

**5 years of successful cooperation:
HRS Wesendorf and BUTTING celebrate good collaboration**

The signing of a cooperation agreement on 19 December 2003 by head teacher Ursula Kreft and BUTTING managing director Hermann Butting set up a close cooperation between the Haupt- und Realschule/Europaschule Wesendorf (HRS) [General Secondary School/Intermediate Secondary School/Europe School Wesendorf, HRS] and the stainless steel processing company in Knesebeck.

Recently, the 5th anniversary of this cooperation, which is unique in the region, was duly celebrated on the school premises.



For the ceremony, Hermann Butting, Heinrich Meyer (the then co-founder) and Frank Tetzlaff (a member of staff involved in technical and commercial training) went to Wesendorf, to look back with Ursula Kreft, Reiner Rode, her fellow-teacher and co-founder of the project, other teaching staff of HRS and the Year 9 class of the school, on the time spent working together.

The purpose of this unique cooperation lies partly in using the expertise of the stainless steel processor to open up many new possibilities for the HRS pupils and teachers in the fields of technology, manufacturing and also with placements and pupil-teacher projects.

The event was opened by the school band of the Haupt- und Realschule/Europaschule Wesendorf, which laid the foundations for a good celebration with some impressive songs. A PowerPoint presentation took everyone through the events of the previous five years: including teacher training courses at BUTTING, the building of a display cabinet in the HRS by the pipe manufacturer, the school company taking part in “Open Training Day” at BUTTING, the establishment of a BUTTING gallery in the school and projects such as “Teachers learn welding” or the job-finding market in the Europe School.

Hermann Butting presented the school with an exclusively designed stainless steel grill, manufactured by BUTTING apprentices, to thank them for the good collaboration. Head teacher Ursula Kreft returned the compliment with a sycamore, the 2009 tree of the year, which possessed important virtues such as cleanliness, discipline or a sense of duty and responsibility, which are greatly respected at BUTTING.

The tree is to have its home in the extensive garden of the BUTTING Academy in Knesebeck castle.

At the end of the celebration, participants were able to look back on a successful event and forward with confidence to the continuation of the “successful model of our cooperation agreement”.

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