**ALL Thames Valley Primary Hub Meeting**

**Keep Hatch Primary School**

**21/3/18**

15 schools represented.

Sue Cave thanked Keep Hatch Primary and Lindsay Smith (Primary Language subject leader) for hosting the meeting and Karen Blackham for agreeing to take the notes.

**Introduction**

SC welcomed all members. There were teachers from schools in Wokingham, Bracknell, Reading, Oxfordshire and Slough as well as 4 new members.

**Agenda**

1. Sharing ideas, successes, concerns

2. News Updates

3. Using technology for teaching and learning

* **Sharing Ideas and Concerns**

The following was discussed:

**Successes**

There were lots of successes to report namely:

* The game ‘one pen, one dice’ which has been talked about a lot on the ‘Languages in Primary School’ forum was described. There are a list of sentences to write; one child starts to write; another child throws a die and when it lands on an agreed number; the roles of writing and throwing are swapped; and so it continues in this way. After an agreed time, the child with the most correct sentences is the winner.
* In another school a Year 6 class had written descriptions of clothes and then brought in the clothes to model in a mini-fashion show.
* A French breakfast was held at another school which proved very popular and 220 croissants were sold and consumed.
* In Bracknell a school held a celebration for German Karnaval which was a great success and even involved cutting the Head Teacher’s tie in assembly!
* The story ‘le loup qui voulait changer de couleur’ was recommended and was well received by the children.

**Ideas**

* A school was looking for ideas as how to nurture and continue a link with a school in France in the recently twinned town of their village. Various ideas were proposed including sending a soft toy which could be photographed in the partner school and town to give the children an idea of what was like there as well as sending boxes of realia on a theme such as ‘school’ or a ‘festival’.
* **News and Updates**

**ALL Membership**

It costs £50 for a primary school to obtain membership of ALL for a year. Everyone is encouraged to join.

**BBC Radio programmes**

To accompany the BBC radio programme ‘Radio Labo’ 10 songs have been made available to accompany the programmes <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04ts87g>

A Spanish version of the radio programmes has been produced called ‘Mi Madrid’ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05qz94m>

**University of York – trial**

The University of York is looking for schools to trial a digital game which they have devised to practise foreign language grammar learning. If you are interested in taking part in the trial Rowena Kasprowicz [rowena@digitalcreativity.ac.uk](mailto:rowena@digitalcreativity.ac.uk)

**Cave Languages Support Packages**

The leaflet describing the school support packages for the delivery of French provided by Cave Languages is now available <http://www.cavelanguages.co.uk/support-training>

**French Phonics Lessons and Resources**

For anyone with a copy of ‘Physical French Phonics’ on the Cave Languages website there are free lesson plans and resources designed to teach the key 26 sounds of French.

**Skoldo**

The complimentary copies of ‘Skoldo’ were distributed and gratefully received.

* **Using technology for language learning and teaching**

Thanks were given to Barbara Cheded and Joe Dale who provided suggestions for many of the following ideas. The links to examples of children’s work were provided by Barbara.

Barbara Cheded - <https://funfrenchactivities.blogspot.co.uk/>

Joe Dale - <http://www.joedale.typepad.com/> Twitter <https://twitter.com/joedale>

**Presentation of Children’s Work and Sharing**

* SEESAW – for storing children’s work and giving a link to parents to access it <https://web.seesaw.me/>

Example <https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.017bea3f-d3e3-42f4-acbe-3234a6a3bdd1&share_token=OtoiBy4XRjKXTWy1Lz0yiw&mode=share>

* ANIMOTO – turns pictures into a slick presentation <https://animoto.com/>

Example <https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.0a8b19ff-4a76-4725-bcfd-13f8916a28a7&share_token=C1vFQd9cSKm39x0u988wgQ&mode=share>

* QR CODES – make recordings of children’s using a voice recorder such as Vocaroo which instantly converts audio into a QR Code <https://vocaroo.com/> The QR code can be shared with parents, school learning platform or posted on walls at school which will allow them to hear their child speaking in a foreign language. A fast and free App to download to read QR codes is I-nigma.
* BOOK CREATOR – for turning children’s work into an animated digital book <https://bookcreator.com/>
* ADOBE SPARK VIDEO – great for adding text, pictures and then a voice-over <https://spark.adobe.com/>

Examples

<https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.a62022f0-e278-4bc4-af82-2c3e7f2ac3cb&share_token=d8Yz80NNSKyejtCFB1hHHA&mode=share>

<https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.017bea3f-d3e3-42f4-acbe-3234a6a3bdd1&share_token=OtoiBy4XRjKXTWy1Lz0yiw&mode=share>

* On an I pad – YAKIT KIDS, CHATTERPIX, SOCK PUPPETS, PICPLAYPOST – for animating oral work and conversations.

Example

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/chatterpix-kids-by-duck-duck-moose/id734046126?mt=8>

* MSQRD – video selfie app

Example

<https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.09e3b25c-1096-4495-9e70-6afedadfaac7&share_token=VE8m7jCMTXmOMWiOhpDeKw&mode=share>

* PADLET – post a question and children can respond on the ‘digital wall’. This might be good for sharing work and conversations with a link school in a foreign country. <https://padlet.com>

Joe Dale has written a blog about using QR codes <http://blog.linguascope.com/using-qr-codes-in-the-languages-classroom/>

**Creating activities and resources**

* TOOLS FOR EDUCATORS – word search maker, dice maker, printable board games, dominoes etc. <http://toolsforeducators.com>
* QUIZLET – create flashcards, games and more. Option to create own list for a quiz as well as a game section which generated from the list <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>
* Pixabay – copyright-free images and videos https://pixabay.com

For feedback and assessment

* KAHOOT – teacher can see which children are getting it correct <https://kahoot.com>
* PLICKERS – ask a question, scan the room and see who has got it correct <https://www.plickers.com>

**Online games and activities**

**FREE**

* LANGUAGES ONLINE - <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/>
* ZUT (free after 4pm) - <http://zutjunior.languageskills.co.uk/index.html>
* BBC PRIMARY FRENCH - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/>
* MEMRISE – <https://www.memrise.com>
* DUOLINGO – <https://www.duolingo.com> Webinar about how to use Duolingo in schools <http://www.all-london.org.uk/site/index.php/webinar-david-shanks-duolingo/>
* BOOWA ET KWALA - <http://boowakwala.uptoten.com/enfants/boowakwala-home.html>

**SUBSCRIPTION**

* LINGUAFUN – [www.linguafun.eu](http://www.linguafun.eu) - £99 a year
* LANGUAGENUT – <http://www.languagenut.com/en-gb/> - £333 a year
* ATANTOT – [www.atantot.com](http://www.atantot.com) - £60 a year
* RIGOLO - <https://global.oup.com/education/content/primary/series/rigolo/?region=uk>- £590
* LINGUASCOPE – [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) - £300 per year

**Contact with schools**

* ETWINNING – a safe place to share with a school in another country - <https://www.etwinning.net/en/pub/index.htm>
* BRITISH COUNCIL SCHOOLS ONLINE – to find a partner school in another country <https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/>

**Links to further ideas**

* IPAD IDEAS IN PRIMARY MFL - <http://ipadideasinprimarymfl.blogspot.co.uk/>
* TEACHERS FAVOURITE APPS - <https://www.educatorstechnology.com/2017/04/teachers-favourite-ipad-apps.html>

**Next Meeting: Thames Valley Primary MFL Hub**

In keeping with the agreement that the day for the meeting would alternate between Wednesdays and Thursdays, the next meeting will be on a **Thursday 14th June 2018** 4.15-5.45pm at Keep Hatch Primary School, Wokingham RG40 1PG**.**

The theme of the next meeting will be **‘The Language Magician’** – an assessment tool for learning languages at primary school in computer game format

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