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A badge as a suggestion to build up positive social atmosphere on the example of MOW No 1 in Łódź

Introduction

Social atmosphere of educational institutions is very important. It helps to create the external image of a facility so that it is seen as credible and professional. However, apart from this, the internal image is also important, i.e. how is the facility seen by its wards. Are they ashamed to admit they attend such a school or they don't see it as a problem at all? That is the reason I decided to write an original programme that creates the internal and external image of my facility. It is called "The Badge" and it does not only have a physical aspect to it, but also a virtual one in form of an internet logo and a logo on all documents.

The possibility to earn the badge by the wards of Youth Educational Centre (MOW) No 1 creates an image among young people that is connected with acceptance of the place through participating in numerous events that help fill up leisure time after school. Wearing the name of the facility on a T-shirt is an expression of acceptance presented by young people as far as the institution is concerned because they identify themselves with it (they would not wear anything that they do not tolerate in their system of values). A badge for employees and guests is a form of activating people working at the facility who, by achieving it and wearing it, show their acceptance – they wear T-shirts to all cultural and sports events thus showing their wards that they are not ashamed of working at a facility like this. Adults are recognised by people and their reaction to children's behaviour is a sign of professionalism.

Every person who helps or is a "friend" of the facility, e.g. a sponsor, a recognisable person (e.g. such as Anna Maria Wesołowska), a person co-operating with the facility on various occasions, may be rewarded

with a T-shirt with our logo. Such a form of promotion seems attractive and providing much independence in actions. Here are the rules and regulations, and examples of badges and logos.

Red patterns are for youth, a blue badge is for employees and guests, a red one with a Roman number one is a pattern used in documents and the internet logo.

A BADGE FOR WARDS OF MOW NO 1

1. Types of badges:

- a) we divide badges into grades: I, II, III, IV;
- b) badges can be won in order from I to IV; there is no possibility of skipping any grade;
- c) a person who receives badge number I and aspires to II, must gain one point (at least one point more) than previously (e.g. 100 pts – badge No I, 101 pts – badge No II); we proceed analogically with other badges;
- d) in case of a badge No I, a T-shirt is handed to the person; badges No II and III have no T-shirt; badge No IV means printing the name and surname of a person who receives them with the T-shirt;
- e) a person gaining a badge No I can only receive it once and then they move on to badge No II, etc.

2. A badge can be received by any MOW No 1 ward, provided they fulfill the following criteria:

- a) a student receives points during school months (September–June 15th). A person with the highest number of points receives a badge by the end of the school year. When there is a draw, the Centre's Chapter decides who the winner is;
- b) a student represents the facility on the premises and outside;
- c) a student's behaviour was evaluated at least as appropriate; in case of a lower grade, the student loses the place they gained.

3. Scoring:

- a) scored classes begin with information that certain events are in the facility's time-table, e.g. information on October 5th, 2014, contest October 10th, 2014, i.e. between October 5th and October 10th all events taking place are scored;
- b) sports events are conducted by coaches, instructors and people who graduated from sports academies, or a current contestants of various disciplines both amateur and professional. When it comes to other events, these requirements do not apply;
- c) also other events are included in the scoring: quizzes, competitions, tournaments and other forms of competing between facilities;

- d) it is possible that a student be prepared for the contest by a person who is not an employee of the centre – the training must be confirmed with a signature or a stamp of an authorised person on form “D”;
- e) a student gets 10 pts for a training or preparation to an event;
- f) after each training a carer or another authorised person completes forms “C” or “D” if the training is to be valid;
- g) score will be announced in June after the Centre’s Chapter’s meeting, until that time there is no official ranking.
- h) scoring for contests (table 1).

Table 1. Scoring for contests

Contests, internal events		Contests, external events	
place	score	place	score
1	100 pts	1	200 pts
2	50 pts	2	100 pts
3	25 pts	3	50 pts
4	10 pts	4	30 pts
5	5 pts	5	20 pts
6-10	3 pts	6-10	18 pts
11-16	2 pts	11-20	15 pts
17-lower	1 pts	21-lower	10 pts

Source: own work.

4. Documents:

- a) forms are placed with a PE teacher;
- b) all conflict matters or not included in the above rules are dealt with by the Centre’s Chapter with the full Board or at least with its three members;
- c) diplomas after the contests are a proof of participation, which also provides information on the number of points gained, or a form “E” may be filled in by the carer and signed with the name and surname of a ward, and information about the place;
- d) information about the gained badge will be sent to court and legal carers in form of a written praise.

5. Final provisions:

The body deciding on awarding a badge is the Centre’s Chapter which includes:

- principal or deputy,
- a social worker,
- a PE teacher.

When it is impossible to take part in the sitting of the Centre’s Chapter, another person is appointed. The minimum number of people present during the sitting is two.

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FORM „C”

List of participants:

1) 11)

2) 12)

3) 13)

4) 14)

5) 15)

6) 16)

7) 17)

8) 18)

9) 19)

10) 20)

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Event

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Date and place of the event

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Carer

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Organiser

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FORM „D”

List of participants:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)

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Event.....
Date and place of the event.....
Carer.....
Organiser

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FORM „E”

Score after the competition:

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Event

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Date and place of the event

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Carer

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A BADGE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF MOW NO 1 AND GUESTS

1. Any employee of MOW No 1 or an invited “guest” may be awarded with the badge; it can also be a form of honouring a person who works for the facility. “Outsiders” are reported by the employees of MOW on a special form.

2. The following requirements must be fulfilled in order to be awarded with the badge:

a) participate as a carer or participant in an event where at least two teams from other schools compete and the event has been officially reported to the Principal of the facility it takes place;

b) a carer must be present throughout the whole event;

c) maximum number of carers who wish to be given accreditation is two;

d) under the term “event” any sports events, quizzes, competitions, rallies, etc. are understood;

e) there is a possibility to submit other events provided they fulfil the above criteria;

f) there is an application form for the candidate for the badge on the website of the centre; anyone interested should complete the form personally;

g) any MOW No 1 employee may apply for the badge provided they have worked for the centre for more than a year.

3. The body deciding on awarding a badge is the Centre’s Chapter which includes:

- principal or deputy,
- a social worker,
- a PE teacher.

In case of not being able to participate in the sitting of the Chapter, another person is appointed. The minimum number of people during sittings is two.

a) a PE teacher collects the forms between September and June 15th;

b) form “A” is designed for the employees of MOW No 1, form “B” for a guest or any other person;

c) employees of the centre will be presented with the badge by the end of the school year. If a person cannot collect the badge themselves, it will be forwarded to the secretary’s office;

d) as for guests reports and applications apply throughout the year whereas badges are issued only on the day of the visit of such a person.

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FORM „A”

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Name and surname

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Event

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Date and place of the event

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Signature

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FORM „B”

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Name and surname of a reporting person

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Name and surname of the **GUEST**

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Date of the visit

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Justification of the report

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Signature



Fig. 1. Template of a badge No I

Source: own work



Fig. 2. Template of a badge No II

Source: own work



Fig. 3. Template of a badge No III

Source: own work



Fig. 4. Template of a badge No IV

Source: own work