

Cave Languages

Primary Languages Update – March - April 2023

Free Online Course

The online platform Future Learn is offering a free course called 'Plurilingual Classrooms in Action'. This is a four week course which you complete in your own time. You'll learn how to maximise the advantages of having speakers of several languages in a primary school classroom and also how to celebrate and support this situation.

[Plurilingual Classrooms in Action - Online Course - FutureLearn](#)

Thames Valley Primary Languages Hub Meeting

The online meeting in February at the Thames Valley Primary Languages Hub was extremely interesting, in particular, due to the presentation by Ellie Chettle Cully on 'Bring the world into the primary languages classroom'. You can view her presentation here:

[Celebrating Culture \(genial.ly\)](#)

German Expert Mentors

The Goethe Institut is looking for primary teachers to promote the participation of German language learning in schools. If selected, you will receive training to prepare you for this role due to start in May. Find out more information here:

[German Expert Mentors - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

French Summer School for Primary School Teachers

The Institut français is organising a one-week training course for non-specialist teachers of French who would like to build up their confidence in the language. You would be hosted by a French family and follow a 20-hour French course in a language school. It will take place the 7th – 11th August. Training fees, accommodation and breakfast are covered by the Institut français. Participants pay their travel expenses. Find out more here:

[Teacher Training & Resources | Institut français du Royaume-Uni \(institut-francais.org.uk\)](#)

Cave Languages Subject Leader Course

There are a couple of places remaining on the Primary Languages Subject Leader Day which I am offering again due to demand. It will take place online on Friday 12th May 9.15am – 3.00pm. If you are interested, please complete the booking form here:

www.tinyurl.com/leadlangs23

BFI Short Film Event

The BFI in London is organising some events in French and Spanish for KS2 pupils. Some are in person and some are online. They will take place in May.

Spanish online - [Learning Spanish using short film for KS2 pupils \(online\) | BFI](#)

French in person - [Bonjour les amis: learning French for KS2 pupils | BFI](#)

German Teacher Award

If you know an outstanding German language teacher in your primary school, then nominate them for the German Teacher Award. Applications must reach the German Embassy by the 23rd April.

[German Teacher Award - Federal Foreign Office \(diplo.de\)](#)

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember 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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