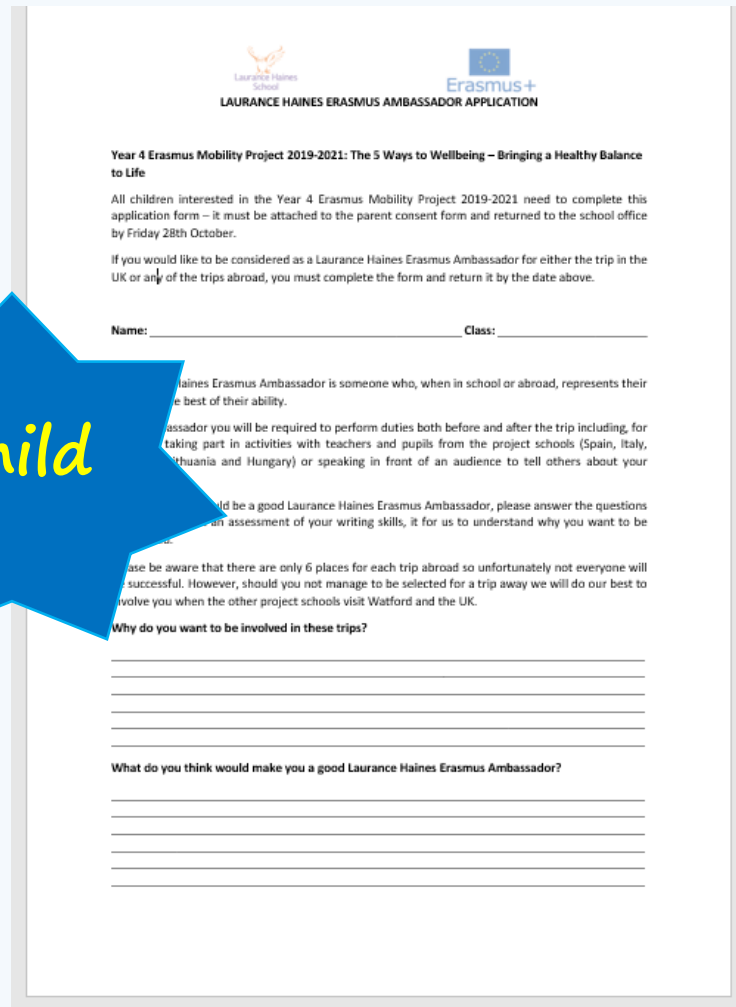




Documenting the experience

- Children will blog and keep video diaries
- Contact with children back at school
- Options to keep contact with project schools to maintain relationships and legacy of project
- Share experiences with the school community, including local press



Applications





LAURANCE HAINES ERASMUS AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

Year 4 Erasmus Mobility Project 2019-2021: The 5 Ways to Wellbeing – Bringing a Healthy Balance to Life

All children interested in the Year 4 Erasmus Mobility Project 2019-2021 need to complete this application form – it must be attached to the parent consent form and returned to the school office by Friday 28th October.

If you would like to be considered as a Laurance Haines Erasmus Ambassador for either the trip in the UK or any of the trips abroad, you must complete the form and return it by the date above.

Name: _____ Class: _____

A Laurance Haines Erasmus Ambassador is someone who, when in school or abroad, represents their school to the best of their ability.

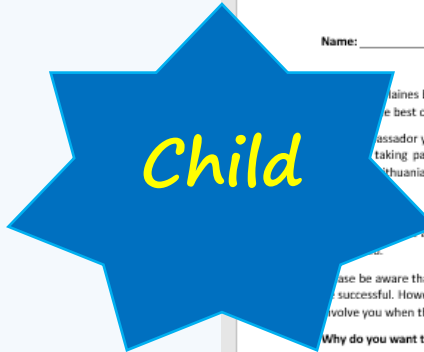
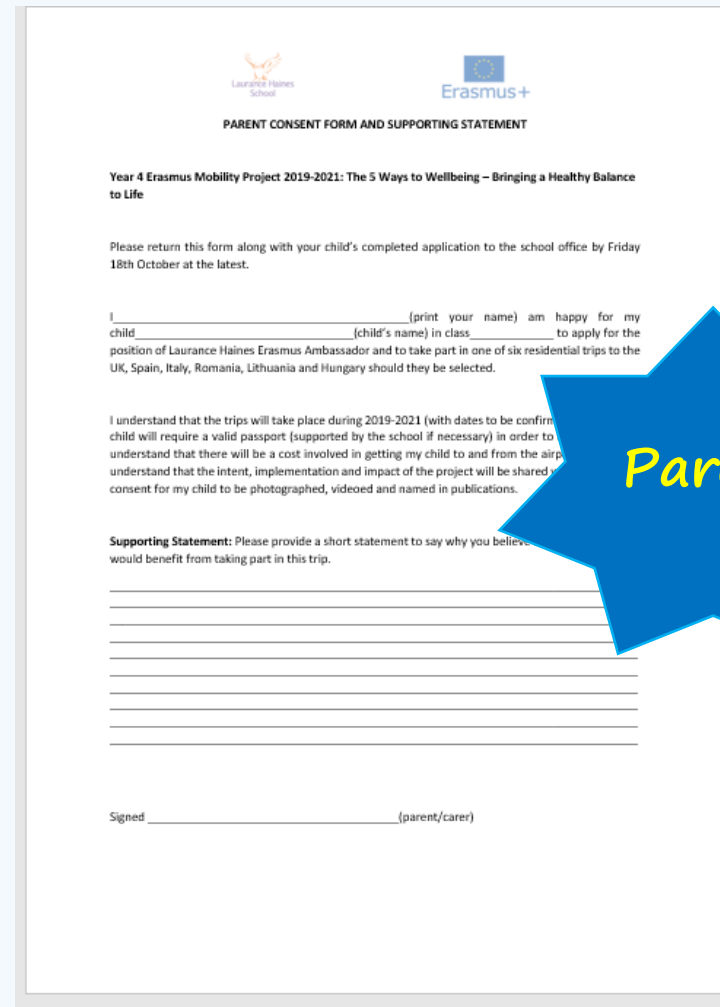
As an Erasmus Ambassador you will be required to perform duties both before and after the trip including, for example, taking part in activities with teachers and pupils from the project schools (Spain, Italy, Lithuania and Hungary) or speaking in front of an audience to tell others about your school.



To be a good Laurance Haines Erasmus Ambassador, please answer the questions below. As part of an assessment of your writing skills, it is for us to understand why you want to be an Erasmus Ambassador.

Please be aware that there are only 6 places for each trip abroad so unfortunately not everyone will be successful. However, should you not manage to be selected for a trip away we will do our best to involve you when the other project schools visit Watford and the UK.

Why do you want to be involved in these trips?

What do you think would make you a good Laurance Haines Erasmus Ambassador?



PARENT CONSENT FORM AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Year 4 Erasmus Mobility Project 2019-2021: The 5 Ways to Wellbeing – Bringing a Healthy Balance to Life

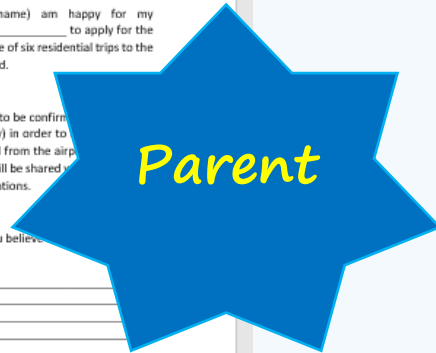
Please return this form along with your child's completed application to the school office by Friday 18th October at the latest.

I, _____ (print your name) am happy for my child _____ (child's name) in class _____ to apply for the position of Laurance Haines Erasmus Ambassador and to take part in one of six residential trips to the UK, Spain, Italy, Romania, Lithuania and Hungary should they be selected.

I understand that the trips will take place during 2019-2021 (with dates to be confirmed) and that my child will require a valid passport (supported by the school if necessary) in order to travel. I understand that there will be a cost involved in getting my child to and from the airport and that I understand that the intent, implementation and impact of the project will be shared in publications. I consent for my child to be photographed, videoed and named in publications.

Supporting Statement: Please provide a short statement to say why you believe your child would benefit from taking part in this trip.

Signed _____ (parent/carer)





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Any questions?