

## **Cave Languages**

### **Primary Languages Update – July/August 2023**

#### **Teach German with Felix and Franzi**

This free online CPD course is being offered by the Goethe Institut. You will become familiar with the free materials which you can use to teach German in primary schools as well as expand your linguistic knowledge and develop ideas for use in lessons. The registration closing date is the 10<sup>th</sup> September. You can find out more here: [Professional Development: Teaching German to children with Felix & Franzi - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

#### **Primary Languages Subject Leader Day Course Online**

There are a few places remaining on the next Cave Languages Primary Languages Subject Leader Day. It will take place online on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am – 3.00pm. If you are interested, please complete the booking form here: [www.tinyurl.com/leadlangs23](http://www.tinyurl.com/leadlangs23)

#### **Poem Recitation Competition**

To take part in this competition for children aged 7 to 18, you can either choose a poem from the Poesiae website here [Guidelines Poésíæ | Poesiae](#) or choose your own. Run an in-house competition before the 20 October. Then upload a sound file of the top two competitors to the national competition. The winners will be announced in November 2023.

#### **Language Trends Survey 2023**

This is an annual survey conducted by the British Council which provides an insight into the teaching of languages in primary and secondary schools. The first part of the findings relates to primary. You can read it here [language trends england 2023.pdf \(britishcouncil.org\)](#)

#### **Primary Languages Conference Online 2023**

A date for your diary is the ALL Primary Languages Conference Online which will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The programme will be published at the start of the Autumn term.

#### **Combined Language and Pedagogical Training Course in Berlin**

This course is for teachers with little or no prior knowledge of German and is aimed at non-specialist primary school teachers and is offered by the Goethe Institut. The aims of the course are:

- an introduction to state of the art methods and teaching material for teaching German at primary school level with a focus on interactive and communication oriented teaching methods
- the improvement of language skills
- the deepening of historical and cultural knowledge about Germany relevant to primary school children

In addition to a visit to Berlin, there is online training. Scholarships are available and the closing date for making an application is the 15<sup>th</sup> September. You can find out more here [Combined Language and Pedagogical Training Course in Berlin: Let's get started with German in primary schools - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

## European Day of Languages

Don't forget that the European Day of Languages takes place on the 26<sup>th</sup> September. This is an annual event to celebrate languages and language learning. Here is the link to the Council of Europe's webpage with ideas on how to celebrate it [European Day of Languages > Home \(ecml.at\)](http://ecml.at)

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember that if you would like to find out the latest news and information before the next newsletter, keep checking the Sharing Good Practice page of the Cave Languages website

[Sharing good practice - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools](#)

Best wishes  
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